

COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 8, 2020

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioners present:

Vice Chairman Percy Wilburn

Sheriff Ron Brown

Sheriff Lafayette Woods

Mr. Doc Holladay

Dr. James Golden

Mr. Barry Phillips

Mr. Thomas Marsh

Capt. Staci Rhoads

Mr. Richard Wingard

Others present:

Jami Cook, Director

Fred Weatherspoon, Deputy Director Training

Brian Johnson, CLEST Agent

Amanda Yarbrough, Attorney for CLEST

Kreasha Williams, Legal Services Specialist

Sue Albritton, CLEST Administrative Asst.

Jessie Sorrell, Goshen PD

Angie Russell, Goshen PD

Robert Newcomb, Attorney

Charles Moulton, Hearing Officer

Kathy Norman

Amy Vaughan

Paul Vaughan

Steve Harrison, CEMS

Shannon McCuin UA PD

Chad Fougerousse, AR State Parks

Liz Jones, ALETA

Trish Hendrix, Court Reporter

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A resolution was read granting retiring CLEST Agent Elizabeth Jones her duty weapon. A motion to grant the resolution was made by Commissioner Holladay and seconded by Commissioner Wingard. The vote was unanimous. After presentations of awards and plaques, a brief period of refreshments was enjoyed in honor of Ms. Jones.

A motion to accept the minutes of the last meetings was made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Woods. Motion carried.

Director's Report. Director Cook reported that Detective Kevin Collins of the Pine Bluff Police Department was killed in the line of duty on October 5, 2020. She asked the Commission for a vote to award \$5,000 from the fallen officer's fund to Detective Collins' family. Commissioner Wingard made a motion to approve the award and was seconded by Commissioner Woods. Motion carried. Director Cook reported that she would be presenting the award to the officer's family in the coming days. Director Cook provided the Commission with an update on progress by the Law Enforcement Task Force and potential recommendations. She also thanked the CLEST staff for all the work they have put into assisting with the Task Force. She announced that the Department of Public Safety received grant funding to enhance the Department's website, which includes the CLEST website, and that updates would be coming soon. She reported that she attended the Back-the-Blue event and that the event was successful. Finally, she announced the retirement of Texarkana Police Chief Robert Harrison and his subsequent resignation from the Commission. Chief Percy Wilburn was elected to serve as Chairman and Mr. Doc Holladay was elected to fill the position of Vice Chairman.

Item I: Item one was to set the meeting dates for the upcoming year. Those dates were approved as January 14, 2021, April 8, 2021, July 8, 2021, and October 14, 2021 by a motion made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. Motion carried.

Item II: Item two was a request from former Basic Student Angie Russell, requesting to be given full credit for her training. A motion to grant the request was made by Commissioner Holladay and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried.

Item III: Item three was a request from Nathan Williams requesting that he be re-certified pursuant to CLEST Rule 1034. A motion made by Commissioner Brown to deny the request was seconded by Commissioner Woods. Motion carried.

Item IV: Item four was a request from Tanner Hazelton requesting that he be re-certified pursuant to CLEST Rule 1034. A motion to deny the request was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Woods. Motion carried.

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Item V: Item five was a request from the Alexander Police Department requesting decertification of former Officer Calvin Salyers. Commissioner Holladay made a motion to proceed to hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried.

Item VI: Item six was a request from the Bryant Police Department requesting decertification of former Officer Jimmy Long. Commissioner Brown made a motion to proceed to hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. Motion carried.

Item VII: Item seven was a request from Bryant Police Department for decertification of former Officer Sarah Davenport. Commissioner Rhoads made a motion to proceed to hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Woods. Motion carried.

Item VIII: Item eight was a request from the Crittenden County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy Rodney Davis. Commissioner Brown made a motion to proceed to hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. Motion carried.

Item IX: Item nine was a request from the Arkansas State Police for decertification of former Trooper Gary Ladner. Commissioner Wingard made a motion to proceed to hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried. Commissioner Rhoads recused.

Item X: Item ten was a request from the Arkansas State Police for decertification of former Trooper Kenya Campbell. Commissioner Woods made a motion to proceed to hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Wingard. Motion carried. Commissioner Rhoads recused.

Item XI: Item eleven was a request from the Lonoke County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy Brooks Grabill. Commissioner Rhoads made a motion to proceed to hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

Item XII: Item twelve was a request from the Sulphur Springs Police Department for decertification of former Officer Nathan Adamson. Commissioner Woods made a motion to proceed to hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried.

Item XIII: Item thirteen was a request from the Division of Community Correction for decertification of former Officer Christopher Winfrey. Commissioner Holladay made a motion to proceed to hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

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Item XIV: Item fourteen was a request from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy Zachary English. Commissioner Rhoads made a motion to proceed to hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item XV: Item fifteen was a request from the Springdale Police Department for decertification of former Officer Roger Eubanks. Commissioner Woods made a motion to proceed to hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried.

Item XVI: Item sixteen was a request from the Mountain View Police Department for decertification of former Officer William Prichard. Commissioner Brown made a motion to proceed to hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. Motion carried.

Item XVII: Item seventeen was a request from the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission for decertification of former Officer William Cheers. Commissioner Brown made a motion to proceed to hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Woods. Motion carried.

At the conclusion of the regular meeting decertification hearings were held. Six Consent Agreements were presented: **Holden Lester, Christopher Brownlow, Tyler Lovell, Gary Miller, Daphne McCoy, and Bobby Anderson** were decertified by a motion made by Commissioner Rhoads and seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried. Two uncontested hearings were held: **Jeremy Covington and Freddy Williams**. Commissioner Woods made a motion to decertify both individuals and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried. Two contested hearings were held. After the testimony and evidence presented, a motion was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Rhoads to decertify **Donald Hilsdon**. Motion carried. After the testimony and evidence presented, a motion was made not to decertify **Limon Williams**. Motion was seconded and carried. Limon Williams was not decertified. Attorney Charles Moulton served as Hearing Officer and Patricia Hendrix served as Court Reporter. A total of nine (9) decertifications.