



**PEACE OFFICERS STANDARD AND TRAINING
COMMISSION COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2022
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I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

Second COMMISSIONER DON GREEN

Remarks: Request for Carter 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 AUGUST 19, 2022 COMMISSION MEETING:

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

Second COMMISSIONER BOBBY WAGGONER

Remarks: Motion to approve carried.

IV. DECERTIFICATION HEARING HELD THIS MONTH:

NONE

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

Hendersonville Police Department – Request a military discharge waiver for **Michael James Butler (PSID# 6984-1920)**, hired June 29, 2022. On November 23, 2018, Mr. Butler was discharged from the United States Coast Guard “Under Honorable Conditions” for failure of a drug test and wrongful use or possession of a controlled substance.

Appearing

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

Remarks: Motion to approve failed.

Motion to **Disapprove** by: COMMISSIONER WILLIM FORRESTER III

Second COMMISSIONER GARRY CARTER

Remarks: Upon discussion and after a roll call vote, the motion to disapprove failed.

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

Second COMMISSIONER BUD HULSEY

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

Remarks: Commissioner Chad Partin motioned for a final roll call vote. After the roll call vote, the motion to approve failed.

Union County Sheriff’s Office – Request a military discharge waiver for **Zachary Tyler Hughes (PSID# 5506-3419)**, with a hire date of August 29, 2022. On April 15, 2015, Mr. Hughes was discharged from the United States Army National Guard with a “General-Under Honorable Conditions” discharge for unsatisfactory participation.

Appearing

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

Second COMMISSIONER GARRY CARTER

Remarks: Commissioners Chad Partin and Bobby Waggoner recused themselves.

Upon discussion and after a roll call vote, the motion to disapprove failed.

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

Second COMMISSIONER WILLIAM FORRESTER III

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

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

East Ridge Police Department – Request a waiver to change academies for **Alan Nikolas Resendiz (PSID# 3440-4326)**, with a hire date of August 24, 2022. In June of 2021, Mr. Resendiz attended the Tennessee Highway Patrol Training Academy but did not complete the training due to voluntarily withdrawing. East Ridge Police Department is requesting the waiver so Mr. Resendiz may attend Walters State Law Enforcement Training Academy September of 2022.

Appearing

Motion to **Approve** by: **COMMISSIONER WILLIAM FORRESTER III**

Second **COMMISSIONER TOM SPANGLER**

Remarks: **Motion to approve carried.**

Union County Sheriff's Office – Request a waiver to change academies for **Caleb Spencer Rhodes (PSID# 6386-8995)**, with a hire date of August 1, 2022. In April of 2020, Mr. Rhodes attended the Knoxville Police Department Training Academy but was unable to complete the training due to being injured while attending. Union County Sheriff's Office is requesting the waiver so Mr. Rhodes may attend Walters State Law Enforcement Training Academy September of 2022.

Appearing

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

Second **COMMISSIONER BUD HULSEY**

Remarks: **Motion to approve carried.**

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

Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport Police– Request the P.O.S.T. Commission's approval to forgo Transition School for **Mark Christopher Yeargan (PSID# 35993)**, hired August 8, 2022. Mr. Yeargan's last date of full-time law enforcement service was February 26, 2019.

Appearing

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

Second **COMMISSIONER WILLIAM FORRESTER III**

Remarks: **Motion to disapprove carried.**

Livingston Police Department – Request the P.O.S.T. Commission’s approval to forgo Basic Police School for **Jennifer Kaye Pippin (PSID# 1604-4444)**, hired July 8, 2022. Ms. Pippin’s last date of full-time law enforcement service was February 18, 2015. Livingston Police Department is requesting a waiver for Ms. Pippin to attend Transition School.

