

COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 17, 2021

ARKANSAS STATE POLICE HEADQUARTERS

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A. M. Commission members present:

Chairman Percy Wilburn
Vice. Chair Doc Holladay
Sheriff Lafayette Woods
Dr. James Golden
Mr. Thomas Marsh
Mr. Barry Phillips
Mr. Richard Wingard

Absent:

Capt. Stacie Rhoads
Chief Mike Reynolds

Others Present:

Jami Cook, Director
Brad King, Deputy Director
Amanda Yarbrough, CLEST Attorney
Kreasha Williams, Legal Services Specialist
Sue Albritton, CLEST Admin. Assistant
Charles Moulton, Hearing Officer
Kay Butler, Court Reporter
Harold Perrin, Jonesboro
Tia Marsh, Ft. Smith
Lacey Roughton, UALR
Andrea Martin, Greenland Schools
Tyler Underwood, Greenland Schools/PD
Edward Griffin, Mt. Home PD
Jeff Brondhaver
Chris Condery
Brian Dodson, City of De Valls Bluff

A motion to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2021 meeting was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item I: Item one was to set the meeting dates for the upcoming year. The meeting dates for 2022 are as follows: Thursday January 13, Camden; Wednesday March 9, Little Rock; Thursday May 12, Camden; Wednesday July 13, Little Rock; Thursday September 8, Camden; and Wednesday November 9, Little Rock. Commissioner Woods made a motion to accept these dates and was seconded by Commissioner Golden. Motion carried.

Item II: Item two was a request from the Greenland School District to establish a police department for its school district. Having met the requirements, Commissioner Holladay made a motion to grant the request and was seconded by Commissioner Wingard. Motion carried.

Item III: Item three was a request from Jeff Brondhaver requesting to be recertified as a law enforcement officer under CLEST Rule 1034. Commissioner Holladay made a motion to deny the request and was seconded by Commissioner Woods. Motion carried.

Item IV: Item four was a request from Jeremiah Stevens requesting to be recertified as a law enforcement officer under CLEST Rule 1034. Commissioner Holladay made a motion to deny the request and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried.

Item V: Item five was a request from Chris Condery requesting to get credit for the training he received at Black River Law Enforcement Training Academy after waiting the two-year period required by CLEST Rules. A motion was made by Commissioner Wingard to grant the request with the stipulation that he attend a refresher course before he performs any law enforcement duties. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried.

Item VI: Item six was a request from the White Hall Police Department requesting a waiver of the two-year period required by CLEST Rules for Officer Alan Nunezcortes. A motion was made by Commissioner Wingard to deny the request and seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried.

Item VII: Item seven was a request from the 20th Judicial District Probation Department requesting a waiver of the two-year period required by CLEST Rules for Officer Lisa Warren. A motion to deny the request was made by Commissioner Wingard and seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item VIII: Item eight was a request from the Mt. Home Police Department requesting a waiver of the two-year period required by CLEST Rules for Officer Ashley Brison and to allow her to re-enter the academy in the eighth week of training. A motion to grant the request was made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item IX: Item nine was a final vote of approval for the proposed rules change packet presented to the Commission in July 2021. Commissioner Woods made a motion to approve the rule changes and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item X: Item ten was a request from the Crittenden County Sheriff's Office for the decertification of former Deputy Prince Bohanon. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Wingard. Motion carried.

Item XI: Item eleven was a request from the Crittenden County Sheriff's Office for the decertification of former Deputy Charles Herron, Sr. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Wingard and seconded by Commissioner Holladay. Motion carried.

Item XII: Item twelve was a request from the West Memphis Police Department for the decertification of former Officer Paul Gregory. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Wingard. Motion carried.

Item XIII: Item thirteen was a request from the Ft. Smith Police Department for the decertification of former Officer John Little. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item XIV: Item fourteen was a request from the Ft. Smith Police Department for the decertification of former Officer Michael Coder. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Wingard and seconded by Commissioner Woods. Motion carried.

Item XV: Item fifteen was a request from the Parkin Police Department for the decertification of former Officer Darrell Crowder. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item XVI: Item sixteen was a request from the Arkansas Game and Fish for the decertification of former Officer Douglas Small. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Wingard and seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried.

Item XVII: Item seventeen was a request from the City of De Valls Bluff requesting to reinstate its police department. Having met the requirements, Commissioner Woods made a motion to grant the request and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

At the conclusion of the regular meeting decertification hearings were held. Five (5) Uncontested Hearings were conducted for **Ryan Childers; Brian Cooper, Sr; John McLean; Heather Ivey; and Austin Clagett**. Commissioner Phillips made a motion that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law had been met. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried. Seven (7) signed Consent Agreements were presented for **Kristian Latina; A. D. Williams, III; Gregory McKinney; Justin Bowie; Jackie Ragan; Evan Howell; and Terral Harsson** for a final vote. Commissioner Woods made the motion to accept the Consent Agreements and decertify the individuals. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried. The hearings were presided over by Hearing Officer Charles Moulton and recorded by Court Reporter Kay Butler. A total of twelve (12) officers were decertified by the Commission.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Cook reported that the Governor's Task Force recommendations on the FTO Program and Curriculum have been implemented and will launch on January 1, 2022. She reported that the CLEST Rule changes are currently being promulgated and will be presented to the Rules Subcommittee in early December 2021. She also provided an update on the Crisis Intervention Training and Train the Trainer programs. She reported that she recently attended the Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police conference as well as the APCO conference. She also attended the Arkansas State Police banquet, the Veteran's Ceremony, and was the keynote speaker at Black River Training Academy's graduation ceremony.