



**PEACE OFFICERS STANDARD AND TRAINING
COMMISSION COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2023
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The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by: COMMISSIONER CHAD PARTIN, CHAIR

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to Approve by: COMMISSIONER DON GREEN

Seconded by: COMMISSIONER ED JACKSON

Remarks: The motion to approve carried.

II. ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

ROLL CALL

**COMMISSIONER JONATHAN BEVERLY
COMMISSIONER GARRY CARTER
COMMISSIONER BRENT CHERRY
COMMISSIONER JERRIED JEFFERS
COMMISSIONER DON GREEN
COMMISSIONER DEBORAH FAULKNER - Vice Chair
COMMISSIONER BUD HULSEY
COMMISSIONER STEVE ISBELL
COMMISSIONER ED JACKSON
COMMISSIONER CHAD PARTIN - Chair
COMMISSIONER LOWELL RUSSELL
COMMISSIONER TOM SPANGLER
COMMISSIONER BOBBY WAGGONER
COMMISSIONER BRIAN WRIGHT**

DISCLAIMER – EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 20, 2023, COMMISSION MEETING:

Motion to Approve by: COMMISSIONER TOM SPANGLER

Seconded by: COMMISSIONER BOBBY WAGGONER

Remarks: The motion to approve carried.

IV. REPORT OF DECERTIFICATION SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING HELD NOVEMBER 16, 2023:

Motion to Approve by: COMMISSIONER DON GREEN

Seconded by: COMMISSIONER GARRY CARTER

Remarks: The motion to approve carried.

V. APPEARING BEFORE THE COMMISSION/WAIVERS FOR PRE-EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS – 1110-02-.03 + 1110-9-.04

Cleveland State Law Enforcement Training Academy – Requests a military discharge waiver for **Jered Michael Graham**. In August of 2014, Mr. Graham was discharged from the United States Army Reserves with an “Under Honorable Conditions (General)” discharge, due to being unable to attend monthly drills.

Appearing

Motion to **Approve** by: **COMMISSIONER BRENT CHERRY**

Seconded by: **COMMISSIONER ED JACKSON**

Remarks: **The motion to approve carried.**

Maury County Sheriff’s Office – Requests a military discharge waiver for **Amber Elizabeth Bailey (PSID 9243-1216)**, hired September 13, 2023. In August of 2006, Ms. was discharged from the United States Army Reserves with an “Under Honorable Conditions (General)” discharge, due to a Pattern of Misconduct.

Appearing

Motion to **Approve** by: **COMMISSIONER BRENT CHERRY**

Seconded by: **COMMISSIONER TOM SPANGLER**

Remarks: **The motion to approve carried.**

Washington County Sheriff’s Office – Requests a military discharge waiver for **Matthew Hunter Marecic (PSID 0379-6113)**, hired September 11, 2023. In May of 2022, Mr. Marecic was discharged from the United States Army with an “Under Honorable Conditions (General)” discharge, with a separation reason of Misconduct (Serious Offense) for refusing the COVID-19 vaccination.

Appearing

Motion to **Approve** by: **COMMISSIONER CHAD PARTIN**

Seconded by: **COMMISSIONER BOBBY WAGGONER**

Remarks: **The motion to approve carried.**

VI. WAIVER TO ATTEND ANOTHER ACADEMY – P.O.S.T. Rule 1110-02-.03(3)

Somerville Police Department – Request a waiver to change academies for **Christopher Paul Brown (PSID 11067)**, hired October 9, 2023. In November 2009, Mr. Brown attended the Memphis Police Department Training Academy, but did not complete due to a family medical leave. Somerville Police Department is requesting the waiver so that he may attend the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy.

Appearing

Motion to **Approve** by: **COMMISSIONER DON GREEN**

Seconded by: **COMMISSIONER ED JACKSON**

Remarks: **The motion to approve carried.**

VII. WAIVER OF BASIC TRAINING/SPECIALIZED SUBSTITUTIONS FOR IN SERVICE TRAINING – 1110-02-.03 + 1110-9-.02

P.O.S.T. reviewed and administratively approved 23 P.O.S.T. Transition School waivers and all corresponding supporting documents. The reported documents meet or exceed the minimum standards set forth by the Peace Officers Standards and Training requirements.

