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POST MEETING MINUTES

December 5, 2024

A regular meeting of the Louisiana POST Council was held Thursday, December 5, 2024, at the West Baton Rouge Convention Center in Port Allen, LA. Mr. Craft called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present (or represented): Lt. Patrick Knab (proxy for Sheriff Jason Ard, Chairman), Sheriff Becket Breaux, Col. Robert Hodges, Chief Keith Conley, Mr. Jim Craft (Vice-Chairman), and Mr. Larry Frieman (proxy for Attorney General Liz Murrill & Mr. Chad Pitre).

Guests present: Capt. Darren Gros (St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office), Lt. Patsy Netherland (Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office), Lt. James Walker (Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. William LeFevre (Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office), Lt. Josh Smith (Probation & Parole), Lt. Darla Green (Probation & Parole), Major Tadd Stout (Probation & Parole), Lt. Scott Wildey (Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office), Sgt. Mark Iannazzo (Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office), Lt. Kory Borcharding (LA State Police), Capt. Kevin Johnson (Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office), Tod Ardoine (3rd Circuit Court of Appeals), Capt. Craig Aucoin (Slidell Police Dept.), Lt. Robert Wimberly (Kenner Police Dept.), Major Monty Migliazio (Iberville Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Sandra Contreras (New Orleans Police Dept.), Capt. Avery Leary (Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office), Deputy Jeremy Haas (Webster Parish Sheriff's Office), 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 09/26/2024 meeting. After some discussion, Chief Conley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

No items on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

POST Revocation Appeal Hearing – Preston Bennett – Level 1

Ms. Taylor Hill asked if Mr. Bennett, or a representative was present, and Mr. Bennett was recognized by Mr. Craft to present his appeal to the Council members. Mr. Bennett stated that he was not allowed access to training by his previous employing agency and received no contact from POST. Ms. Taylor Hill presented all POST communications with Mr. Bennett and his previous employing agency, and the POST Staff recommendation to deny the appeal. Sheriff Breaux made a motion to allow Mr. Bennett to be "reinstated only if the Refresher is successfully completed". After some discussion, Chief Conley clarified Sheriff Breaux's motion as a motion to deny the appeal, seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

POST Certification Voluntary Surrender – Precilla A. Adams – Level 1

Ms. Taylor Hill presented Ms. Adams' 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, Col. Hodges seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Voluntary Surrender – Christina Arceneaux Farmer – Level 1

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

POST Certification Voluntary Surrender – Trevor Dylan Hamilton – Level 2

Ms. Taylor Hill presented Mr. Hamilton's voluntary surrender of his POST Basic Correctional Peace Officer certification to the Council members. Col. Hodges made a motion to approve the voluntary surrender. After some discussion, Mr. Freiman seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Voluntary Surrender – Joshua Kent Manuel – Level 2

Ms. Taylor Hill presented Mr. Manuel's voluntary surrender of his POST Basic Correctional Peace Officer certification to the Council members. Sheriff Breaux made a motion to approve the voluntary surrender. After some discussion, Col. Hodges seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Voluntary Surrender – Makesha Anjeanette Southern - Level 1

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

POST Certification Revocation Hearing – Michael Roscoe Williams – Level 3

Ms. Taylor Hill informed the Council members of Mr. Williams' criminal conviction. Ms. Taylor Hill asked if Mr. Williams, or a representative, was present and no answer was heard. Sheriff Breaux made a motion to revoke Mr. Williams' POST Correctional Officer certification. After some discussion, Chief Conley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Administrative Rule – Proposed Changes – Out-of-State Transfers

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the proposed changes to the POST Administrative Rule concerning "Out-of-State Transfers". Sheriff Breaux made a motion to approve the proposed changes. After some discussion, Col. Hodges seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Administrative Rule – Proposed Changes – Revocation of Certification

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the proposed changes to the POST Administrative Rule concerning "Revocation of Certification". Col. Hodges made a motion to approve the proposed changes. After some discussion, Chief Conley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Reciprocity for Military Police Training – Col. Robert Hodges, LA State Police

Col. Hodges presented the request to allow former Military Police personnel who are hired by Louisiana law enforcement agencies only be required to complete the POST Basic Refresher in order to be Louisiana POST certified. Chief Craft presented Sheriff Jason Ard's (POST Council Chairman) recommendation to table the request and appoint a committee to review for recommendation at the March 2025 POST Council meeting. Sheriff Breaux made a motion to table the request, per Sheriff Ard's recommendation. After some discussion, Chief Conley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST School Resource Officer (SRO) Training – Basic and Advanced SRO Policy Updates

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the updated POST Basic and Advanced SRO Policies. Sheriff Breaux made a motion to approve the updated policies. After some discussion, Mr. Freiman seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Minutes**12/05/2024 Meeting****Page 4**POST Basic Peace Officer Curriculum – Request from POST Staff for Online Delivery

Ms. Taylor Hill requested the Council members approval to offer select topics from the POST Basic Peace Officer curriculum to the POST Academies in an online delivery format (training modules). Col. Hodges made a motion to approve the staff's request. After some discussion, Chief Conley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Academy Facility Approval – St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office – New Academy Facility

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the staff's inspection of the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office New Academy Facility, and recommended its approval. Mr. Freiman made a motion to approve the new academy facility. After some discussion, Sheriff Breaux seconded the motion and the motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chief Craft made a call for other business, and none was heard.

Lt. Knab made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Col. Hodges seconded the motion and the motion passed.