

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING  
November 14, 2019

The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Thursday, November 14, 2019 at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commission Vice Chairperson Christenson called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Bob Burns, Chairman  
Commissioner Jane Christenson, Vice-Chairperson  
Commissioner Neff Basore, Secretary  
Commissioner Bill Benton  
Commissioner Steve Edwards  
Commissioner Jeffery Teague

MEMBER ABSENT:

Commissioner John Allison

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL ATTENDING:

Colonel Bill Bryant	Lt. Colonel Shawn Garner
Lt. Colonel Tim K’Nuckles	Major Charles Hubbard
Major Lindsey Williams	Major Jeff Drew
Major Mark Hollingsworth	Major Forrest Marks
Captain Randall Dias	Captain Jason Aaron
Sherry Woods	Jenna Castleberry
Emma French	Loretta Williams
Lieutenant Mike Moyer	Captain John D. Carter
Captain Paulette Ward	Sergeant Tiffany Dycus
Gary Glisson	Lieutenant Jamie Gravier
Sergeant Greg Dycus	Sergeant Josh Heckel
Lieutenant Dennis Morris	Sergeant Neal Thomas
Captain David Lafferty	Jonathan Nettles

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ro Arrington, ADFA	Charles Moulton, ADEQ
Randy Lann, ASPF	Jackie Baker, DPS
J. R. Hankins, DPS	Jami Cook, DPS
Sara Farris, Attorney General’s Office	Andrew Columbo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Teague led the pledge of allegiance.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on November 08, 2019.

Commission Chairman Burns stated just on a personal notes, most of you have been aware that I have been incarcerated in a local hospital for a lot of the last couple of months. I just want to say thank you for all of the visits, texts, and words of encouragement from both the staff, employees and troopers. It is really inspiring to be a part of the ASP Family, so thank all of you.

Commission Chairman Burns welcomed everyone to today’s meeting and stated if you will take a look, you have minutes in your packet and when you are ready I will entertain a motion to approve those minutes.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Benton made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2019 regular monthly commission meeting. Commissioner Basore seconded and the motion passed.

Commission Chairman Burns stated Colonel Bryant, I think you have a promotion certificate to present today. Colonel Bryant stated I do Mr. Chairman. Commission Chairman Burns stated I have asked Commissioner Christenson to assist with that presentation today.

PROMOTION CERTIFICATE:

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant Greg Dycus promoting him to Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Administration, Crash Reconstruction.

DIVISION REPORTS:

Fiscal Section – Emma French

Ms. French gave an overview of the reports which were distributed to the Commission. Ms. French stated we are only about 1/3 of the way through the year. Colonel Bryant did meet with the Governor and he gave us permission to go ahead with the bond refinancing. So we have assembled our team of Crews and Associates, Mitchell Williams, and ADFA to move ahead with whatever we deem our next step is going to be. We will have a meeting in a couple of weeks. Ms. French stated that Ro Arrington with Arkansas Development Finance Authority is here if you have any questions or anything you want to ask him about the bond refinancing. The other thing that I will mention is that we did move out of Troop I and our old building we are giving to the Department of Community Corrections and that transfer has been made.

Administrative Services – Major Charles Hubbard

Major Hubbard presented an oral summary of the written report distributed to the Commission. He began by reporting the Human Resources/Personnel transactions for the month. The civilian transactions include six new hires, four promotions, one voluntary resignation, and four retirements. The commissioned transactions include nine lateral transfers, one voluntary resignation, three disciplinaries, one retirement, and one promotion. We currently have seven military deployments.

Regarding the ASP Health Plan, October paid claims were \$1,031,331, an increase of \$22,111.00 from last month and the fund balance is \$181,937 lower than last month for a total fund balance of \$6,396,652. The average discount savings for the month was 79%.

Regarding the 2020 Troop School, we have entered into the interview phase and currently we have about 126 applicants scheduled for that interview process. We interviewed last week, this week and a couple more weeks of that and then we will shut that down. Troop School will begin January 26.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commission Chairman Burns asked if we have any new business and asked Colonel Bryant if he has anything. Colonel Bryant stated yes we have some promotions to consider today.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commission Chairman Burns asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Basore made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of considering employment, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining, or resignation of employees, Commissioner Benton seconded and the motion passed. The Commission went into Executive Session at 10:08 a.m.

Commission Chairman Burns called the meeting back to order at 10:40 a.m. and stated Colonel Bryant I think you have some promotion recommendations.

Colonel Bryant stated thank you Mr. Chairman, before I get started on this, I just want to say on behalf of the men and women of the Arkansas State Police it is great to have you back Mr. Burns and back here with your leadership. It is just a true blessing for the men and women of the state police.

Colonel Bryant stated the first promotion to consider is the ASP Sergeant position in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop C Craighead and Poinsett counties. My recommendation to the Commission would be Corporal Rocky Rapert for the position of Sergeant in the Highway Patrol, Troop C. Commissioner Basore made a motion that Corporal Rocky Rapert be promoted to Sergeant, Commissioner Benton seconded and the motion passed.

Colonel Bryant stated the second promotion for consideration will be the ASP Sergeant in the Criminal Investigation Division, Company F. My recommendation to the Commission would be Corporal Joshua Heckel for the position of Sergeant in the Criminal Investigation Division, Company F. Commissioner Christenson made a motion that Corporal Joshua Heckel be promoted to Sergeant, Commissioner Basore seconded and the motion passed.

Colonel Bryant stated the last position is ASP Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop A, Faulkner County. Mr. Chairman and Commissioners, I will use the Director's discretion and make a lateral transfer of Sergeant Brian Coty Williams to the Sergeant position in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop A, Faulkner County.

NEXT MEETING:

Commission Chairman Burns stated the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

With no more business, Commission Chairman Burns asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Basore made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Christenson seconded and the motion passed. Commission Chairman Burns adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

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Commission Chairperson

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Commission Secretary