The following requests for Waiver/Substitution of Basic Training have been reviewed and meet P.O.S.T. requirements:

Cookeville Police Department:

Jacob Charles Faw (PSID 0682-0362)

Franklin Police Department

Vinh Tan Nguyen (PSID 8264-4504)

Gadsden Police Department:

Roderick Dewayne Moore (PSID 8404-7680)

Knox County Sheriff's Office:

Nelson Philip Barajas (PSID 3040-1570)

LaFollette Police Department:

Christian Adam Southern (PSID 0582-6863)

Lebanon Police Department:

Kenneth Craig Royer (PSID 5457-7427)

Mt. Juliet Police Department:

Benjamin Michael Klawitter (PSID 2990-8900)

Putnam County Sheriff's Office:

John Robert Dzioba (PSID 4110-4104)

Sevier County Sheriff's Office:

Adam Ray Eldridge (PSID 7815-8636)

Tyler Matthew Thoman (PSID 7534-3036)

Signal Mountain Police Department:

Thomas James Cullen, Jr. (PSID 2364-1299)

TN Office of Homeland Security:

David Lee Cotner	(PSID 3729-3151)
George Darren Earle	(PSID 3281-7282)
John Carter Jarrard, III	(PSID 8505-0217)
Mark David McKee	(PSID 9334-7038)
Sheri Blaise Wassel	(PSID 3890-5864)
John Theodore Worth	(PSID 8056-4348)

Tri-Cities Airport Authority Police Department:

Michael James Rebentisch	(PSID 8249-1555)
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Unicoi County Sheriff's Office:

Dickie Gene Wines	(PSID 7147)
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U.T. Martin Police Department:

James Robert Halkis	(PSID 9606-7785)
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Washington County Sheriff's Office:

Joshua David Bailey	(PSID 305)
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Westmoreland Police Department:

Nicholas Ryan Jordan	(PSID 3444-3063)
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White County Sheriff's Office:

Richard Keith Starowesky	(PSID 7282-8763)
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Motion to **Approve** by: **COMMISSIONER BRENT CHERRY**

Seconded by: **COMMISSIONER BOBBY WAGGONER**

Remarks: **Commissioner Steve Isbell recused himself. The motion to approve carried.**

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE WAIVERS

WAIVER OF IN-SERVICE – RULE 1110-09-.05

Requests for a waiver have been received for the following officers so that they as well as their departments will remain in compliance with P.O.S.T. guidelines. They are not eligible for 2022 Salary Supplement.

NONE

WAIVERS OF SIX (6) MONTH RULE:

THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS ARE REQUESTING A WAIVER OF THE SIX (6) MONTH RULE TO KEEP THEIR OFFICER(S) AND THE DEPARTMENT IN COMPLIANCE.

Campbell County Sheriff's Office – Request a six (6) month waiver for **Corey Isaiah Rountree (PSID 0269-8695)**, hired July 24, 2023. Mr. Rountree was scheduled to attend the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy in January of 2024, but is unable to begin training due to an injury. Mr. Rountree is scheduled to begin training at TLETA in March of 2024.

Motion to **Approve** by: **COMMISSIONER CHAD PARTIN**

Seconded by: **COMMISSIONER DON GREEN**

Remarks: **The motion to approve carried.**

Clarksville Police Department – Requests two (2) six (6) month waivers for **Jordan Elizabeth Bunting (PSID 6250-7734)**, hired May 22, 2023. In July of 2023, Ms. Bunting attended the Walters State Law Enforcement Training Academy but was unable to complete training due to pregnancy. Ms. Bunting is scheduled to reattend training once medically cleared in the of Summer of 2024.

Motion to **Approve** by: **COMMISSIONER CHAD PARTIN**

Seconded by: **COMMISSIONER LOWELL RUSSELL**

Remarks: **The motion to approve carried.**

Oak Ridge Police Department – Request a six (6) month waiver for **Brian Keith Arrington (PSID 1742-0334)**, hired June 5, 2023. Mr. Arrington has been unable to begin training due to an injury. Mr. Arrington is scheduled to attend the Walters State Law Enforcement Training Academy in January of 2024.

Motion to **Approve** by: **COMMISSIONER TOM SPANGLER**

Seconded by: **COMMISSIONER LOWELL RUSSELL**

Remarks: **The motion to approve carried.**

WAIVERS OF EIGHT (8) MONTH RULE:

THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS ARE REQUESTING EIGHT (8) MONTH WAIVERS FOR THE 2022 CALENDAR YEAR, SO THE DEPARTMENTS WILL ALSO REMAIN IN COMPLIANCE.

P.O.S.T. reviewed all corresponding supporting documents and administratively approved **0** waivers of in-service for the eight (8) month rule.

NONE

WAIVER FOR MEDICAL – RULE 1110-09-.06

The following departments are requesting a waiver for medical reasons for the 2022 calendar year, so the departments will also remain in compliance. Officers did not complete in-service training and are not eligible for Salary Supplement.

P.O.S.T. reviewed and administratively approved 0 medical in-service waivers and all corresponding supporting documents.

NONE

WAIVERS FOR MILITARY LEAVE – RULE 1110-09-.06(5)

The following departments are requesting a waiver for military service for the 2022 calendar year. Military orders are included along with change of status. These officers will be eligible to receive salary supplements, and the departments will remain in compliance.

