

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE CALL MEETING
June 11, 2019

The Arkansas State Police Commission met for a special Conference Call meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 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 Bill Benton
Commissioner Steve Edwards
Commissioner Jeff Teague
Commissioner John Allison

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL ATTENDING:

Colonel William J. Bryant
Donna Humphries

OTHERS PRESENT:

Commission Chairman Burns called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on June 11, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commission Chairman Burns thanked everyone for agreeing to have a conference call, which Colonel Bryant had asked for late last week for us to meet and for him to provide some information on a reinstatement. Commission Chairman Burns stated Colonel Bryant I will turn the meeting over to you at this time for the details.

Colonel Bryant stated we just have one topic for discussion and it is the reinstatement of former trooper, Darren Bates. Darren Bates was assigned to Troop B the last time he was employed by the state police and I am just going to go over a historical chronology of events with Mr. Bates' employment with the Arkansas State Police (ASP). Colonel Bryant stated if we get any specific questions, we probably would need to go into executive session for those specific questions, but I will go through his historical employment with the state police. Darren was hired by the ASP on June 20, 2004 and went through Troop School. Upon graduation, he was assigned to Troop K, Montgomery County. Approximately one year later, on June 17, 2005 for family reasons he resigned from the state police and moved back to help with a family situation in Sharp County. On March 17, 2014, Darren was reinstated to Troop B, Sharp County by Colonel Stan Witt. He remained in Sharp County until May 31, 2018, where he medically retired because of a medical condition that interfered with his daily job duties.

He had no adverse action at all during his employment with the state police.

He reapplied for reinstatement after getting letters from his primary care doctor who cleared him for law enforcement duties. He was also cleared by the doctor contracted by the Arkansas State Police, and was cleared by a psychologist contracted by the Arkansas State Police. He has completed and passed the PT test, passed his background investigation and he would like to go back to Troop B, Sharp County. Captain Todd Shaw, Major Mike Foster, and Lieutenant Shawn Garner approve of his reinstatement. Therefore, that takes you through the chronology of his history with the Arkansas State Police. I would recommend to the Commission that we reinstate Darren Bates back at the Arkansas State Police.

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Commissioner Allison moved to approve the Colonel's recommendation to reinstate Darren Bates to Troop B and Commissioner Basore seconded. Commission Chairman Burns asked for any discussion and then stated all for say "I". With no discussion or questions, all commissioners voted to approve the reinstatement of Darren Bates.

Colonel Bryant stated that is all of the topics of discussion he has today.

Commission Chairman Burns asked is there any other business that should come before the Commission. Commission Chairman Burns stated if there no other business or discussion, I would entertain a motion for adjournment. Commissioner Basore motioned to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Christenson seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Commission Chairman

Commission Secretary