

**COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING**

**COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**APRIL 11, 2019**

**ARKANSAS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY**

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 A. M. Commissioners present:

Chairman Bob Harrison  
Chief Percy Wilburn  
Lt. Stacie Rhoads  
Chief Richard Wingard  
Mr. Barry Phillips  
Dr. Jim Golden  
Mr. Thomas Marsh  
Mr. Barney Reeves

Others present:

Jami Cook, Director  
Fred Weatherspoon, Deputy Director, Training  
Brad King, Deputy Director, Standards  
Amanda Yarbrough, CLEST Atty.  
Charles Moulton, Hearing Officer  
Jackie Clark, Wynne PD  
Joe Mills, Prairie Co. SO  
Rick Hickman, Prairie Co. SO  
Dedric Patterson, Hughes Police Dept.  
George Blair, Crittenden Co. SO  
Darian Aikens, Eudora PD  
Jovonte Harden, Eudora  
Eugene Thoros, Eudora PD  
Travis L. Collins, Eudora Mayor  
William El-Amin, Eudora  
Sue Albritton, CLEST Admin. Asst.  
Bonnie Parker, Court Reporter

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A motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting was made by Commissioner Reeves and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion passed.

Item I: Item one was a request from the Prairie County Sheriff's Office requesting an extension for former Deputy Joe Mills. Commissioner Rhoads made a motion to grant the request and was seconded by Commissioner Reeves. Motion carried.

Item II: Item two was a request from the Crittenden County Sherriff's Office requesting an extension for Deputy Terry Aikens. Commissioner Wilburn made a motion to grant the request and was seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. Request granted.

Item III: Item three was a request from the Little Rock Police Department for decertification of former Officer Brandon Johnson. Commissioner Rhoads made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Wilburn. Motion carried.

Item IV: Item four was a request from the Ft. Smith Police Department for decertification of former Officer Cody Barnett. A motion to go forward with decertification was made by Commissioner Rhoads and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item V: Item five was a request for decertification of former Chief of Police Brian Michael Key of the Lincoln Police Department. A motion to go forward with decertification was made by Commissioner Wilburn and seconded by Commissioner Reeves. The vote was unanimous.

Item VI: Item six was a request from the Hot Springs Police Department for decertification of former Officer Donald Hill. A motion to go forward with decertification was made by Commissioner Phillips and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. The vote was unanimous.

Item VII: Item seven was a request from the Arkansas Community Correction for decertification of former Officer Ricardo Guevara. A motion to go forward was made by Commissioner Wilburn and was seconded by Commissioner Reeves. The vote to go forward was unanimous.

Item VIII: Item eight was a request from the Seventeenth Judicial District for decertification of former Bailiff Herman Blackmon. The motion to go forward with decertification was made by Commissioner Phillips and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item IX: Item nine was a request to go forward with decertification of former Officer Dana Anderson from the ACC. Commissioner Wilburn made a motion to go forward and Commissioner Marsh seconded. Motion passed.

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Item X: Item ten was a request from the Elkins Police Department for decertification of former Officer James Todd. Commissioner Phillips made the motion to go forward with decertification. Commissioner Marsh seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Item XI: Item eleven was a request from the Sebastian County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy Kevin Mackey. A motion to go forward with decertification was made by Commissioner Rhoads and was seconded by Commissioner Wilburn. Motion carried.

Item XII: Item twelve was a request from Dedric Patterson in regard being out of compliance of Standards at the Hughes Police Department. Mr. Patterson was requesting to be able to continue to work as a police officer. Commissioner Marsh made the motion to deny the request and his motion was seconded by Commissioner Reeves. Motion carried.

Item XIII: Item thirteen was a request from the Chief of Police at Wynne Police Department to dismiss the decertification proceedings for former Officer Rolland Geror. Commissioner Wilburn made the motion to grant the request and not go forward with decertification of Mr. Geror. Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Item XIV: Item fourteen was a recommendation to adopt CLEST Minimum Standards for Handgun Qualification. After a discussion Commissioner Phillips made the motion to adopt these Standards. Commissioner Marsh seconded and the motion carried.

Director's Report: Director Cook provided an update and overview of the significant changes made during the legislative session, including CLEST Bill HB1248, SB383 allowing school districts to establish police departments, SB193 regarding coroner training, SB237 regarding jailer training, HB1529 regarding naloxone training for law enforcement officers, HB1564 regarding telecommunication training and funding, and HB1395 which would allow for re-appointment of Sheriff's to serve on the Commission. The Director announced that the 2018 Annual Report has been posted to the CLEST website and that OLES is currently working on mark-ups of the CLEST Regulations and Specifications to ensure compliance with changes made during the legislative session. The Director announced three new partnerships, the first with VALOR in which VALOR has provided CLEST with its online training, at no cost to the agency, to publish on the ACADIS platform. The second with COPS, in which CLEST has been named as a regional hub to conduct training, and the third with FLETC to provide training. The Director announced that a Part-Time II/Auxiliary course is currently being developed. When finished, the new course will allow for up to 70 hours of the course to be provided online on the ACADIS platform. The Director also reported on the successful deployment of the tablets at NW ALETA.

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After the business session was completed, decertification hearings were held for nine individuals. Attorney Charles Moulton served as Hearing Officer and Bonnie Parker was the Court Reporter. During those hearings, there were six (6) uncontested hearings conducted. Those decertified were, **Matthew Garmoe, Michael Hall, Donald Belland, Drakkar Horton, Allison Bishop, and Joshua Lineberry**. In the contested hearings, two hearings were held. **Gerald Canada** was decertified and **Javonta Harden** was not decertified. One Consent Agreement was presented and accepted for **Garrett Thomason**. A total of eight (8) decertifications and one not being decertified.