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POST MEETING MINUTES

June 5, 2025

A regular meeting of the Louisiana POST Council was held Thursday, June 5, 2025, at the West Baton Rouge Convention Center in Port Allen, LA. Sheriff Ard called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present (or represented): Sheriff Jason Ard (Chairman), Sheriff Becket Breaux, Col. Robert Hodges, Chief Keith Conley, Mr. Jim Craft (Vice-Chairman), Sheriff Sid Gautreaux, Chief Randal Hermes, Mr. Larry Frieman (proxy for Attorney General Liz Murrill), and Mr. Phillip Terrell (member and proxy for Mr. Chad Pitre).

Guests present: Officer Nicholas Vincent (Basilie Police Dept.), Capt. Darren Gros (St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office), Asst. Director Tadd Stout (LA Probation & Parole), Director Tod Ardoin (3rd Circuit Court of Appeals), Capt. Matt Gaydos (Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office), Josh Cathcart (Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office), Sgt. Fredrica Palmer (New Orleans Police Dept.), Sgt. Shelly Picard (St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office), Julie Theriot (St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Avery Leary (Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Troy Dickerson (Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office), Lt. Robert Wimberly (Kenner Police Dept.), Capt. William LeFevre (Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office), and Lt. Antonio Carter (East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office).

Staff members present: Rebekah Taylor Hill, Marshall Menou, Melissa James, and Shineisha Jackson.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Sheriff Ard made a call for public comment, and none was heard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Terrell made a motion to approve the minutes of the 03/20/2025 meeting. After some discussion, Sheriff Breaux seconded the motion and the motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

POST Homicide Investigator Training Waiver Request – Ratification

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the approved Homicide Investigator Training Waiver Request from the POST Homicide Investigators Training Committee. Sheriff Breaux made a motion to ratify the committee's approval. After some

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discussion, Chief Conley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Level 2 Academy Approval – Ratification

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the POST Level 2 Academy request from the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office Training Academy that was approved by Mr. Craft, Vice-Chairman. Mr. Terrell made a motion to ratify the approved request. After some discussion, Chief Conley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

No items on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

POST Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) Investigator Certification Requests – Committee Recommended Approvals

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the POST OIS Certification Requests as recommended for approval by the POST OIS Investigator Committee. Chief Conley made a motion to approve the recommended certification requests. After some discussion, Col. Hodges seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) Investigator Certification Requests – Committee Recommended Approvals Pending

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the POST OIS Certification Requests as recommended for approval pending by the POST OIS Investigator Committee. Mr. Terrell made a motion to approve the recommended certification requests. After some discussion, Col. Hodges seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Voluntary Surrender – Krista A. Shelton – Level 1

Ms. Taylor Hill presented Ms. Shelton's voluntary surrender of her POST Basic Peace Officer certification to the Council members. Sheriff Breaux made a motion to approve the voluntary surrender. After some discussion, Chief Conley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Revocation Hearing – Dwayne Michael Schexnider – Level 1

Ms. Taylor Hill informed the Council members of Mr. Schexnider's criminal conviction. Ms. Taylor Hill asked if Mr. Schexnider, or a representative, was present and no answer was heard. Sheriff Breaux made a motion to revoke Mr. Schexnider's POST Basic Peace Officer certification. After some discussion, Col. Hodges seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST In-Service Training - 2024 POST In-Service Training Deficiencies

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the list of training deficiencies to the Council members. The POST staff recommended a waiver for Nicholas Vincent (Basile Police Dept.), based on staffing changes at the agency. Chief Conley made a motion to approved the POST staff waiver request. After some discussion, Sheriff Breaux seconded the motion and the motion passed. The POST staff requested the Council remove deceased officer Douglas Simon (St. Martinville Police Dept.) from the deficiency list. Sheriff Breaux made a motion to approve the POST staff request. After some discussion, Chief Conley seconded the motion and the motion passed. Sheriff Gautreaux made a motion to revoke the POST certification(s) of all other officers on the 2024 deficiency list. After some discussion, Mr. Freiman seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST In-Service Training – 2024 POST In-Service Training Waiver Requests (Military)

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the recommendations of the POST Staff to approve all military waiver requests. Mr. Terrell made a motion to approve all military waiver requests. After some discussion, Col. Hodges seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST In-Service Training – 2024 POST In-Service Training Waiver Requests (Medical)

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the recommendations of the POST Staff to approve all medical waiver requests. Sheriff Gautreaux made a motion to approve all medical waiver requests. After some discussion, Chief Conley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST In-Service Training – 2024 POST In-Service Training Waiver Requests (Other)

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the recommendation of the POST Staff to approve the waiver requests for Joshua Ewing (Lake Charles Police Dept.), and Lacy Fields (Pineville Police Dept.). Sheriff Breaux made a motion to approve the waiver request. After some discussion, Col. Hodges seconded the motion and the motion passed. Mr. Terrell abstained from the vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

Sheriff Breaux made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Col. Hodges seconded the motion and the motion passed.