

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE CALL MEETING
April 29, 2026

The Arkansas State Police Commission met for a Special Conference Call meeting on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at the Arkansas State Police Administrative Headquarters, 1 State Police Plaza Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas.

MEMBERS ON CONFERENCE CALL:

Commissioner Jim Hinkle, Chairman
Commissioner Ken Reeves, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Neff Basore, Secretary
Commissioner Mike Akin
Commissioner Steve Edwards

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Jeff Teague, Vice Chairman
Commissioner John Allison, Secretary

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL:

Colonel Mike Hagar
Lt. Colonel Jason Aaron
Donna Humphries

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on April 29, 2026, at 12:58 p.m.

Commissioner Chairman Hinkle called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Commission Chairman Hinkle stated we have Commissioner Reeves, Commissioner Edwards, Commissioner Akin, and Commissioner Basore so we do have a quorum. This meeting has been called in order to discuss the reinstatement of a former employee, I don't think we will need an executive session unless something comes up that a commissioner wants to discuss about this individual, so with that I will turn it over to Colonel Hagar for his information.

Colonel Mike Hagar stated thank you, Mr. Chair, the reason we requested the call is we have a former trooper his name is Heath Gurley. He went to work for the Arkansas State Police in February 2019, he was assigned to Highway Patrol in Troop D, he then transferred to Criminal Investigation Division, Company D. He was employed for seven years and one month, the overwhelming majority of that time he was employed as a criminal investigator. He was also currently before he left actively involved in our Human Trafficking Network. So, on April 3, Heath resigned and went to work for the US Marshal Service and after two weeks in that job, he decided that it was not what he thought it was going to be and wanted to come back to the Arkansas State Police. He submitted a letter requesting consideration for reinstatement, he went through our process even though he has been gone such a short time, we still have to follow the normal process. He took and satisfactorily completed the ARPAT test, his background information was updated, and he has passed everything and he is qualified for reinstatement. So, the reason we wanted to go ahead and do this now is, we wanted to get him back in the ranks as quick as possible so he could pick back up the case work that was open when he left. So, he will be reassigned back to Company D, Criminal Investigation Division. Colonel Hagar stated with that, I will make a recommendation to the commission that we reinstate him and that is all that I have.

Commissioner Steve Edwards stated I know Heath personally, he is a great guy, and he is married to Lowry Astin's, former Sergeant in Troop D, daughter and he is a wonderful guy. I talked to him when he did this, going to the Marshals Service and he just thought he wanted change and it wasn't what he thought when he got there. Commissioner Edwards stated I will make the motion to reinstate him. Commissioner Reeves seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Hinkle stated I have a motion and a second, now I am looking for more questions or discussion. Commission Chairman Hinkle stated I do have one question, it broke up when you told us how long he had been gone. Colonel Hagar stated he resigned on April 3, 2026, just a few weeks ago. Commission Chairman Hinkle

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ok, just not long ago then. Colonel Hagar stated no sir. Commission Chairman Hinkle asked do we have any more questions about this? Commission Chairman Hinkle stated hearing no more question, all in favor say aye, all those opposed, hearing none, so ordered is the reinstatement to come back to the Arkansas State Police, Colonel.

Colonel Hagar stated thank you so much, I appreciate you all, thank you for doing this on short notice.

Commission Chairman Hinkle stated thanks everybody for calling in, there is nothing else on the agenda so with that I will I declare the meeting closed.

Commission Chairman Hinkle adjourned the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

Commission Chairman

Commission Secretary