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POST MEETING MINUTES

September 26, 2024

A regular meeting of the Louisiana POST Council was held Thursday, September 26, 2024, 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), Mr. Chad Pitre, Mr. Phillip Terrell, and Constable Reggie Thomas (proxy for Constable Terrica Williams).

Guests present: Capt. Sam Brown (Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office), Lt. Patrick Knab (Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office), Lt. Mark Iannazzo (Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office), Lt. Patsy Netherland (Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office), Sgt. Josh Peppers (Alexandria Police Dept.), Deputy James Walker (Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office), Ms. Charlonda Cummings (New Orleans Harbor Police Dept.), Capt. Darren Gros (St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Cedric Turner (New Orleans Harbor Police Dept.), Josh Smith (LA Probation & Parole), Darla Green (LA Probation & Parole), Chief Bry Layrisson (Ponchatoula Police Dept.), Officer Jason Ledet (Welsh Police Dept.), Capt. Scott Wildey (Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Kevin Johnson (Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office), Lt. Joey Disler (Gretna Police Dept.), Capt. Ricky Bacle (Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Troy Dickerson (Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Sandra Contreras (New Orleans Police Dept.), Lt. Robert Wimberly (Kenner Police Dept.), and Lt. Antonio Carter (East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office).

Staff members present: Bob Wertz, Rebekah Taylor Hill, and Melissa James.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sheriff Breaux made a motion to approve the minutes of the 06/20/2024 meeting. After some discussion, Mr. Pitre seconded the motion and the motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

POST Homicide Investigator Training Courses – Ratification

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the approved POST Homicide Investigator Training Course approval from the POST Homicide Investigator Training Committee. Mr. Pitre made a motion to ratify the approved training course. After some discussion, Col. Hodges seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Basic Exam – Time Increase – Ratification

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the approved time increase for the POST Basic Exam from Sheriff Ard, POST Council Chairman, from 1.5 hours to 2.5 hours. Mr. Terrell made a motion to ratify the Chairman's approval of the time increase for the POST Basic Exam. After some discussion, Sheriff Breaux seconded the motion and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

No items on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

POST In-Service Training – 2023 POST In-Service Training Waiver Requests - Medical

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the list of medical waiver requests for 2023 POST In-Service training requirements to the Council members. Mr. Craft made a motion to approve the medical waiver requests. After some discussion, Sheriff Breaux seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Revocation Appeal Hearing – Preston Bennett (Level 1)

Ms. Taylor Hill asked if Mr. Bennett, or a representative, was present and no answer was heard. Sheriff Breaux made a motion to defer the revocation appeal hearing to allow Mr. Bennett to attend the next POST Council meeting. After some discussion, Chief Conley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Revocation Appeal Hearing – Jason Paul Ledet (Level 1)

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the revocation appeal request from Mr. Ledet and Chief Marcus Crochet (Welsh Police Dept.), and the POST staff recommendation for approval of the appeal request. Sheriff Breaux made a motion to approve the revocation appeal request and reinstate Mr. Ledet's POST certification. After some discussion, Chief Conley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Voluntary Surrender – Byron G. Sims (Level 1)

Ms. Taylor Hill informed the Council members of Mr. Sims' voluntary surrender of his POST Basic Peace Officer certification. Chief Conley made a motion to accept the voluntary surrender of Mr. Sims' POST Basic Peace Officer certification. After some discussion, Col. Hodges seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Voluntary Surrender – Bianca Monee Williams (Level 1)

Ms. Taylor Hill informed the Council members of Ms. Williams' voluntary surrender of her POST Basic Peace Officer certification. Mr. Pitre made a motion to accept the voluntary surrender of Ms. Williams' POST Basic Peace Officer certification. After some discussion, Chief Conley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Reinstatement – Hugo Asher Holland (PT/R Grandfatherhood)

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the POST staff recommendation for reinstatement, based on the submission of Mr. Holland's 2023 POST In-Service Training hours. Chief Conley made a motion to approve the reinstatement of Mr. Holland's PT/R Grandfatherhood. After some discussion, Sheriff Breaux seconded the motion and the motion passed. Mr. Terrell abstained from voting on the motion.

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

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the list of certification requests recommended for approval by the OIS Investigator Training Committee. Mr. Pitre made a motion to approve the certification requests as recommended. After some discussion, Chief Conley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Firearms Instructor Policy Update

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the updates to the POST Firearms Instructor Policy, as recommended by the POST Firearms Curriculum Committee. Chief Conley made a motion to approve the updated policy as recommended. After some discussion, Col. Hodges seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Firearms Curriculum Committee – POST Firearms Instructor School Candidate Waiver Request

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the POST Firearms Curriculum Committee's recommendation for approval of the POST Firearms Instructor School Candidate Waiver Request for Trooper Austin Douglas (LA State Police) to attend the 2025 POST Firearms Instructor School without being required to repeat the POST Firearms Instructor Qualification Day. Mr. Terrell made a motion to approve the request as recommended. After some discussion, Sheriff Breaux seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Firearms Curriculum Committee – POST Firearms Instructor Qualification Day Policy Update

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the updated policy recommended for approval by the POST Firearms Curriculum Committee. Mr. Pitre made a motion to approve the policy update as recommended. After some discussion, Sheriff Breaux seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Firearms Curriculum Committee – POST Qualification Day Courses of Fire – Bullseye Course Revision

Lt. Knab presented the changes to the Bullseye Course of fire for the POST Qualification Day recommended for approval by the POST Firearm Curriculum Committee. Sheriff Breaux made a motion to approve the recommended changes. After some discussion, Mr. Pitre seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Firearms Curriculum Committee – POST Shotgun & Patrol Rifle Qualification Courses - Updates

Lt. Knab presented the changes to the POST Shotgun & Patrol Rifle Qualification Courses recommended for approval by the POST Firearm Curriculum Committee. Sheriff Breaux made a motion to approve the recommended changes. After some discussion, Mr. Pitre seconded the motion and the motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chief Conley made a motion to amend the meeting's agenda, in order for the Council to hear additional requests. After some discussion, Col. Hodges seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Ms. Taylor Hill presented a request for waiver of POST Administrative Rule from Chief Bry Layrisson (Ponchatoula Police Dept.) Chief Layrisson requested that Noah Johnson be eligible for the out-of-state transfer course without meeting the out-of-state transfer minimum required hours. Sheriff Ard made a motion to table the request for further review. After some discussion, Mr. Terrell seconded the motion and the motion failed (2 yes, 4 no). Sheriff Breaux made a motion to deny the request. After some discussion, Col. Hodges seconded the motion and the motion passed (4 yes, 2 no).

Ms. Taylor Hill presented an Officer Involved Shooting Investigator Certification request, recommended for approval by the OIS Investigator Training Committee, for David Sibley (Lafayette Police Dept.). Chief Conley made a motion to approve the certification request, as recommended. After some discussion, Constable Thomas seconded the motion and the motion passed.

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

Mr. Pitre made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Terrell seconded the motion and the motion passed.