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POST MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 2021

A regular meeting of the Louisiana POST Council was held Thursday, December 9, 2021, at the Cook Hotel and Conference Center at LSU, Baton Rouge, LA. Sheriff Ard called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present (or represented): Sheriff Jason Ard (Chairman), Mr. Jim Craft (Vice-Chairman and proxy or Sheriff Brett Stassi), Mr. Stephen Dwight, Mr. Clay Landry (proxy for Chief Hal Hutchinson), Mr. Jeff Bergeron (proxy for Attorney General Jeff Landry), Sheriff Willy Martin (member and proxy for Ms. Bridget Dinvaut), and Lt. Col. Kenny VanBuren (proxy for Col. Lamar Davis).

Guests present: Lt. Scott Wildey (Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office), Sgt. Mark Iannazzo (Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office), Sgt. Christina Dabney (Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office), Major Robert Donnelly (Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office), Deputy Jared Walker (Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office), Lt. Cedric Turner (New Orleans Harbor Police Dept.), Chief Walter Smith, Jr. (Slaughter Police Dept.), Marshal Fred Allen (Jackson Marshal's Office), Robert Sanders (Jackson Marshal's Office), Lt. Patsy Netherland (Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office), Lt. Gerald Butler (Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office), Chief Kenneth Stewart (Wilson & Norwood Police Depts.), Tammy Garig (Wilson Police Dept.), Josh Smith (LA Probation & Parole), Capt. Sarah Rhodes (Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Hayden Brown (Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Steven Joe (Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Hans Ganthier (New Orleans Police Dept.), Lt. Kevin Johnson (Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office), Sgt. Justin McDonnell (Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office), Jennifer Trigueros (LA State Police), Don Hogan (French Settlement Police Dept.), Major Jason Turner (LA State Police), Capt. J.B. Slaton (LA State Police), Sgt. Scott Davis (LA State Police), and Capt. Mark Fontenot (LA State Police).

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bergeron made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2021, meeting. After some discussion, Mr. Craft seconded the motion and the motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

POST Homicide Investigator Training Waiver Requests – Ratification

Ms. Taylor presented the approved waiver requests from the POST Homicide Investigator Training Committee. Mr. Dwight made a motion to ratify the approvals. After some discussion, Mr. Craft seconded the motion and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

POST Revocation Hearing Requests – Tyron David Andrepont, Kinya Barnes, Antoine Batiste, Marilyn Collins, Donovan Eldridge, Christopher H. Kuhn, Ryan C. Lewis, Jason Loyd, Christopher P. Nassif, Jacky Pinkerton, Jr., and Deonte Walker

Mr. Bergeron made a motion to table the requests for revocation hearing, due to pending rule update. After some discussion, Mr. Dwight seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Administrative Rule –Domestic Violence Proposed Rule Hearing

Sheriff Ard made a call for any public comment, and none was heard. No action necessary.

NEW BUSINESS

POST Certification Revocation Hearing – Brett Bahm (Level 1)

Ms. Taylor informed the Council members of Mr. Bahm's criminal conviction. Mr. Craft made a motion to revoke Mr. Bahm's POST Basic Certification. After some discussion, Mr. Dwight seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Revocation Hearing – Brad Core (Level 1)

Ms. Taylor informed the Council members of Mr. Core's criminal conviction. Mr. Bergeron made a motion to revoke Mr. Core's POST Basic Certification. After some discussion, Mr. Landry seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Revocation Hearing – David Gagnard (Level 1, Level 2, Basic SRO, & Advanced SRO)

Ms. Taylor informed the Council members of Mr. Gagnard's criminal conviction. Mr. Craft made a motion to revoke Mr. Gagnard's POST Basic, POST Basic Correctional, POST Basic SRO, and POST Advanced SRO certifications. After some discussion, Mr. Bergeron seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Revocation Hearing – Derek Gaudin (Level 1 & Level 3)

Ms. Taylor informed the Council members of Mr. Gaudin's criminal conviction. Mr. Craft made a motion to revoke Mr. Gaudin's POST Basic and POST Correctional Officer Certifications. After some discussion, Mr. Dwight seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Revocation Hearing – Kenneth Greer (Level 1)

Ms. Taylor informed the Council members of Mr. Greer's criminal conviction. Lt. Col. VanBuren made a motion to revoke Mr. Greer's POST Basic Certification. After some discussion, Mr. Landry seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Revocation Hearing – Karl Newman (Level 1)

Ms. Taylor informed the Council members of Mr. Newman's criminal conviction. Lt. Col. VanBuren made a motion to revoke Mr. Newman's POST Basic Certification. After some discussion, Mr. Craft seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Revocation Hearing – Bradley Smith (Level 1)

