COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

JULY 13, 2022

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

Sheriff Phillip Miller

Maj. Stacie Rhoads

Mr. Barry Phillips

Mr. Thomas Marsh

Mr. Richard Wingard

Commissioners Absent:

Chief Mike Reynolds

Dr. James Golden

Other Present:

Director Jami Cook

Deputy Director Brad King

Deputy Director Fred Weatherspoon

Amanda Yarbrough, DPS Attorney

Kreasha Williams, DPS Legal Services Specialist

Sue Albritton, CLEST Admin. Assistant

Trish Hendrix, Court Reporter

Bonnie Parker, Court Reporter

Lacey Roughton, UALR

Jay Chalk, Clinton School District

John Ayers, Clinton School District

William Lipsmeyer, Faulkner Co. Sheriff’s Office

Capt. J. C. Hillman, Faulkner Co. Sheriff’s Office

Tia Marsh, Ft. Smith

Nathan Adamson

Michael Rhodes

Leanera Robinson

Keith Cooper

Wade Hodge

Commission Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2022

Page 2

Zach Hodge

Jimmy Vaughan, Fordyce PD

John MacNichol, Fordyce Mayor

Dana A. Winn, Sulphur Springs Police Department

Chris Brown, Cleburne Co. Sheriff’s Office

Ashley Boles, BRTC LETA

Marcus Vaden, Attorney

Kim Francisco, NLR PD

Charles Moulton, Hearing Officer

A motion to accept minutes the minutes of the May 12, 2022, and the June 27, 2022 special called meeting was made by Commissioner Holladay and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item I: Item one was a request from the Clinton School District to establish its own police department. Having met all requirements, a motion to grant the request was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. Motion carried.

Item II: Item two was a request from Bobby Burnett to address the Commission regarding his felony conviction. A motion to deny the request was made by Commissioner Rhoads and seconded by Commissioner Wingard. Motion carried.

Item III: Item three was a request from Brian Cooper, Jr. requesting to be recertified as a law enforcement officer under CLEST Rule 1034. A motion to deny the request was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item IV: Item four was a request from Daniel Keith Ponder requesting to be recertified as a law enforcement officer under CLEST Rule 1034. A motion to deny the quest was made by Commissioner Holladay and seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item V: Item five was withdrawn from the agenda.

Item VI: Item six was a request from the Van Buren Police Department for the decertification of former officer Cory Crane. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Rhoads and seconded by Commissioner Woods. Motion carried.

Item VII: Item seven was a request from the Booneville Police Department for the decertification of former officer Nicholas James. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Miller. Motion carried.

Commission Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2022

Page 3

Item VIII: Item eight was a request from the Conway Police Department for the decertification of former officer William McNeal. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Rhoads and seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item IX: Item nine was a request from the Mississippi County Sheriff’s Office for the decertification of former officer Zachary Purrington. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Sheriff Miller and seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item X: Item ten was a request from the Arkansas State Police for the decertification of former Trooper Zachery Guest. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried.

Item XI: Item eleven was a request from the Waldron Police Department for the decertification of former officer Omar Gonzalez. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Wingard. Motion carried.

Item XII: Item twelve was a request from the Bradford Police Department for the decertification of former officer Aaron Cochrane. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Woods. Motion carried.

Item XIII: Item thirteen was a request from the Pine Bluff Police Department for the decertification of former officer Derrell Ray. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. Motion carried.

Item XIV: Item fourteen was a request from the Shannon Hills Police Department for the decertification of former officer Jose Padilla. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Holladay and seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried.

Item XV: Item fifteen was a request from Arkansas Community Correction for the decertification of former officer Ashley Edwards. 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 Cleburne County Sheriff’s Office requesting an extension for Deputy Bradley Allinder. A motion to grant the request was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Holladay. Motion carried.

At the conclusion of the regular meeting, decertification hearings were held. One (1) signed Consent Agreement was presented for Edna Winston for a final vote. Commissioner Phillips made a motion to accept the Consent Agreement and decertify the individual. The motion was seconded by Commissioner

Commission Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2022

Page 4

Marsh. Motion carried. Seven (7) Uncontested hearings were conducted for: **Michael Lawson, Steven Fleming, Maliik Reid, TeShara Crumpton, Zena Chinos, Candance Cole, and Samuel Holliman.** Commissioner Rhoads made a motion that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law had been met and to decertify those individuals. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Miller. Motion carried. A contested hearing was held for **William Lipsmeyer**. After hearing all evidence presented, a motion was made by Commissioner Phillips that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law had been met but not to decertify. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. Motion carried. **William Lipsmeyer** **was not decertified.** A contested hearing was held for **Nathan Adamson**. After hearing all evidence presented, a motion was made by Commissioner Miller that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law had been met and to decertify. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holladay. Motion carried. A contested hearing was held for **Michael Rhodes.** After hearing all evidence presented, a motion was made by Commissioner Woods that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law had been met and to decertify. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Miller. Motion carried. A contested hearing was held for **Zachary Hodge**. After hearing all evidence presented, a motion was made by Commissioner Miller that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law had been met and to decertify. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried. **Nathan Adamson, Michael Rhodes, and Zachary Hodge were decertified.** The hearings were presided over by Hearing Officer Charles Moulton and recorded by Court Reporters Bonnie Parker and Trish Hendrix. A total of eleven (11) officers were decertified by the Commission.

**Director’s Report**

After introducing the new DPS legal team intern, Director Cook announced that she attended the NW ALETA graduation and would be attending the ALETA graduation later in the month. She reported that, through a partnership with DHS, Central ALETA hired a new agent. She announced that a new agent position for Standards and a psychologist position for the DPS Wellness Team had been advertised and that the Law Enforcement Stipend Program and the DPS Safety Equipment Grant opened on July 1st.