

**COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING**

**COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**JULY 14, 2016**

**ARKANSAS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A. M. Commissioners present:

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

Other present:

Director Jami Cook  
Deputy Director, Fred Weatherspoon  
Deputy Director, Brad King  
Sara Farris, Asst. Atty. General  
Sue Albritton, CLEST Admin. Assist.  
Chief Josh Bolland, Rison PD  
Thaddeus Handley, Jefferson Co. SO  
Stanley James, Jefferson Co. SO  
Kenny M. Purtell, Ashdown  
Doug Larkin, ASU Beebe  
Dawn Phillips, ASU Beebe  
Chief Roy Hill, Jericho PD  
Nicholas Anderson, Jericho PD  
Slocum Pickell, Attorney  
Barry Walker, Dover Marshall's Office  
Israel Romero, Jefferson County  
Darren Williams, Bryant  
Darren Williams II, Bryant  
Sylvia Williams, Bryant

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Attorney Wade Hodge, Hearing Officer

Tre Vaughn Moore, ALETA

The minutes of the April 14, 2016 meeting were approved with a motion by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Walraven.

ITEM I: Item one was a request from the Pope County Sheriff Shane Jones for an extension for Deputy Thomas Gibson. Commissioner Walraven made a motion to grant the extension and Commissioner Holladay seconded. Motion passed.

ITEM II: Item two was a request from Rison Police Department Chief Josh Bolland for an extension for Officer Cody Wilson. Commissioner Walraven made a motion to grant the request for the extension and was seconded by Commissioner Hicks. Motion carried.

ITEM III: Item three was a request for decertification of former Officer Kenneth Chase Robinson from the Crossett Police Department. Commissioner Holladay made a motion to go forward with decertification proceedings. Commissioner Phillips seconded. Motion carried.

ITEM IV: Item four was a request for decertification of former Officer Fred Wright by the Department of Community Correction. Commissioner Rhoads moved to go forward with decertification. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Motion passed.

ITEM V: Item five was a request from the Hempstead County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy Johnny Muldrow. Commissioner Walraven made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Phillip. Motion carried.

ITEM VI: Item six was a request from Benton County Prosecutor, Nathan Smith for decertification of former Sheriff Kelly Craddock. A motion to go forward was made by Commissioner Holladay and was seconded by Commissioner Hicks. Motion passed.

ITEM VII: Item seven was a request from the McGhee Police Department for decertification of former Officer Charles C. Harris. Commissioner Reeves made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Wilbur. Motion carried.

ITEM VIII: Item eight was a request for decertification from the Department of Community Correction of former Officer Katrina Evans. Commissioner Phillips made a motion to go forward and was seconded by Commissioner Wilburn. Motion passed unanimously.

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ITEM IX: Item nine was a request from the Department of Community Correction for decertification of former Officer Christopher Harris. Commissioner Reeves made a motion to go forward and was seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. Motion carried.

ITEM X: Item ten was request from the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission for decertification of Wildlife Officer Brent Sexton. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to go forward with decertification proceeding and was seconded by Commissioner Walraven. Motion passed.

ITEM XI: Item eleven was a request from the Garland County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy Shannon Newman. Commissioner Holladay moved to go forward and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried.

ITEM XII: Item twelve was a request from the Centerton Police Department for decertification of former Officer Kenneth Sherman. Commissioner Rhoads moved to go forward and was seconded by Commissioner Holladay. Motion carried.

ITEM XIII: Item thirteen was pulled from the agenda.

ITEM XIV: Item fourteen was a request from Arkansas State Parks for decertification of former Officer Michael Roberts. A motion to go forward was made by Commissioner Reeves and seconded by Commissioner Wilburn. Motion carried.

ITEM XV: Item fifteen was a request to address the Commission by Darren T. Williams, who had been decertified and wanted to regain his certification. Commissioner Wilburn made a motion to deny the request and was seconded by Commissioner Reeves. Motion was unanimously denied.

ITEM XVI: Item sixteen was a request from the Jonesboro Police Department for decertification of former Officer Joshua Lynn Talbot. A motion to go forward was made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. Motion carried.

ITEM XVII: Item fourteen was a request from the Centerton Police Department for decertification of former Sergeant Daniel Lester. Commissioner Holladay made the motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. Motion passed.

ITEM XVIII: Item eighteen was a request from the Dover Police Department to allow Part-time Officer Todd Steffy to be certified as a Marijuana Leaf Test Technician. Request was denied with a motion by Commissioner Reeves and seconded by Commissioner Wilburn.

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Decertification hearings and decertifications:

Contested hearings were conducted for **Israel Romero** and **James Strickland**. Both were decertified by a unanimous vote by the Commission. Uncontested hearings were conducted for **Doyle Turner, David Houser, Howard E. Johnson, Michael Curtis and Andrew Dillard**. All were given a final vote of decertification.

At the end of the regular business session, the Director recognized representatives from Arkansas State University, Beebe. The representatives presented their thoughts and ideas for establishing a law enforcement academy at the ASU Beebe Campus. The Commissioners were opposed to their proposal, but agreed that some type of partnership with existing academies may be possible

Director's Report: Director Cook reported on the continued training partnership with the Little Rock Police Department. With Little Rock coming down to ALETA and doing their EVOC training and providing Crisis Intervention Training at ALETA, further strengthens the partnership. She stated her recent attendance at the IADALEST Conference was very rewarding and that the State of Arkansas' law enforcement officers were among the top in the nation. Director Cook stated she would attend the Chiefs of Police School for new chiefs and continues to serve on the education committee for that organization. She also mentioned numerous other organizations that she would be working with to further enhance training. She reported that there were a total of 31 participants in the "Women Behind The Badge" training that was held at ALETA. One of the featured leaders was Tom Long who is recognized nationally for his expertise in firearms training. She also announced that there have been two new staff member positions. One is that of a Training Instructor at NW ALETA and the other being an Education and Instruction Coordinator at the Standards Office. The ACADIS system is still being expanded and anticipates the online portals to law enforcement agencies should be open shortly after September 1<sup>st</sup>. ALETA basic classes continues to participate in community services by conducting blood drives and food drives with each class trying to surpass the previous class. Ms. Cook reported to the Commission the success of the Sea Cadet Training held at ALETA. Cadets from all over the United States were in attendance and it was agreed that it was the best one ever. Graduation for Basic Class 16-B would be July 29<sup>th</sup> with Major General Mark Berry being the guest speaker. Also the graduation for NW ALETA would be September 28<sup>th</sup> with Attorney General Leslie Rutledge as guest speaker. Lt. Governor Tim Griffin is to be the guest speaker for the December graduation at ALETA.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55.