

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING  
SPECIAL CONFERENCE CALL MEETING  
January 18, 2019

The Arkansas State Police Commission met for a Special Conference Call meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at the Arkansas State Police Administrative Headquarters, 1 State Police Plaza Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas.

MEMBERS ON CONFERENCE CALL:

Commissioner Bob Burns, Chairman  
Commissioner Jane Christenson, Vice Chairman  
Commissioner Neff Basore, Secretary  
Commissioner Steve Edwards  
Commissioner John Allison

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner William Benton  
Commissioner Jeff Teague

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL ATTENDING:

Colonel William J. Bryant  
Donna Humphries

Commission Chairman Burns called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on January 18, 2019 at 7:30 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commission Chairman Burns stated he thinks we have one order of business and he would turn it over to Colonel Bryant to proceed with some recommendations. Colonel Bryant thanked all of the commissioners for participating in this conference call on kind of short notice. Colonel Bryant stated, as we all know we are having a 2019 Troop School that is going to begin February 24. Our goal is to have 50 positions and then we have five alternate positions. To update you, we just got a phone call from one of the applicants that we had on the eligibility list of the 50 and that is Austin Bewley, he has dropped out. So today, what I am asking the Commission to do is have an eligibility list of 49 plus the 5 alternates. I certify to you that all of these people on the eligibility list and the alternates list have passed the written exam, the physical fitness test, an extensive background, polygraph; they appeared before the oral board and a separate meeting with the Colonel and Major. If the Commission sees fit what we would like to do is certify this eligibility list as it is required and that way we can offer conditional employment to them. I want to remind the commissioners they still have the medical exam and the psychological exam to complete as part of their eligibility to be an Arkansas State Trooper.

Commissioner Edwards asked if those alternates were willing to take any assignment. Colonel Bryant stated yes sir that is part of the agreement; they are willing to take any assignment.

Commissioner Christenson asked how many females there were. Colonel Bryant stated he has a break down; there are 9 black males, 2 Hispanic males, 3 white females, 1 Native American, and 39 white males.

Commissioner Basore asked if the list gets below 50 by the start of school because of psychological or some other reason, do we have some folks that we can before the school starts shuffle into those spots. Colonel Bryant stated no sir, right now of all the applicants we got it down to these are the only ones that we feel are qualified and eligible. Commissioner Basore stated so this is the only candidates that we would consider at this time. Colonel Bryant stated he wanted to remind the Commissioners that we only use the alternates during the first week, after that it has just been too hard to bring anybody in after one week to catch up. So, if we go through all of the alternates the

first week and then we still have some to drop out, that is just what it is, we believe in the quality applicant for this and that is kind of the way it has been historically.

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Colonel Bryant stated he was excited; this is the most females that we have had in a long time. They are very qualified females. I think Craig Teague and Wanda James did an outstanding job in the recruitment process and so we are very excited.

Colonel Bryant recommended 49 applicants and 5 alternates on the eligibility list be approved for the 2019 Troop School. Commissioner Basore made a motion to approve the 49 applicants and 5 alternates on the eligibility list. Commissioner Christenson seconded the motion and the motion passed. The list of applicants and alternates are:

Bates, Brady C.  
Bradley, Nathan L.  
Brock, Garrett D.  
Brown, Cody L.  
Burleson, Nick R.  
Burris, Jess H.  
Caviness, Shane P.  
Cherry, Justin K.  
Clokey, Ervin F.  
Coker, James T.  
Dew, Trevor W.  
Dumont, Kristen A.  
Duncan, Creston J.  
Ellison, Michael Kyle  
Eudy, Clark C.  
Glover, Hunter J.  
Gonten, Phillip N.  
Grissom, Collin L.  
Gurley, Heath C.  
Henderson, Clint C.  
Hill, Marshall I.  
Hocking, Gunnar L.  
Hunter, Corey L.  
Inglis, Michael W.  
Jones, Javion D.

Lee, Sydney D.  
McClain, Ty F.  
McElroy, Skyler A.  
McGee Jr., Frederic S.  
Moore, Tre Vaughn L.  
Nelson, Tyler M.  
Nuckles, Brady P.D.  
Parker, Daniel R.  
Permenter, Keri L.  
Pratt, Terrell L.  
Ramos, Misael I.  
Redding, Mason E.  
Roberson, Ty E.  
Sanford, Robert M.  
Smedley, Seth K.  
Smith, Tyler  
Staab, Zenda M.  
Starkey, Dustin D.  
Walker Jr., Anthony L.  
Westerfield, Tyler J.  
White, Landon T.  
Williams, Tyler E.  
Williams, Kirt Michael  
Worn, Anthony J.

**Alternates**

Carlton, Ethan W.  
Cheers, Donnie R.  
Davis, Dakota R.  
McElyea, Timothy C.  
Rice, Caleb T.

Colonel Bryant gave the Commissioners an update on Corporal Clayton McDonald and advised that it has been approved for him to go to Houston, Texas for rehab.

Commission Chairman Burns asked is there any other business that should come before the Commission. Commission Chairman Burns stated if there is none, I would entertain a motion for adjournment. Commissioner Allison motioned to adjourn the meeting, Commissioners Christenson/Basore seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

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Commission Chairman

Commission Secretary