

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE CALL MEETING
June 27, 2016

The Arkansas State Police Commission met for a special Conference Call meeting on Monday, June 27, 2016 at the Arkansas State Police Administrative Headquarters, 1 State Police Plaza Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas.

MEMBERS ON CONFERENCE CALL:

Commissioner Frank Guinn, Chairman
Commissioner John Allison, Secretary
Commissioner Jane Christenson
Commissioner Neff Basore
Commissioner Bill Benton

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Lewis Shepherd, Vice-Chairman
Commissioner Bob Burns

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL ATTENDING:

Colonel William J. Bryant
Bill Sadler
Ashley Easterly

OTHERS ON THE CALL:

Olan Reeves, Attorney General's Office

Commission Chairman Guinn called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on June 27, 2016 at 10:03 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commission Chairman Guinn called the roll to make sure there was a quorum; present were Commissioner Benton, Commissioner Christenson, Commissioner Allison, Commissioner Basore and Commission Chairman Guinn. Five commissioners were present on the conference call, so there was a quorum. Colonel Bryant advised there was a representative from the Attorney General's Office on the call also.

Colonel Bryant stated this should not take long, the purpose of this call today is the reinstatement of Damon Dobson. Damon was a 10 year employee with the Arkansas State Police and he resigned in January, 2016 and took a position as a wildlife officer with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. He recently wrote a letter requesting reinstatement, he is wanting to come back to the state police. I talked to his Troop Commander, and all of his supervisors and everyone said this guy was a great trooper. His background turned out perfect, I think it is a win win. I think he realized that State Police is a better fit for him than Game and Fish. We would like to bring him back, if you choose to reinstate him, beginning July 1, 2016. We are picking that date because of budgetary reasons. Everyone gave him glowing recommendations, even the Game and Fish Director called and said there is no ill feelings with him and he has done nothing wrong over there, he is just a great employee and he wants to see him pursue what he wants in life. He is a well respected guy and I think he would be an asset to the Arkansas State Police.

Commission Chairman Guinn asked if there were any questions. Commissioner Allison stated we have had a couple of people leave and go to Game and Fish and I think it is a positive, a positive for us. It may eliminate us losing some more. Commissioner Christenson agreed.

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Commission Chairman Guinn stated if there are no more questions, he would entertain a motion. Commissioner Allison moved to approve the Colonel's recommendation to reinstate Damon Dobson and Commissioner Basore seconded. Chairman Guinn called the roll for votes as follows:

Commissioner Basore – Voted Yes
Commissioner Benton – Voted Yes
Commissioner Christenson – Voted Yes
Commissioner Allison – Voted Yes
Commissioner Chairman Guinn – Voted Yes

Chairman Guinn stated it was unanimous that the Commission approves Colonel Bryant's decision to reinstate Damon Dobson.

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Guinn stated he needed a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Benton motioned to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Basore/Christenson seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Commission Chairman

Commission Secretary