

COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 14, 2016

ARKANSAS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY

The meeting of the Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training was called to order at 10:01 A. M. Commission member present:

Chairman Bob Harrison
Chief Percy Wilburn
Capt. Bobby Walraven
Sheriff Boyd Hicks
Sheriff Doc Holladay
Lt. Stacie Rhoads
Mr. Barry Phillips
Mr. Barney Reeves
Mr. Thomas Marsh

Commissioner absent:

Dr. James Golden

Others present:

Director Jami Cook
Deputy Director Fred Weather spoon
Deputy Director Brad King
Sara Farris, Asst. Atty. General
Wade Hodge, Hearing Officer
Patricia Hendrix, Court Reporter
Sue Albritton, CLEST Secretary
Mickey Atkinson, Hempstead County SO
Joni Atkinson, Hempstead Co.
Steve Franks, Marmaduke PD
Steve Dixon, Marmaduke Mayor
Bob Williamson, Sheridan PD
Bob Adams, Sheridan PD Chief
Gary Hefner, Harrisburg PD
Wade Hodge, Hearing Officer
Capt. Mike Kennedy, ASP

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The minutes of the January 2016 meeting were approved with a motion by Commissioner Walraven and seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion passed.

ITEM I: Item one was a request from the Sheridan Police Department for an extension for Officer Randall Keisler. Commissioner Holladay made a motion to grant the request and Commissioner Hicks seconded. Motion passed.

ITEM II: Item two was a request from the Harrisburg Police Department for an extension for Officer Gunnar Wilson. After a discussion and reviewing of facts, Commissioner Reeves made a motion to deny the request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilburn. The motion to deny was unanimously passed.

ITEM III: Item three was a request from the State Police for a waiver of the two year rule for Officer Kenya Campbell. After a summary of the facts and circumstances in the matter, Commissioner Wilburn made a motion to grant the requested waiver and allow Officer Campbell to reenter the next troop school. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Phillips and passed with Commissioner Rhoads recusing.

ITEM IV: Item four was a request from the Marmaduke Police Department for an extension for Officer Estes. After reviewing the facts and circumstances in the case, Commissioner Wilburn made the motion to grant the request and for Mr. Estes to enter the next basic class at ALETA. Commissioner Rhoads seconded and motion passed.

ITEM V: Item five was a request from Hempstead County for an extension or clarification of Deputy Chavez's classification as a Courthouse Security Officer. With the explanation that the proper paper work had not been submitted by the department after the required training, Commissioner Walraven made the motion to accept the paper work and approve Deputy Chavez's position. Commissioner Wilburn seconded and request granted.

ITEM VI: Item six was a request from the Black River Technical College Police Department for decertification of former Officer Thomas Bailey. A motion to go forward with decertification was made by Commissioner Holladay and seconded by Commissioner Hicks. Motion passed.

ITEM VII: Item seven was a request from the Benton Police Department for decertification of former Officer Robert Seeley. A motion to go forward was made by Commissioner Walraven and seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion passed.

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ITEM VII: Item eight was a request from the Rogers Police Department for decertification of former Officer Kenneth Ruppel. A motion to go forward was made by Commissioner Wilburn and was seconded by Commissioner Reeves. Motion passed.

ITEM IX: Item nine was a request from the Jonesboro Police Department for decertification of former Officer Seth Nichols. A motion to go forward was made by Commissioner Rhoads and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion passed.

ITEM X: Item ten was a request from the West Memphis Police Department for decertification of former Officer Christopher Johnson. Commissioner Holladay made the motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Walraven. Motion passed.

ITEM XI: Item eleven was a request from the Benton County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy Lloyd S. Chandler. Commissioner Wilburn made the motion to go forward with decertification and Commissioner Rhoads seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ITEM XII: Item twelve was a request from the Grannis Police Department for decertification of former Officer Doyne Turner. Commissioner Walraven moved to go forward with Commissioner Hicks seconding. Motion carried.

ITEM XIII: Item thirteen was a request from the UAMS Police Department for decertification of former Officer Kendrick Perry. Commissioner Holladay made a motion to go forward with decertification and Commissioner Walraven seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ITEM XIV: Item fourteen was a request from the West Memphis Police Department for decertification of former Officer Howard E. Johnson. Commissioner Rhoads made a motion to go forward with decertification with Commissioner Wilburn seconding. Motion passed.

ITEM XV: Item fifteen was a request from the Wynne Police Department requesting decertification of former Officer James Whatley based on a psychological report. Commissioner Holladay made a motion to go forward with decertification and Commissioner Walraven seconded. Motion passed.

ITEM XVI: Item sixteen was a request for decertification from the UAMS Police Department for former Officer Zvi Katz. A motion to go forward was made by Commissioner Wilburn and seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion Carried.

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ITEM XVII: Item seventeen was a request from the Ft. Smith Police Department for decertification of former Officer Carson Addis. Commissioner Rhoads made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Wilburn. Motion carried.

ITEM XVIII: Item eighteen was a request from the England Police Department asking for decertification of former Officer David Houser. A motion by Commissioner Holladay to go forward was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion passed.

ITEM XIX: Item nineteen was a request from the Paris Police Department for decertification of former Officer Michael J. Curtis. Commissioner Phillips made a motion to go forward and was seconded by Commissioner Wilburn. Motion passed with one recusing.

ITEM XX: Item twenty was a request from the Arkansas State Police for decertification of former Trooper Justin Pool. A motion to go forward was made by Commissioner Walraven and seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion passed with one recusing.

ITEM XXI: Item twenty one was a request from the Harrison Police Department for decertification of former Officer Luke Zimmerman. A motion to go forward was made by Commissioner Holladay and seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. Motion carried.

ITEM XXII: Item twenty two was a request from the Scott County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy Lewis B. Irvin. A motion to go forward was made by Commissioner Hicks and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion passed.

ADDENDUM

ITEM XXIII: Item twenty three was a request from the Ft. Smith Police Department for decertification of Andrew Dillard. A motion to go forward with decertification was made by Commissioner Wilburn and was seconded by Commissioner Reeves. Motion carried.

DECERTIFICATIONS

Consent Agreement

Juan Matus-Rios

UNCONTESTED HEARINGS

Aaron Christ

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David Given

Adam Jones

Steve Kostelic

Colby Miser

Dustin O'Dell

Booker Pennington

Michael Sale

Kyle Vaughan

Zach Rumans

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Cook reported on the recent visit and tour of Attorney General Rutledge after her address to the Basic Graduating Class 2016-A. Director Cook stated that the financial status for the rest of the year was good and the new budget for the upcoming year would depend on the Fiscal Session. Director Cook asked Deputy Director of Standards Brad King to give a report on his recent IADLEST meeting in Washing DC. Deputy Director King said he felt the State of Arkansas' Law Enforcement Standards and Training was far above that of many of the other states and that the Commission should be proud of the strides it has made in recent years. Director Cook reported that there have been recent updates with the Acadis System and the local departments should soon be able to access the system.