Appearing

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

Second **COMMISSIONER BRENT CHERRY**

Remarks: **Motion to approve carried.**

P.O.S.T. reviewed and administratively approved **22** 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:

- Bernard, Russell James (PSID# 4704-1244)
- Burchfield, Joshua Cole (PSID# 2614-5661)
- Busi, Hirday Venu (PSID# 5305-0872)
- Coleman, J.B. Harlin (PSID# 32072)
- De La Cruz, Victor Art (PSID# 3643-7270)
- Himes, Phillip Matthew (PSID# 1639-0860)
- Jackson, Desi Lamar (PSID# 7330-0112)
- Jimenez, Danny (PSID# 3960-3266)
- Johnson, Matthew Hunter (PSID# 9211-1743)
- Jones, Robert Dustin (PSID# 0929-6183)
- Lowry, Kyle Robert (PSID# 9972-3632)
- Mellinger, Ashley Jane (PSID# 8735-0332)
- Mellinger, Lawrence Paul Jr. (PSID# 2166-9792)
- Navarro, Arnold Donato (PSID# 5910-3203)
- Rose, John Donald (PSID# 8188-9226)
- Scott, Timothy Craig (PSID# 6759-8688)
- Tallant, Charles Richard (PSID# 0530-3806)
- Taylor, Brian Howard (PSID# 0081-7937)
- Terry, Justin Lewis (PSID# 2828-4876)
- Tracy, James Patrick (PSID# 3511-7398)
- VanGessel, Phillip Anthon (PSID# 1261-5800)
- Velez, Aramis (PSID# 9632-2069)
- Weatherman, Amanda Marie (PSID# 5018-3590)

In addition, P.O.S.T. reviewed and administratively approved 2 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.

- Burchfield, Joshua Cole (PSID# 2614-5661)
- Himes, Phillip Matthew (PSID# 1639-0860)

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 TENNESSEE P.O.S.T. COMMISSION HAS RECEIVED AND REVIEWED 0 SIX-MONTH WAIVER(S) WHICH FALL UNDER THE PROVISIONS OUTLINED IN THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 15.30.

“The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 38-8-107 and 38-8-111, requiring completion of basic training and in-service credits are suspended to the extent necessary to give the Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission discretion to reasonably extend the deadline for meeting such requirements as necessary to respond to the effects of COVID-19.”

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

NONE

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 6 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.

NONE

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

Second **COMMISSIONER BRENT CHERRY**

Remarks: **Motion to approve carried.**

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

P.O.S.T. Investigators have reviewed and approved **17** 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:**

- Duke, Jeremy Wayne (PSID# 6234-6125)
- Nash, Jeremy Dewayne (PSID# 6891-2391)
- Ricker, Chad David (PSID# 9316)
- Rodriguez, Alexis Monique (PSID# 2938-7074)

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

Second **COMMISSIONER STEVE ISBELL**

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 **118** in-service and specialized training classes this month as they 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 STEVE ISBELL**

Second **COMMISSIONER BUD HULSEY**

Remarks: **Motion to approve carried.**

XII. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

XIII. NEW BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Carter County Sheriff's Office – Request the P.O.S.T. Commission's approval to forgo Transition School for **Jeffrey Thomas Gazzo (PSID# 5806-1633)**, hired September 1, 2022. Mr. Gazzo graduated from the Fulton County Public Safety Training Academy in April of 2007. Mr. Gazzo was employed with the Greene County Sheriff's Department as an Auxiliary Officer, Fulton County Police Department as a Corporal, East TN Regional Law Enforcement Academy as Training Coordinator and Director, and as of March of 2022, Central Piedmont Community College Basic Law Enforcement Training Program as Director.

Appearing

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

Second **COMMISSIONER WILLIAM FORRESTER III**

Remarks: **Mr. Gazzo to attend Transition School. Motion to approve carried.**

Grundy County Sheriff's Office – Report on the results of an audit conducted at the Grundy County Sheriff's Office.

Union County Sheriff's Office – Report on the spot audit of the training records of the Union County Sheriff's Office.