

COMMISSISSON ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

JULY 7, 2021

ARKANSAS STATE POLICE HEADQUARTERS

Meeting was called to order at 10:02 A. M. Commissioners present:

Chairman Percy Wilburn
Vice Chair Doc Holladay
Mr. Richard Wingard
Sheriff Lafayette Woods
Mr. Barry Phillips
Mr. Thomas Marsh
Capt. Stacie Rhoads
Sheriff Ron Brown
Chief Mike Reynolds

Others present:

Jami Cook, Director
Brad King, Deputy Director
Fred Weatherspoon, Deputy Director
Amanda Yarbrough, Attorney
Kreasha Williams, Legal Asst.
Trish Hendrix, Court Reporter
Charles Moulton, Hearing Officer
Sara Farris, Assistant Attorney General
Brian Johnson, CLEST Agent
Cody Hiland, DPS Chief Counsel
Ashley Figueroa, DPS Intern
Tia Marsh
Pat Hawkins, Bryant Police Department
Carl Minden, Bryant Police Department
JW Plouch, Bryant Police Department
Scotty Hodges, Benton Police Department

A motion to accept the minutes of the March 10, 2021 meeting and the June 28, 2021 special meeting was made by Commissioner Holladay and seconded by Commissioner Wingard. Motion carried.

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Item I: Item one was a request from former Officer Roderick Brown to be recertified as a law enforcement officer under CLEST Rule 1034. The request was withdrawn from the agenda at Mr. Brown's request.

Item II: Item two was a request from the Greene County Sheriff's Office for the decertification of former deputy Jason Wolfenbarger. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Rhoads and seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item III: Item three was a request from the Dierks Police Department for the decertification of former Chief James Brian White. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried.

Item IV: Item four was a request from the Jacksonville Police Department for the decertification of former officer John Alberson. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Brown and was seconded by Commissioner Holladay. Motion carried.

Item V: Item five was a request from the Osceola Police Department for the decertification of former officer Dakota Dunkin. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item VI: Item six was a request from the Pine Bluff Police Department for the decertification of former officer Temmiothy Johnson. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Woods and was seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. Motion carried.

Item VII: Item seven was a request from the Poinsett County Sheriff's Office for the decertification of former deputy Rhett Ballard. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Brown and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried.

Item VIII: Item eight was a request from Arkansas Community Correction for the decertification of former officer Autumn Faulkner. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Rhoads and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item IX: Item nine was a request from the Baxter County Sheriff's Office for the decertification of former deputy Michelle Hood. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Reynolds and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item X: Item ten was a request from Arkansas Community Corrections for the decertification of former officer Corey McCullough. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Phillips and was seconded by Commissioner Wingard. Motion carried.

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Item XI: Item eleven was a request from the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences DPS for the decertification of former officer Gregory McKinney. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Brown and was seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. Motion carried.

Item XII: Item twelve was a review of proposed CLEST rule changes following the 2021 legislative session. A motion to approve the proposed rule changes was made by Commissioner Rhoads and was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

Following the regular business meeting, signed Consent Agreements by **Roger Eubanks, Joshua Huskey, Matthew Chance, Randall Kelley, Jacob Dane, and Marcus Washington** were presented to the commission for a final decertification vote. Commissioner Brown made a motion to accept the consent agreements and decertify the individuals and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Six Uncontested Hearings for **Joshua Brown, Scott Burleson, Jonathan Plank, Alec Grooms, Daniel Cartwright, and Aaron Smith** were conducted. Commissioner Rhoads made a motion that the Finding of Facts and Conclusions of Law had been met to decertify the individuals. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried. A hearing was conducted for **Sara Davenport**. After hearing all evidence presented, a motion was made by Commissioner Woods to decertify and was seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The hearings were presided over by Hearing Officer Charles Moulton and recorded by Court Reporter Trish Hendrix. A total of **thirteen (13)** Officers were decertified by the Commission.

Director's Report

Director Cook announced that the check from the fallen law enforcement officer's fund had been delivered to the family of fallen officer Apple. She reported that the CLEST records management system has been updated to allow reporting for separation of an officer for untruthfulness and use of force. She introduced DPS Chief Counsel Cody Hiland and Ashley Figueroa, an intern from the Clinton School who is working to implement recommendations from the Law Enforcement Task Force. She reported that CLEST staff has been working to update racial profiling and field training officer curriculum and that DPS is working on a grant with ASP, Drug Task Forces, and the State Crime Lab for heroin. She reported that she went to Harrison to meet with the Omaha Police Department Chief to discuss changes to CLEST rules following the 2021 legislative session, that she attended a public safety group meeting for the National Governor's Association in June, and that she was the keynote speaker at Arkansas Sheriff's Association meeting. She will attend the Attorney General's Never Forgotten event on July 22nd along with other CLEST staff. She announced that she was recently appointed to the Governor's Cyber Security working group. Finally, she announced the dates for NW ALETA and ALETA-Camden graduation.