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POST MEETING MINUTES

March 30, 2023

A regular meeting of the Louisiana POST Council was held Thursday, March 30, 2023, at the West Baton Rouge Convention Center in Port Allen, LA. Mr. Craft called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present (or represented): Deputy Patrick Knab (Proxy for Sheriff Jason Ard, Chairman), Mr. Jim Craft (Vice-Chairman), Ms. Bridget Dinvaout, Mr. Jeff Bergeron (proxy for Attorney General Jeff Landry), Sheriff Willy Martin, Capt. Patrick Jackson (proxy for Col. Lamar Davis), and Sheriff Brett Stassi.

Guests present: Capt. Kevin Johnson (Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Darren Gros (St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office), Lt. Joey Disler (Gretna Police Dept.), Sgt. Fredrica Palmer (New Orleans Police Dept.), Sgt. Jordan Garrett (LA State Police), Trooper Eileen Eichenauer (LA State Police), Lt. Scott Davis (LA State Police), Capt. Sarah Rhodes (Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Cedric Turner (New Orleans Harbor Police Dept.), Sgt. Mark Iannazzo (Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office), Josh Smith (LA Probation & Parole), and Sgt. Aaron Harrelson (New Orleans Police Dept.).

Staff members present: Bob Wertz, Rebekah Taylor Hill, Marshall Menou, Briana Blanchard, and Scott Murrell.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Chief Craft made a call for public comment, and none was heard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sheriff Martin made a motion to approve the minutes of the 12/08/2022 meeting. After some discussion, Ms. Dinvaout seconded the motion and the motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

POST Homicide Investigator Training Waiver Requests – Ratification

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the POST Homicide Investigator Training Waiver Requests that were previously approved by the POST Homicide Investigator Training Committee. Sheriff Stassi made a motion to ratify the approved waiver requests. After some discussion, Sheriff Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

POST Firearms Instructor Certification Status – Officer Carl Givens (Bastrop Police Dept.)

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the recommendation from the POST Firearms Curriculum Committee. The committee recommended, as a result of a “negligent discharge” during the 2022 POST Firearms Instructor Retrainer, that Officer Givens’ POST Firearms Instructor certification be revoked, effective immediately. Sheriff Martin made a motion to revoke Officer Givens’ POST Firearms Instructor certification immediately. After some discussion, Sheriff Stassi seconded the motion and the motion passed. The committee also recommended the POST Firearms Instructor Policy be updated to reflect, in the event of a “negligent discharge” during POST Firearms Instructor training, the certification of that POST Firearms Instructor will be immediately revoked. Ms. Dinvaute made a motion to update the POST Firearms Instructor Policy, per the recommendation of the committee. After some discussion, Sheriff Stassi seconded the motion and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

POST Certification Revocation Hearing – Kiara Janais Hayes (Level 3)

Ms. Taylor Hill informed the Council members of Ms. Hayes’ felony conviction. Ms. Taylor Hill asked if Ms. Hayes, or a representative, was present and no answer was heard. Mr. Bergeron made a motion to revoke Ms. Hayes’ POST Correctional Officer certification. After some discussion, Sheriff Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Revocation Hearing – Anthony Will Matte (Level 1 & Level 2)

Ms. Taylor Hill informed the Council members of Mr. Matte’s felony conviction. Ms. Taylor Hill asked if Mr. Matte, or a representative, was present and no answer was heard. Sheriff Martin made a motion to revoke Mr. Hammac’s POST Basic Peace Officer and POST Basic Correctional Peace Officer certifications. After some discussion, Sheriff Stassi seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Revocation Hearing – Dennis Wallace Perkins (Level 1)

Ms. Taylor Hill informed the Council members of Mr. Perkins’ numerous felony convictions. Ms. Taylor Hill asked if Mr. Perkins, or a representative, was present and no answer was heard. Deputy Knab made a motion to revoke Mr. Perkins’ POST Basic Peace Officer certification. After some discussion, Sheriff Stassi seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Revocation Hearing – Regina Lynell Senegal (Level 2 & Level 3)

Ms. Taylor Hill informed the Council members of Ms. Senegal’s felony convictions. Ms. Taylor Hill asked if Ms. Senegal, or a representative, was present and no answer was heard. Sheriff Martin made a motion to revoke Ms. Senegal’s POST Basic Correctional Peace Officer and POST Correctional Officer certifications. After some discussion, Sheriff Stassi seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Voluntary Surrender – Gary Dantin (Level 1)

Ms. Taylor Hill informed the Council members of Mr. Dantin's voluntary surrender of his POST Basic Peace Officer certification. Ms. Dinvaut made a motion to accept Mr. Dantin's voluntary surrender. After some discussion, Deputy Knab seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Voluntary Surrender – Terriune Duhon (Level 2)

Ms. Taylor Hill informed the Council members of Ms. Duhon's voluntary surrender of her POST Basic Correctional Peace Officer certification. Sheriff Martin made a motion to accept Ms. Duhon's voluntary surrender. After some discussion, Sheriff Stassi seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Reinstatement – Chief Nathan Lacombe (Creola Police Dept.)

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the staff's recommendation for reinstatement, based on Chief Lacombe's prior active military duty orders. Deputy Knab made a motion to reinstate Chief Lacombe's certification. After some discussion, Capt. Jackson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST In-Service Training – Request for Removal of Training Hours – Chief Deputy Gary Driskell (St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office)

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the request for removal of training hours. Sheriff Martin made a motion to approve the request. After some discussion, Sheriff Stassi seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) Investigator Training Course Approval Request

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the OIS Investigator Training Course recommended for approval by the OIS Investigator Training Committee. Ms. Dinvaut made a motion to approve the training course. After some discussion, Sheriff Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed.

OIS Investigator Training Waiver Requests

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the list of waiver requests recommended for approval by the OIS Investigator Training Committee. Sheriff Martin made a motion to approve the waiver requests as recommended. After some discussion, Capt. Jackson seconded the motion and the motion passed. Ms. Taylor Hill then presented the list of waiver requests recommended for denial by the OIS Investigator Training Committee. Sheriff Martin made a motion to deny the waiver requests as recommended. After some discussion, Ms. Dinvaut seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Academy Facility Approval – Capital Area Regional Training Academy (CARTA) – New Academy Building

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the request for facility approval to the Council members, with a recommendation for approval from the POST Staff. Sheriff Stassi made a motion to approve the facility. After some discussion, Ms. Dinvaut seconded the motion and the motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Taylor Hill informed the Council members of the upcoming "Procedural Justice Train-the-Trainer" sessions. Ms. Taylor Hill requested the Council members require every POST academy to send at least one representative to this mandatory training. Sheriff Martin made a motion to require every POST academy to attend the upcoming mandatory training. After some discussion, Sheriff Stassi seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Chief Craft made a call for other business, and none was heard.

Deputy Knab made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Dinvaut seconded the motion and the motion passed.