

COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 12, 2023

ARKANSAS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY

10:00 A. M. Meeting called to order.

Commissioners present:

Chairman Percy Wilburn
Vice Chair Doc Holladay
Sheriff Phillip Miller
Sheriff Lafayette Woods
Chief Mike Reynolds
Mr. Thomas Marsh
Dr. Jim Golden
Mr. Richard Wingard

Commissioners absent:

Mr. Barry Phillips
Major Stacie Rhoads

Others present:

CLEST Director J. R. Hankins
CLEST Deputy Director Fred Weatherspoon
CLEST Deputy Director Brad King
Amanda Yarbrough, DPS Attorney
Kreasha Williams, DPS Legal Services Specialist
Bonnie Parker, Court Reporter
Sue Albritton CLEST Administrative Assistant
Tia Marsh, Ft. Smith
Dustin Drum, City of Waldenburg
Charles Moulton, Hearing Officer
Joe Traylor, Saline County Sheriff's Office
Jim Buie, Fouke School District
Robert Newcomb, Attorney
Sam Brandon
Earnest Whitten, Pulaski County Sheriff's Office
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A motion to accept the minutes of the November 9, 2022, December 15, 2022, and December 19, 2022 meetings was made by Commissioner Holladay and seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item I: Item one was to discuss and vote on the Board and Commission Expenses. A motion was made to accept the expenses by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Woods. Motion carried.

Item II: Item two was a discussion of meeting location and dates for calendar year 2023. New proposed dates for meetings were January 12, 2023; March 9, 2023; May 11, 2023; July 13, 2023; September 14, 2023; and November 16, 2023. A motion to move all meetings to ALETA in East Camden and to change the meeting dates was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item III: Item three was a request from the Fouke School District to establish its own police department. Having met all requirements, a motion to grant the request was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Wingard. Motion carried.

Item IV: Item four was a request from the City of Waldenburg to establish a police department. Having met all requirements, a motion to grant the request was made by Commissioner Reynolds and seconded by Commissioner Woods. Motion carried.

Item V: Item five was withdrawn from the agenda.

Item VI: Item six was a request from the Department of Community Corrections for the decertification of former Officer Avriel Clincy. After review and discussion, a motion was made to not proceed to a decertification hearing by Commissioner Reynolds and seconded by Commissioner Woods. Motion carried.

Item VII: Item seven was a request from the Department of Community Corrections for the decertification of former officer Stephen Gulick. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Holladay and seconded by Commissioner Miller. Motion carried.

Item VIII: Item eight was a request from the Vilonia Police Department for the decertification of former officer Michael Jensen. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item IX: Item nine was a request from the Little Rock Police Department for the decertification of former officer Scottie Lackland. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Reynolds and seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item X: Item ten was a request from the Pulaski County Detention Center for the decertification of former officer Nikirah McKinney. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Wingard. Motion carried.

Item XI: Item eleven was a request from the Bryant Police Department for the decertification of former officer David Miller. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. Motion carried.

Item XII: Item twelve was a request from the Sebastian County Sheriff's Office for the decertification of former officer Summer Smith. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Holladay and seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item XIII: Item thirteen was a request from the Searcy County Sheriff's Office for the decertification of former officer Dakotah Springstead. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Miller. Motion carried.

Item XIV: Item fourteen was a request from the Alpena Police Department for the decertification of former officer William Tollett. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Reynolds and seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item XV: Item fifteen was a request from the Sevier County Sheriff's Office for the decertification of former officer Justin Richardson. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Woods. Motion carried.

Item XVI: Item sixteen was a discussion of Central ALETA. No action was taken.

At the conclusion of the regular meeting, decertification hearings were held. One (1) Consent agreement was presented for **Temmiothy Johnson** for a final vote. Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to accept the Consent Agreement and decertify. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried. Six (6) Uncontested hearings were conducted for: **Jecairr Dailey, Terren Clark, Shey Cope, Jonathan Dykes, William McNeal, and Jose Padilla.** Commissioner Miller made a motion that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law had been met and to decertify. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried. One contested hearing was held for **Samuel Brandon.** 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 Mr. Brandon. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Woods. Motion carried. The hearings were presided over by Hearing Officer Charles Moulton and recorded by Court Reporter Bonnie Parker. A total of eight (8) officers were decertified by the Commission.

Director's Report

Director Hankins reported that he attended the funerals for the fallen officers from Stuttgart Police Department and Benton County Sheriff's Office and that the CLEST \$5,000 fallen officer benefit had been presented to both families. He announced that CLEST Staff attended the 2023 Sheriff's School and that he has reached out to General Penn who is the new Secretary of Veterans Affairs. He reported that he foresees no complications for Central ALETA continuing its partnership to hold the Central Academy at the Camp Robinson base. He reported that the application for the law enforcement equipment grants will open back up in July 2023 and that ALETA received grant money to purchase a MILO System and a Simunition Kit.