



**PEACE OFFICERS STANDARD AND TRAINING
COMMISSION COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 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 BRENT CHERRY

Seconded by: COMMISSIONER TOM SPANGLER

Remarks: Discussion of rulemaking meeting and vote on location for POST meetings added to New Business/Items for Discussion. The motion to approve carried.

II. ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONER JONATHAN BEVERLY
COMMISSIONER GARRY CARTER
COMMISSIONER BRENT CHERRY
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 SEPTEMBER 15, 2023, COMMISSION MEETING:

Motion to Approve by: COMMISSIONER BUD HULSEY

Seconded by: COMMISSIONER ED JACKSON

Remarks: The motion to approve carried.

IV. REPORT OF DECERTIFICATION SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING HELD SEPTEMBER 14, 2023:

Motion to Approve by: COMMISSIONER BOBBY WAGGONER

Seconded by: COMMISSIONER STEVE ISBELL

Remarks: The motion to approve carried.

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

Blount County Sheriff's Office – Requests a military discharge waiver for **Seth Arnold Bloodgood (PSID 7627-5790)**, hired August 20, 2023. In May of 2013, Mr. Bloodgood was discharged from the United States Marine Corps with a “General (Under Honorable Conditions)” discharge under Secretarial Authority.

Appeared

Motion to **Approve** by: **COMMISSIONER BUD HULSEY**

Seconded by: **COMMISSIONER ED JACKSON**

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

Cumberland County Sheriff's Office – Requests a military discharge waiver for **Caleb Elijah Charles (PSID 5991-9803)**, hired August 14, 2023. In January 2017, Mr. Charles was discharged from the United States Army with a “General (Under Honorable Conditions)” discharge for a Pattern of Misconduct.

Appeared

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

Seconded by: **COMMISSIONER BUD HULSEY**

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

Gibson County Sheriff's Office – Requests a criminal record waiver for **Jacob Patton Littrell (PSID 7735-0972)**, hired August 11, 2023. In February of 2010, Mr. Littrell was convicted of Shoplifting in Jackson, Tennessee. Mr. Littrell has since satisfied all court ordered sentencing, fines, and fees.

Appeared

Motion to **Approve** by: **COMMISSIONER JONATHAN BEVERLY**

Seconded by: **COMMISSIONER DON GREEN**

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

Union City Police Department – Requests a criminal record waiver for **Terri Faye (King) Doughten**. In March of 2022, Ms. Doughten was arrested in Sugar Grove, Illinois for Unlawful Possession of a Weapon. Ms. Doughten pled guilty and was convicted of Carry/Possession of a Firearm. Ms. Doughten has since satisfied all court ordered sentencing, fines, and fees.

Appeared

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

Seconded by: **COMMISSIONER TOM SPANGLER**

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

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

Loudon County Sheriff's Office – Request a waiver to change academies for **Matthew Stuart Brannon (PSID 7917-8437)**, hired August 14, 2023. In 2022, Mr. Brannon attended the Cleveland State Law Enforcement Training Academy, but did not complete due to academic failure. Loudon County Sheriff's Office is requesting the waiver so that he may attend the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy in January of 2024.

Appeared

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

Seconded by: **COMMISSIONER BOBBY WAGGONER**

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

Putnam County Sheriff's Office – Request a waiver to change academies for **Jaron Travis Williams (PSID 3444-6425)**, hired August 18, 2023. In November of 2022, Mr. Williams attended the Tennessee Highway Patrol Training Academy, but did not complete due to voluntarily withdrawing. Putnam County Sheriff's Office is requesting the waiver so that he may attend the Blount County Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy in January of 2024.

Appeared

Motion to **Approve** by: **COMMISSIONER JONATHAN BEVERLY**

Seconded by: **COMMISSIONER DON GREEN**

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 **36** 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:

Bedford County Sheriff's Office:

Robert Harold Hadley (PSID 6838-9234)

Monte Jared Moored (PSID 4023-9216)

Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport Police:

Raphael Devon Manous (PSID 0452-2772)

Coffee County Sheriff's Office:

Herbert Ray Stewart, Jr. (PSID 7902-5535)

Authorization Number 335472

Collierville Police Department:

Aaron Lane Tidyman (PSID 1324-7918)

Dickson County Sheriff's Office:

Patrick Winslow Fiedler (PSID 7412-4980)

James Douglas Fox (PSID 2807-1073)

Dyersburg Police Department:

Matthew Lloyd Fowler (PSID 2637-7914)

Hamblen County Sheriff's Office:

Jim Richard Ballenger (PSID 2536-4628)

Hamilton County Sheriff's Office:

Joseph Jackson Knox, Jr. (PSID 0900-8640)

Hendersonville Police Department:

Travis Lee Downing (PSID 6573-7443)

Houston County Sheriff's Office:

Joseph George Hugh Duncan (PSID 25735)

Knoxville Police Department:

Kevin Thomas Morgan (PSID 3496-9808)

LaFollette Police Department:

Isaiah Tate David Lloyd (PSID 5423-7168)

Lebanon Police Department:

