



**PEACE OFFICERS STANDARD AND TRAINING
COMMISSION COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2022
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I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to Approve by: COMMISSIONER TOM SPANGLER

Second COMMISSIONER DON GREEN

Remarks: Request for Washington County Sheriff's Office to be moved to first item on the agenda.
Motion to approve carried.

II. ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONER KIM BIRCHFIELD

COMMISSIONER GARRY CARTER

COMMISSIONER BRENT CHERRY

COMMISSIONER DON GREEN

COMMISSIONER DEBORAH FAULKNER - Vice Chair

COMMISSIONER WILLIAM FORRESTER III

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 JULY 15, 2022 COMMISSION MEETING:

Motion to Approve by: COMMISSIONER BOBBY WAGGONER

Second COMMISSIONER LOWELL RUSSELL

Remarks: Motion to approve carried.

IV. DECERTIFICATION HEARING HELD AUGUST 18, 2022:

Motion to Approve by: COMMISSIONER LOWELL RUSSELL

Second COMMISSIONER STEVE ISBELL

Remarks: Motion to approve carried.

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

Bluff City Police Department – Requests criminal record and military discharge waivers for **Joshua Edward Paul (PSID# 8734-9308)**, hired July 14, 2022. On October 21, 2015, Mr. Paul was charged with Wrongful Distribution, Possession, and Use of a Controlled Substance. The charge was resolved nonjudicially. On December 13, 2016, Mr. Paul was discharged from the United States Army with a General Under Honorable Conditions discharge for failure to disclose an injury sustained prior to joining the military.

Appearing

Motion to **Approve** by: **COMMISSIONER LOWELL RUSSELL**

Second **COMMISSIONER DON GREEN**

Remarks: **Commissioner Bud Hulsey recused himself. Motion to approve carried.**

Mt. Juliet Police Department– Request a criminal record waiver for **Timothy Craig Scott (PSID# 6759-8688)**, hired June 6, 2022. On May 6, 2017, Mr. Scott was arrested in Fredericksburg City, Virginia and charged with DWI. On June 15, 2017, Mr. Scott plead guilty and was convicted of DWI. Mr. Scott has since satisfied all court ordered sentencing, fines, and fees.

Appearing

Motion to **Disapprove** by: **COMMISSIONER BRIAN WRIGHT**

Second **COMMISSIONER DON GREEN**

Remarks: **Motion to disapprove failed.**

Motion to **Approve** by: **COMMISSIONER BOBBY WAGGONER**

Second **COMMISSIONER LOWELL RUSSELL**

Remarks: **Upon discussion and after a roll call vote, the motion to approve carried.**

Sullivan County Sheriff's Office – Request a reconsideration for a criminal record waiver for **Matthew Hunter Johnson (PSID# 9211-1743)**, hired February 24, 2021. On August 22, 2016, Mr. Johnson was arrested in Bristol, Tennessee and charged with Driving Under the Influence. On September 16, 2016, Mr. Johnson plead guilty to Driving Under the Influence. Mr. Johnson has since satisfied all court ordered fines and fees.

Appearing

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

Second **COMMISSIONER STEVE ISBELL**

Remarks: **Commissioner Bud Hulsey recused himself. Motion to approve carried.**

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

Cleveland State Law Enforcement Training Academy – Request a waiver to change academies for **Ethan Caleb Whaley (PSID# 5743-5358)**. In July of 2022, Mr. Whaley attended the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy but was unable to complete the training due to a medical issue. Cleveland State Law Enforcement Training Academy is requesting the waiver so Mr. Whaley may attend their academy August of 2022.

Appearing

Motion to **Approve** by: **COMMISSIONER LOWELL RUSSELL**

Second **COMMISSIONER TOM SPANGLER**

Remarks: **Motion to approve carried.**

Jellico Police Department – Request a waiver to change academies for **Nicholas Andrew Lowe (PSID# 2045-9579)**. In September of 2021, Mr. Lowe attended the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy but was unable to complete the training due to illness. Jellico Police Department is requesting the waiver so Mr. Lowe may attend Walters State Law Enforcement Training Academy September of 2022.