P.O.S.T. has reviewed and administratively approved 0 Military Waiver(s) and corresponding supporting documents.

NONE

IX. APPLICATIONS FOR TRAINING OFFICER – 1110-04-.03

P.O.S.T. Investigators have reviewed and approved 3 application(s) for Training Officer that meet the criteria for approval.

Mt. Juliet Police Department:

Jacob Lee Dean (PSID 4110-1117)

Warren County Sheriff's Office:

Nilesh Thakorbbhai Patel (PSID 5701-8095)

Waverly Police Department:

Christopher Mark Browning (PSID 20359)

The officer(s) listed below **if any** will be informed, they have one year to complete the Instructor Development course or approved substitute.

NONE

Motion to Approve by: **COMMISSIONER DON GREEN**

Seconded by: **COMMISSIONER BOBBY WAGGONER**

Remarks: **The motion to approve carried.**

X. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR – 1110-03-.04

P.O.S.T. Investigators have reviewed and approved **15** application(s) for Certified Instructor. The applicants meet minimum standards and have completed the minimum hours in attendance of required courses. The instructors listed below ***if any*** will be notified, they have **one year to complete Instructor Development or an approved substitute:**

Camden Police Department:

Jordan Allen Murphy (PSID 2270-7837)

Dechard Police Department:

Gregory Alan King (PSID 0966-8593)

Jasper Police Department:

Donald Dewayne Dykes, Sr. (PSID 9857-2182)

LEOSA Instructor:

Bennie Lee Cobb (PSID 4934-1854)

Marion County Sheriff's Office:

Brian Jeffery Henegar (PSID 2636-6844)

Memphis Police Department:

Angelic Colbert-Williams (PSID 7155-6267)

Mosheim Police Department:

Tyler Andrew Wimble (PSID 8598-4284)

Mt. Juliet Police Department:

Cory Stephen Cook (PSID 3766-0162)

Murfreesboro Police Department:

Richard Aldrich Hershman (PSID 5993)

Keith Edward Sanders (PSID 2883-7362)

Oneida Police Department:

Chad Dustin Jones (PSID 2396-2405)

Piperton Police Department:

Mack Robinson King (PSID 8550-8687)

Spring City Police Department:

Miquel Antonio LaBoy (PSID 10187)

TN Office of Homeland Security:

Lee Rivers Dotson (PSID 1467-4448)

Wayne County Sheriff's Office:

Seth Thomas Norris (PSID 4421-6920)

The officers listed below ***if any*** request a waiver of **the one-year training officer requirement:**

Cory Stephen Cook

(PSID 3766-0162)

Donald Dewayne Dykes, Sr.

(PSID 9857-2182)

Tyler Andrew Wimble

(PSID 8598-4284)

Motion to **Approve** by: **COMMISSIONER TOM SPANGLER**

Seconded by: **COMMISSIONER LOWELL RUSSELL**

Remarks: **Commissioners Garry Carter and Steve Isbell recused themselves.**

The motion to approve carried.

XI. CURRICULUM AND TESTS – 1110-04 and SPECIALIZED TRAINING CURRICULUM – 1110-04-09

P.O.S.T. Investigators have reviewed and approved **103** in-service and specialized training classes this month as they are in order and meet or exceed minimum standards set forth by the Peace Officers Standards and Training requirements. They have made note if these training officers meet the P.O.S.T. requirements for Firearms, EVOC, Mental Illness and CSA.

Motion to **Approve** by: **COMMISSIONER CHAD PARTIN**

Seconded by: **COMMISSIONER LOWELL RUSSELL**

Remarks: **The motion to approve carried.**

XII. OLD BUSINESS

XIII. NEW BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Petersburg Police Department – Mark Anthony Gay (PSID 23267) was hired on December 6, 2022; however, P.O.S.T. did not receive the required paperwork until October 17, 2023.

Appearing

Motion to **Approve** by: **COMMISSIONER CHAD PARTIN**

Seconded by: **COMMISSIONER TOM SPANGLER**

Remarks: **The motion to approve carried.**

Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy (TLETA) – Requests a waiver of the Rule 1110-07.03(1b) requirement that Basic Law Enforcement Schools be limited to 75 persons. TLETA requests that it be permitted to hold Basic Law Enforcement Schools of up to 165 persons each during the 2024 calendar year.

Motion to **Disapprove** by: **COMMISSIONER CHAD PARTIN**

Seconded by: **COMMISSIONER TOM SPANGLER**

Remarks: **Commissioner Don Green recused himself. The motion to disapprove carried.**

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

XV. ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.

Motioned by: **COMMISSIONER BUD HULSEY**

Seconded by: **COMMISSIONER BRIAN WRIGHT**

Remarks: **The motion to adjourn carried.**