Nehemiah J. Sconiers (PSID 3086-3782)

William Ashley Bray (PSID 0251-2668)

Madison County Sheriff's Office;

Jason Aaron Otis (PSID 6124-1575)

Mason Police Department:

Dennis Wayne Freeman (PSID 2712-5398)

Medina Police Department:

Zachary Wade Cummings (PSID 2813-5581)

Moore County Sheriff's Office:

Christopher Lawrence Hart Coe (PSID 1162-5722)

Authorization Number 335472

Monroe County Sheriff's Office:

Jennifer Ann Duggan-Davis (PSID 3932-1885)

Morgan County Sheriff's Office:

James William George (PSID 9168-8610)

Pleasant View Police Department:

Michael Brandon Candler (PSID 6140-0041)

Pigeon Forge Police Department:

Blair Jacob Swanick (PSID 5701-1421)

Somerville Police Department:

Nathan Quinn Byram (PSID 5263-6243)

Springfield Police Department:

Christopher George Rapp (PSID 5877-8455)

Stewart County Sheriff's Office:

Ryan Charles Smith (PSID 5676-5706)

Sullivan County Sheriff's Office:

Timothy Joseph Sexton (PSID 2189-2046)

TN State Parks:

Jeffrey Scott Woodfin (PSID 3751-7256)

U.T. Martin Police Department:

Michael Timothy O'Neill (PSID 1615-6300)

U.T. Memphis Police Department:

DeUnte' Jamal Clinton (PSID 2985-0497)

Washington County Sheriff's Office:

Michael Paul Fontenot (PSID 9554-1036)

Preston Ellis Grovenstein (PSID 3882-1357)

Bryan Scott Smith (PSID 5227-9837)

Jacob Michael Yanchyshyn (PSID 4779-3970)

Williamson County Sheriff's Office:

Michael Wayne Miller (PSID 8657-8422)

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

Seconded by: **COMMISSIONER GARRY CARTER**

Remarks: **Commissioners Chad Partin and Steve Isbell recused themselves.**

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.

Jackson County Sheriff's Office – Request a six (6) month waiver for **Bruce Edward Wigton (PSID 8309-67136)**, hired December 5, 2022. P.O.S.T. did not receive the required pre-employment paperwork until August 5, 2023. Mr. Wigton was unable to begin training due to an oversight and administration changes. Mr. Wigton is scheduled to attend Transition at the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy in September of 2023.

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

Seconded by: **COMMISSIONER ED JACKSON**

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 6 application(s) for Training Officer that meet the criteria for approval.

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 CHAD PARTIN**

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

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

P.O.S.T. Investigators have reviewed and approved 4 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 approved substitute:**

NONE

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

NONE

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

Seconded by: COMMISSIONER JONATHAN BEVERLY

Remarks: 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 120 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 BRENT CHERRY

Remarks: The motion to approve carried.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

Grundy County Sheriff's Office – Commission to receive progress report from **Sheriff Heath G. Gunter (PSID 9014-2747)**, regarding the deficiencies found during POST investigations.

Appeared

Motion to **Approve** by: **COMMISSIONER JONATHAN BEVERLY**

Seconded by: **COMMISSIONER STEVE ISBELL**

Remarks: **Agency to provide POST with weekly updates of its roster and Acadis submissions. Commission to hear progress report at next scheduled meeting. The motion to approve carried.**

XIII. NEW BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

See Addendum

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

XV. ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:16 am.

Motioned by: **COMMISSIONER TOM SPANGLER**

Seconded by: **COMMISSIONER BUD HULSEY**

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



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Chattanooga State Community College Campus Police Department – Request the P.O.S.T. Commission’s approval to attend Transition School for **Raymond Omar Ayala-Castro (PSID 9256-7917)**, hired May 1, 2023. Mr. Ayala-Castro graduated the Puerto Rico Police Academy in March of 2015 and was employed with the Puerto Rico Police Department from April 2014 until March 2023. The total number of hours Mr. Ayala-Castro received at the academy could not be determined from the submitted documents.

Appeared

Motion to **Approve** by: COMMISSIONER DON GREEN
Seconded by: COMMISSIONER JONATHAN BEVERLY
Remarks: The motion to approve carried.

II. NEW BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The 2022 audit/inspection of the Shelby County Sheriff’s Office Law Enforcement Training Academy was conducted on August 29, 2022.

Findings: None to Report

Recommendations: None to Report

Motion to **Approve** by: COMMISSIONER BOBBY WAGGONER
Seconded by: COMMISSIONER TOM SPANGLER
Remarks: The motion to approve carried.

Rulemaking Meeting Discussion – Commission to discuss date to schedule a rulemaking meeting.

Remarks: Upon discussion, the Commission voted to schedule a meeting to discuss rule changes in December of 2023.

POST Commission Meeting Location – Commission to vote on location to hold regularly scheduled Commission meetings.

Motioned by: COMMISSIONER CHAD PARTIN
Seconded by: COMMISSIONER DON GREEN
Remarks: The Commission voted to hold meetings at the POST building. The motion to approve carried.