Appearing

Motion to **Approve** by: **COMMISSIONER LOWELL RUSSELL**

Second **COMMISSIONER BRIAN WRIGHT**

Remarks: **Motion to approve carried.**

Metro Nashville Police Department – Request a waiver to change academies for **Dakota Lynn Star Lobertini (PSID# 8423-5782)**, hired August 16, 2022. In August of 2016, Ms. Lobertini attended the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy but was unable to complete the training due to failing the driving course. Metro Nashville Police Department is requesting the waiver so Ms. Lobertini may attend their academy.

Appearing

Motion to **Approve** by: **COMMISSIONER LOWELL RUSSELL**

Second **COMMISSIONER BOBBY WAGGONER**

Remarks: **Motion to approve carried.**

Ripley Police Department – Request a waiver to change academies for **Jordan Tyree Gause (PSID# 0469-9242)**, hired July 17, 2022. In August of 2016, Mr. Gause attended the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy but was unable to complete the training due to a family emergency. Ripley Police Department is requesting the waiver so Mr. Gause may attend the Knox County Sheriff's Office Regional Training Academy.

Appearing

Motion to **Approve** by: **COMMISSIONER LOWELL RUSSELL**

Second **COMMISSIONER BOBBY WAGGONER**

Remarks: **Motion to approve carried.**

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

Washington County Sheriff's Office – Request the P.O.S.T. Commission's approval to attend Transition School for **John Donald Rose (PSID# 8188-9226)**, with a hire date of September 1, 2022. Mr. Rose's last date of full-time law enforcement service was May 9, 2014. Mr. Rose has since worked as an instructor at the Walters State Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy, a private law enforcement consultant, and has maintained Reserve Deputy status and training with Sullivan County Sheriff's Office from 2003 to present.

Appearing

Motion to **Approve** by: **COMMISSIONER BRIAN WRIGHT**

Second **COMMISSIONER TOM SPANGLER**

Remarks: **Motion to approve carried.**

P.O.S.T. reviewed and administratively approved 29 P.O.S.T. Transition School waivers and all corresponding supporting documents. The reported documents appear to be in order and 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 appear to meet P.O.S.T. requirements:

- Almada, Steven Edward (PSID# 7365-2043)
- Anderson, Calvin Ray Sr. (PSID# 6683-2074)
- Arendt, Ryan James (PSID# 9291-0506)
- Belk, Jason Lane (PSID# 2880-3359)
- Dragon, Derick Jeffrey (PSID# 8917-4130)
- Early, Lauren Katherine (PSID# 7900-3114)
- Farella, Paul Francis (PSID# 0746-8322)
- Glenn, Brian Christopher (PSID# 3196-2426)
- Lauper, Christopher Wayne (PSID# 2786-1205)
- Lerner, David Michael (PSID# 7230-4218)
- Lloyd, Kenneth Eugene (PSID# 2432-7490)
- Marshall, Alexandria Renea (PSID# 4516-3440)
- Mastoridis, Elijah Colin (PSID# 9617-5344)
- Moore, Ronnie Edward (PSID# 0886-5869)
- Nelson, Tyler Rhodes (PSID# 1244-1466)
- Neufeld, Christopher Loren (PSID# 1400-7928)
- Offiong, Kenneth Francis (PSID# 8584-1040)
- Padgett, James Bruce (PSID# 1237-9313)
- Perkins, Robert (PSID# 8725-3809)
- Robinson, Ethan Daniel (PSID# 5728-0150)
- Rohrbaugh, Eion Roeland (PSID# 3644-8293)
- Sheets, Crystal Janice (PSID# 7813-7911)
- Smith, Aaron Lee (PSID# 4226-0965)
- Tizzard, Kristy Ann (PSID# 6916-6174)
- Valentine, Clinton (PSID# 8807-7196)
- Van Kort, Peter Johannes (PSID# 3124-6048)
- Vigus, Randy Eugene (PSID# 2299-0689)
- Wilking, Kyle Mason (PSID# 8419-5359)
- Williams, Paul Burdette (PSID# 3510-6375)

In addition, P.O.S.T. reviewed and administratively approved 3 solo waiver requests based on the recently expired Governor's orders. Due to the recent expiration of the orders, the P.O.S.T. Commission has approved for solo waiver requests to be administratively approved until the virtual P.O.S.T. Transition School is completed.

- Moore, Ronnie Edward (PSID# 0886-5869)
- Perkins, Robert (PSID# 8725-3809)
- Robinson, Tavoran Demarrelle (PSID# 8838-1608)

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 2021 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.

