

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING  
July 08, 2021

The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Thursday, July 08, 2021 at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commission Chairman Basore called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Neff Basore, Chairman  
Commissioner Steve Edwards - Secretary  
Commissioner Jeffery Teague  
Commissioner Jim Hinkle  
Commissioner Murray Benton, Sr.  
Commissioner Ken Reeves

MEMBER ON CONFERENCE CALL:

Commissioner John Allison – Vice-Chairman

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Colonel Bill Bryant	Lt. Colonel Shawn Garner
Major Charles Hubbard	Major Forrest Marks
Major Jason Aaron	Major Jeff Drew
Major David Lafferty	Major Lindsey Williams
Sherry Woods	Captain Mike Moyer
Jenna Castleberry	Lieutenant Philip Hydron
Sergeant Wanda James	Sergeant Brandon Lofton
Corporal Corey Ray	TFC Ryan Watson
Jimmy Dean Plataka	Captain Paulette Ward
Sergeant Robert Middleton	Lieutenant Brandon Margis
Captain David Moore	Sergeant Brandon Bennett
Tess Bradford	Sergeant Neal Thomas
Corporal Michael D Thomas	Captain Stacie Rhoads
Robin Gifford	Donna Humphries

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sara Farris, Assistant Attorney General	Rorie Hydron
Kathryn Lafferty	Dave Lafferty

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commission Chairman Basore led the pledge of allegiance.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on July 02, 2021.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Reeves made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2021 regular monthly commission meeting. Commissioner Hinkle seconded, and the motion passed.

PROMOTION CERTIFICATES:

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Major David Lafferty promoting him to Major in the Criminal Investigation Division.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Lieutenant Philip Hydron promoting him to Lieutenant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop D.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Lieutenant Brandon Margis promoting him to Lieutenant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop L.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant Brandon Lofton promoting him to Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop G Howard, Little River, & Sevier Counties.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant Brandon Bennett promoting him to Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop D Crittenden County.

DIVISION REPORTS:

Fiscal Section – Jenna Castleberry

No report given for the Fiscal Section.

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 uniformed noncommissioned transactions include four new hires, four terminations, and one transfer. The commissioned transactions include three promotions, two terminations, and three transfers. Currently we have eight military deployments.

Regarding the ASP Health Plan June paid claims were \$946,942 which was a decrease of \$32,655 from last month and the fund balance is \$61,434 higher than last month for a total fund balance of \$10,125,116.98. The average discount savings for the month of May was around 65%.

Commissioner Basore asked how many applications are we getting in for the next troop school? Major Hubbard stated so far, we have about 144 applications in, and we are going to continue to take those for the next few weeks. Then we will start the next part of the process which is the ARPAT Testing and the written exam.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commission Chairman Basore asked Colonel Bryant do we have personnel matters to attend to? Colonel Bryant stated yes Mr. Chairman, we have three promotions to consider.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of considering employment, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining, or resignation of employees, Commissioner Hinkle seconded, and the motion passed. The Commission went into Executive Session at 10:11 a.m.

Commission Chairman Basore called the meeting back to order at 11:32 a.m. and asked Colonel Bryant if he has any recommendations.

Colonel Bryant stated the first promotion is an ASP Lieutenant position in the Criminal Investigation Division, Company A. My recommendation to the Commission would be Sergeant Jimmie O. Thomas. Commissioner Benton made a motion that Sergeant Jimmie O. Thomas be promoted to Lieutenant in the Criminal Investigation Division, Company A. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed.

Colonel Bryant stated the next position is an ASP Sergeant position in the Highway Patrol Division, Air Support. My recommendation to the Commission would be Corporal Corey Ray. Commissioner Edwards made a motion that Corporal Corey Ray be promoted to Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Air Support. Commissioner Teague seconded and the motion passed.

Colonel Bryant stated the next position is an ASP Sergeant position in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop B Lawrence and Sharp Counties. I am going to use the Director's discretion for a lateral transfer of Sergeant Aaron Easley into the Sergeant position in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop B Lawrence and Sharp Counties

NEXT MEETING:

Commission Chairman Basore stated the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Commission Chairman Basore stated we are rescheduling the Billy Ealy Appeal Hearing until January 2022.

Commission Chairman Basore stated we are scheduling the Misael Ramos Appeal Hearing for the November Commission Meeting. The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. and the appeal hearing will start upon adjournment of the meeting at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Sara Farris with the Attorney General's Office prepared a training handout which the ASP Commissioners were given, and she gave them the Arkansas Freedom of Information Handbook.

Sara Farris presented a training overview on the handout which covered the conduct of commissioners and the Freedom of Information Act including public meetings, executive session, public records, and consequences of violating FOIA.

With no more business, Commission Chairman Basore adjourned the meeting at 12:04 a.m.

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Commission Chairman

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Commission Secretary