

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
October 13, 2022

The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commission Chairman Edwards called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ON CONFERENCE CALL:

Commissioner John Allison

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL PRESENT:

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| Colonel Bill Bryant | Major Charles Hubbard |
| Major Jeff Drew | Major Mike Moyer |
| Major Jason Aaron | Major Forrest Marks |
| Major Stacie Rhoads | Captain David Moore |
| Sherry Woods | Captain David Williams |
| Captain Chris Goodman | Captain Wesley Smithee |
| Captain Todd Shaw | Captain Mike Hagar |
| Captain Brady Gore | Lieutenant Alex Krneta |
| Jenna Castleberry | Amy Dick |
| Captain Paulette Ward | Gary Glisson |
| Captain Scott Woodward | Corporal David Forthman |
| Sergeant Ryan Jacks | Sergeant Aaron Easley |
| Lieutenant Bobby Brown | Veronica King |
| Lieutenant Randall Murphy | Sergeant Marcus Daniels |
| Lieutenant Dustin Morgan | Corporal Matt Foster |
| Donna Humphries | |

OTHERS PRESENT:

J. R. Hankins, DPS
Daniel Faulkner, Attorney General's Office

A. J. Gary, DPS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commission Chairman Edwards led the pledge of allegiance.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on October 10, 2022.

Chairman Steve Edwards stated we have a quorum. Chairman Edwards asked do we have Commissioner Allison on the phone and the answer was yes, Commissioner Allison was attending by conference call.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Reeves made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2022 regular monthly commission meeting. Commissioner Teague seconded, and the motion passed.

Fiscal Section – Jenna Castleberry

Jenna Castleberry presented an oral summary of the written report distributed to the Commission. Ms. Castleberry stated we are a quarter of the way through the fiscal year, so we are excited to accomplish that, we are doing well. Ms. Castleberry stated we have our biennial budget hearing on November 1, so that is coming up and we are preparing for that hearing. Ms. Castleberry stated we do have two audit findings to report, as we received our latest FY21 audit report. The findings were two losses of weapons, which were stolen from vehicles. That is not uncommon, we have seen it before, but it is reported as an audit finding.

Our yearly average for fuel right now is \$3.75 that is the year average for all fuel types. Ms. Castleberry stated just for regular fuel operations for the month of September it was \$3.07.

Administrative Services – Major Charles Hubbard

Major Charles 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 two new hires, one promotion, and two terminations. The commissioned transactions include two promotions, and six transfers. Currently we have three military deployments.

Major Hubbard stated a quick rundown on our hiring process, we had a total of 435 applicants and of those numbers, we have 167 that attended the ARPAT testing, and 128 of those passed the ARPAT test and moved on to the written exam phase. Major Hubbard stated we are still waiting on the results from that written exam phase but will continue the background investigations and polygraphs. So currently, we have 105 applicants that are still in the hiring process for this next school.

Major Hubbard stated the overview of our ASP Health Plan, September paid claims were \$1,376,314.00 which was an increase of \$436,703.00 from last month. The fund balance is \$162,848.00 lower than last month for a total fund balance of \$12,146,735.00. The average discount savings for the month of August was around 62.3%.

Major Hubbard stated I am looking forward to taking you'll to the driving track for the tour this afternoon.

Commissioner Teague stated Major, you said you had 128 that passed? Major Hubbard stated yes sir. Commissioner Teague stated and there was 105 that are still in the hiring process, what happened to the other 23? Major Hubbard stated those would have been disqualified through the background investigation. They all have to fill out a background book for the polygraph exam and sometimes things come out during that investigative part of the hiring process. Commissioner Teague asked what do you expect out of the 105 that you will get, 30, or more than that. Major Hubbard stated we will get more than that, we will try to keep it as close to that as we can, but it is not going to be 100.

Commissioner Reeves asked when does the school start? Major Hubbard stated it starts the first week of February.

Chairman Edwards stated talking about fentanyl awareness, what is the process for recognizing, I mean it might be a long story. Major Hubbard stated are you referring to the in-service training. Chairman Edwards stated yes, it says virtual training on those different things. Major Hubbard stated I think mostly what that training is about is having the Troopers take precautions and recognizing the potential for fentanyl when searching a vehicle or if they come across someone who may be under the influence. Major Hubbard stated fentanyl is difficult to distinguish between other similar drugs, so they would have to use some type of testing procedure to positively identify that, so I think that training focuses more on the precautionary measures that should be taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commission Chairman Edwards stated that is all of our division reports, Colonel do we have any new business. Colonel Bryant stated yes, Mr. Chairman, we have three promotions to consider, Sergeant in Company A, East side, Sergeant in Troop G, Howard, Little River, and Sevier Counties and Sergeant in Regulatory Division for PI and Security.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Reeves made a motion to go into Executive Session to consider those three promotions. Commissioner Hinkle seconded. The Commission went into Executive Session at 10:10 a.m.

Commission Chairman Edwards called the meeting back to order at 11:02 a.m. Commission Chairman Edwards stated we have some personnel matters, Colonel.

Colonel Bryant stated thank you Mr. Chairman, the first promotion to take into consideration is the Sergeant in Company A, East side. My recommendation to the commission would be Corporal Jason Martin. Commissioner Hinkle made a motion that Corporal Jason Martin be promoted to Sergeant in the Criminal Investigation Division, Company A, East side. Commissioner Reeves seconded, and the motion passed.

Colonel Bryant stated the second promotion is Sergeant in PI and Security in the Regulatory Division. My recommendation to the commission would be Corporal David Forthman. Commissioner Reeves made a motion that Corporal David Forthman be promoted to Sergeant in the Regulatory Division, PI and Security. Commissioner Teague seconded, and the motion passed.

Colonel Bryant stated the last one is the ASP Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop G Howard, Little River, and Sevier Counties. I am going to use the Director's Discretion and laterally transfer Sergeant Ryne Shelton to this position.

NEXT MEETING:

Commission Chairman Edwards stated the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Commission Chairman Edwards asked if there was any other business?

Commissioner Basore made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Teague seconded, and Commission Chairman Edwards adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Commission Chairman

Commission Secretary