

COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 10, 2013

ARKANSAS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY

The Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training meeting was called to order at 10:26 A. M. Commissioners present:

Chairman Bob Harrison
Sheriff Butch Morris
Lt. Bobby Walraven
Ms. Jami Cook
Mr. Cecil Green
Mr. Alonza Jiles
Chief Percy Wilburn

Commissioners absent:

Mr. B. H. Reeves
Dr. James Golden

Others present:

Director Ken Jones
Deputy Director Brian Marshall
Deputy Director Fred Weatherspoon
Asst. Attorney Gen., Meredith Rebsamen
Ronnie Poole, ALETA
Sue Albritton, Comm. Administrative Asst.
J. P. French, AG's Office
Larry Robinson, Governor's Liaison
Atty. Wade Hodge
Chief J. R. Wilson, Hope Police Department
Danny Russell, Ashdown
Ronnie Baldwin, AR. Sheriff's Association
David Layman, Lepanto Police Department
Chief David Henderson, Lepanto Police Department
Darren Plaster, BRTC/LETA
Chris Hankins, BRTC/LETA
Wade Hodge, DCC

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Minutes of the November 27, 2012 meeting were accepted with a motion by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Wilburn.

Item I: Item one regarding the Board and Commission Expenses was accepted with a motion by Commissioner Wilburn and seconded by Commissioner Jiles. A unanimous vote was received.

Item II: Item two was in regard to former DCC Officer Teresa Milner who had tested positive during a random drug test. The DCC requested decertification of Ms. Milner. A motion by Commissioner Morris and a second by Commissioner Wilburn received a unanimous vote to go forward with a decertification hearing.

Item III: Item three was a request for decertification in regard to former Officer Toy A. Reed of the Dierks Police Department. Reed pleaded guilty to a charge of criminal mischief. Commissioner Wilburn made a motion to go forward with decertification with Commissioner Jiles seconding. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Item IV: Item four was a request for the decertification of former Officer John C. Landry from the El Dorado Police Department. Charges had been filed on Landry after a domestic disturbance and threats were made to his wife and then threatened to kill himself. Later the charges were dismissed. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Jiles to go forward with decertification proceedings. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Item V: Item five was a request from the Lepanto Police Department requesting an extension for Dakota S. Davidson. Davidson had not received the required training to become a certified police officer in the required time. The request was denied due to no second to a motion.

The study committee on CLEST Minimum Standards for Handgun Qualification submitted their recommendations and suggested new standards. After a thorough discussion the Commission voted to accept the committee's new standards with a motion by Commissioner Morris and a second by Commissioner Walraven. The vote was unanimous.

The Committee on Education gave their report to the Commission and after discussion and suggested changes the matter was tabled until more study could be done.

The matter of Billy P. Baker was presented to the Commission. Mr. Baker was up for a Decertification Hearing but through his attorney, agreed to a Consent Agreement of Decertification. A motion by Commissioner Walraven and a second by Commissioner Wilburn resulted in a unanimous vote to accept the Consent Agreement of Decertification. Meeting was adjourned.