Macon County Sheriff's Office – Request a six (6) month waiver for **Jason Ray Vinson (PSID# 6834-8078)**, hired November 15, 2021. In January of 2022, Mr. Vinson attended the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy, and again in April of 2022, but was unable to complete the training due to medical and academic issues. Mr. Vinson is currently re-enrolled at the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy as of July of 2022.

Motion to **Approve** by: **COMMISSIONER LOWELL RUSSELL**
Second **COMMISSIONER BUD HULSEY**
Remarks: **Motion to approve carried.**

Metro Nashville Airport Department of Public Safety– Request a six (6) month waiver for **Austin Matthew Hoffman (PSID# 3763-1323)**, hired March 28, 2022. Mr. Hoffman attended the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy in July of 2022 but was unable to complete the training due to academic issues. Mr. Hoffman is currently scheduled to reattend the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy October of 2022.

Motion to **Approve** by: **COMMISSIONER BUD HULSEY**
Second **COMMISSIONER BRIAN WRIGHT**
Remarks: **Motion to approve carried.**

WAIVERS OF EIGHT (8) MONTH RULE:

The following officer(s) are requesting a waiver of the eight-month rule. They will receive the 2021 Salary Supplement payment if they completed 2021 In-Service requirements.

NONE

WAIVER FOR MEDICAL – RULE 1110-09-.06

The following departments are requesting a waiver for medical reasons for the 2021 calendar year, so the departments will also remain in compliance. Officers did not complete in-service training and are not eligible for Salary Supplement:

NONE

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

The following departments are requesting a waiver for military service for the 2021 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 Waivers and corresponding supporting documents. All the reported documents appear to be in order and meet or exceed minimum standards set forth by the Peace Officers Standards and Training requirements.

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

P.O.S.T. Investigators have reviewed and approved 5 application(s) for Training Officer, and they appear to meet 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.

- Coppinger, Alyssa Jordyn (PSID# 0061-6926)

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

Second **COMMISSIONER LOWELL RUSSELL**

Remarks: **Motion to approve carried.**

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

P.O.S.T. Investigators have reviewed and approved 18 application(s) for Certified Instructor, and they appear to be in order and meet minimum standards, and they 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:**

- Blevins, Herman Kelly (PSID# 1206)
- Garren, Amanda Marie (PSID# 2485-0425)
- Moore, Wesley Adam (PSID# 2905-3895)

Motion to **Approve** by: **COMMISSIONER LOWELL RUSSELL**

Second **COMMISSIONER BRIAN WRIGHT**

Remarks: **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 90 in-service and specialized training classes this month that appear to be 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 LOWELL RUSSELL

Second COMMISSIONER BRIAN WRIGHT

Remarks: Motion to approve carried.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

Bethel Springs Police Department – Follow-up in-service waiver request for **Dameon LaMar Blue (PSID# 3914-9491)**, hired August 15, 2015. Mr. Blue was late submitting the required 2021 in-service training and requested by the Commission to return with evidence of completing the training. All training has been submitted as of August 4, 2022. The waiver will allow both the agency and the officer to remain in compliance with P.O.S.T. guidelines.

Appearing

Motion to **Approve** by: COMMISSIONER LOWELL RUSSELL

Second COMMISSIONER BUD HULSEY

Remarks: Salary supplement to be paid. Motion to approve carried.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Loudon County Sheriff's Office – Request the P.O.S.T. Commission's approval to forgo Basic Police School for **Patrick Brady Bowers (PSID# 3863-2753)**. Mr. Bowers' last date of full-time law enforcement service was March 30, 2015. Loudon County Sheriff's Office is requesting a waiver for Mr. Bowers to attend Transition School.

Appearing

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

Second COMMISSIONER TOM SPANGLER

Remarks: Commissioner Lowell Russell recused himself. After a roll call vote, the motion to approve carried.

U.T. Chattanooga Police Department – **Kenneth Eugene Lloyd (PSID# 2432-7490)** was hired on May 20, 2021; however, P.O.S.T. did not receive the required paperwork until July 14, 2022.

Appearing

Motion to **Approve** by: COMMISSIONER LOWELL RUSSELL

Second COMMISSIONER BUD HULSEY

Remarks: Motion to approve carried.