

**COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING**

**COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**JULY 13, 2017**

**ARKANSAS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY**

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

Chairman Bob Harrison  
Chief Percy Wilburn  
Sheriff Boyd Hicks  
Chief Richard Wingard  
Sheriff Doc Holladay  
Lt. Staci Rhoads  
Mr. Barry Phillips  
Dr. James Golden  
Mr. Thomas Marsh  
Mr. Barney Reeves

Other present:

Director Jami Cook  
Brad King, Deputy Director Standards  
Sara Farris, Atty. General's Office  
Sue Albritton, CLEST Admin. Assist.  
Dara Hall, Hearing Officer  
Willie Wright  
Devin Bramlett, Ozark PD  
Doug Gilliam, Ozark PD  
James Neely, Amagon PD  
Sherry Neely  
Paul Hatch, McCrory PD  
Joe Slocum, Woodruff Co. SO  
James Whatley, McCrory PD  
Tia Marsh, Ft. Smith  
Kenneth Sherman, Centerton PD  
Michael Adkins, AG's Office  
Demarie Wright  
Johnny R. Muldrow, Jr., Hempstead Co. SO  
Rick Shirron, City of Hampton  
Laura B. Evans, City of Hampton  
Cody Wilson, City of Hampton

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Alvin Miller, CCSC  
Jeff Stewart, Wynne PD  
Jeff Sanders, Wynne PD  
Cody Harper, Centerton PD  
Kris , Centerton PD  
Randy Jackson, Pine Bluff  
James Singleton, Hempstead Co. SO  
Mickey Atkinson, Hempstead Co. SO  
Evelyn Moorehead, Atty.  
B. J. Smith, Jonesboro PD  
Tim Eads, Jonesboro PD  
MarQuii Mc Lemore  
Brittany Mc Lemore  
Jerimiah Stephens, Pine Bluff

The minutes of the April meeting were approved with a motion from Commissioner Phillips and a second by Commissioner Hicks.

ITEM I: Item one was a request from the Hampton Police Department for an extension for Officer Adam McGilton. A motion to grant the request was made by Commissioner Wilburn and was seconded by Commissioner Hicks. Motion carried.

ITEM II: Item two was a request from the Logan Sheriff's Office for decertification of Deputy Eddie Davis. A motion was made to go forward by Commissioner Holladay and a second was made by Commissioner Rhoads. The motion was passed with Commissioner Hicks recusing.

ITEM III: Item three was a request from the Gravette Police Department for decertification of former Officer Todd Shannon. Commissioner Rhoads made the motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Wilburn. Motion carried.

ITEM IV: Item four was a request from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy Gerald Canada. A motion to go forward with decertification was made by Commissioner Wilburn and seconded by Commissioner Holladay. Motion carried.

ITEM V: Item five was a request from the Johnson County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy Robert Retford. Commissioner Phillips made the motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. The vote was unanimous.

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ITEM VI: Item six was a request from the Hot Springs Police Department for decertification of former Officer Paul Allen. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Wilburn. Motion passed.

ITEM VII: Item seven was a request from the Lonoke Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy Brandon Hampton. Commissioner Holladay made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Reeves. Motion Carried.

ITEM VIII: Item eight was a request from former Deputy Randy Jackson requesting a second decertification hearing. A hearing was held in June, 2015, but Mr. Jackson did not appear or respond to any of the notifications sent by the Commission. A motion not to grant the request was made by Commissioner Wilburn and seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried with two opposing.

ITEM IX: Item nine was a request from Jim Neely in regard to his files at the Standards Office. After a discussion, it was decided that there was no need for any action to be taken.

ITEM X: Item ten was a request from Alvin Miller in regard to his files at the Standards Office. After discussion, it was decided that no action was needed.

ITEM XI: Item eleven was a request from the Jonesboro Police Department for decertification of former Officer Garrett Thomason. Commissioner Phillips made the motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Wilburn. Motion carried.

ITEM XII: Item twelve was a request from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office requesting decertification of former Deputy Andre Torres. Commissioner Holladay made the motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Hicks. The vote was unanimous.

ITEM XIII: Item thirteen was a request from the Cherry Valley Police Department requesting decertification of former Officer James O'Hara. Commissioner Rhoads made the motion to go forward with decertification and a second was made by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried.

ITEM XIV: Item fourteen was a request from the Eudora Police Department requesting decertification of former Officer Michael Kingdom. A motion to go forward was made by Commissioner Wilburn and was seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. The vote to go forward was unanimous.

ITEM XV: Item fifteen was a request from the Forrest City Police Department for decertification of former Officer Roderick Brown. A motion to go forward with decertification was made by Commissioner Hicks and was seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. Motion carried.

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ITEM XVI: Item sixteen was a request from Willie Wright, a former student who had failed the academy, and was requesting to continue to serve as a Part-time II. Regulations require that a student who fails the academy must stay out of law enforcement for 24 months. Commissioner Reeves made the motion to deny the request. Commissioner Wilburn seconded and motion carried.

ITEM XVII: Item seventeen was a request from the ACC requesting decertification of former Officer Jason H. Emerson. Commissioner Wilburn made a motion to go forward with decertification and Commissioner Phillips seconded. Motion carried.

ITEM XVIII: Item eighteen was a request from the Egypt Police Department for decertification of former Officer Douglas Wicker. Commissioner Phillips made a motion to go forward with decertification. Commissioner Wingard seconded the motion and the vote to go forward was unanimous.

ITEM XIX: Item nineteen was a request from the Ozark Police Department requesting an extension for Officer Douglas Gilliam in order to complete a forty hour refresher course. Commissioner Wilburn made the motion to grant the request and was seconded by Commissioner Rhoads.

Director's Report: Director Cook gave a report on the proposed changes and updates to the rules and regulations. These changes will be reviewed and voted on at the next meeting. Director Cook also reported the agency had received \$1 million dollars for renovation of the facilities as well as an additional \$25,000 to the Fallen Officer Fund. Ms. Cook announced that an effort is being made to restore the old plaques that have been damaged or lost and will be hung on the walls once again. She announced that the Governor will be the speaker for the graduation of Basic Training Class 2017-B, which will be held on August 4, 2017.

After the regular meeting, six decertification hearings were held. The Commission voted to decertify the following individuals. **Brent Sexton, Johnny Ray Muldrow, Jr., Joshua Talbott, Kenneth Sherman** and **Mar'Quii McLemore** were decertified. The Commission voted not to decertify **James Whatley**.