Ms. Taylor informed the Council members of Mr. Smith's criminal conviction. Lt. Col. VanBuren made a motion to revoke Mr. Smith's POST Basic Certification. After some discussion, Mr. Landry seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Revocation Hearing – Todd Eric Trip (Level 1 & Level 3)

Ms. Taylor informed the Council members of Mr. Trip's criminal conviction. Lt. Col. VanBuren made a motion to revoke Mr. Trip's POST Basic and POST Correctional Officer Certifications. After some discussion, Mr. Craft seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Forfeiture – Jason Allgrun (Level 1)

Ms. Taylor presented Mr. Allgrun's forfeiture of his POST Basic Certification. Lt. Col. VanBuren made a motion to accept Mr. Allgrun's forfeiture of his POST Basic Certification. After some discussion, Mr. Dwight seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Forfeiture – Quitina Frazier (Level 2 & Level 3)

Ms. Taylor presented Ms. Frazier's forfeiture of her POST Basic Correctional and POST Correctional Officer Certifications. Lt. Col. VanBuren made a motion to accept Ms. Frazier's forfeiture of her POST Basic Correctional and POST Correctional Officer Certifications. After some discussion, Mr. Bergeron seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Reinstatement Request – Courtney McDaniel (Level 1) – Monroe City Marshal's Office

Ms. Taylor presented the reinstatement request from Ms. McDaniel, and the POST Staff's recommendation to deny based upon the 2019 POST In-Service training hours not being completed. Mr. Dwight made a motion to deny the reinstatement request. After some discussion, Mr. Bergeron seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Reinstatement Request – Columbus Willis (Level 1) – 6th JDC District Attorney's Office

Ms. Taylor presented the reinstatement request from Mr. Willis, and the POST Staff's recommendation to deny based upon the 2019 POST In-Service training hours not being completed. Lt. Col. VanBuren made a motion to deny the reinstatement request. After some discussion, Mr. Bergeron seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Reinstatement Requests – Raymond Del Valle (Level 1 – Railroad Police), Micah Duchesne (Level 1 & Level 3 – Richland Parish Sheriff's Office), Richard R. Duncan (Level 1 & Level 3 – Coushatta Police Dept.), Morris Evan, Jr. (Level 1 – Railroad Police), Joshua Fletcher (Level 1 – Railroad Police), Christopher Lanoue (Level 1 – Railroad Police), Christopher Pitre (Level 1 – Grand Isle Police Dept.), Harry Stovall (Level 1 – Railroad Police), Daniel Wharton (Level 1 – Railroad Police), Larry White (Level 1 – LA Lottery Corp.), Bruce Wiley (Level 1 & Level 2 – Waterproof Police Dept.), Heidi Williams (Level 1 – Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office), and Joseph Lewis (Level 1 & Level 3 – Westlake & Vinton Police Depts.)

Ms. Taylor presented the above listed reinstatement requests, and the POST Staff's recommendation to approved based upon the required training and/or employment records being reported to POST. Mr. Landry made a motion to approve all of the above listed reinstatement requests in globo. After some discussion, Lt. Col. VanBuren seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Revocation Hearing Request – Drucilla Hamilton (Level 1)

Mr. Landry made a motion to table the request for revocation hearing, due to pending rule update. After some discussion, Mr. Bergeron seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Administrative Rule – Notice of Intent – Officer Involved Shooting Investigator Certification

Ms. Taylor presented the notice of intent to the Council members. Lt. Col. VanBuren made a motion to approve the intended changes. After some discussion, Mr. Landry seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Administrative Rule – Notice of Intent – Suspension of Certification

Ms. Taylor presented the notice of intent to the Council members. Mr. Bergeron made a motion to approve the intended changes. After some discussion, Lt. Col. VanBuren seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Instructor Employment Status Waiver Request – Charles Scott Courrege (East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office)

Ms. Taylor presented the waiver request for Mr. Courrege to attend the POST Instructor Development course as a part-time employee. Mr. Craft made a motion to approve the waiver request. After some discussion, Mr. Dwight seconded the motion and the motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Taylor requested the final consideration of POST Council By-Laws updates, presented at the July 14, 2021, meeting. Mr. Bergeron made a motion to approve the updates. After some discussion, Mr. Dwight seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Mr. Wertz informed the Council members of the recommendations of the Human Trafficking Commission. No action necessary.

Sheriff Ard made a call for other business, and none was heard.

Mr. Dwight made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bergeron seconded the motion and the motion passed.