

## **POST MEETING MINUTES**

June 23, 2022

A regular meeting of the Louisiana POST Council was held Thursday, June 23, 2022, at the Baton Rouge Marriott, Baton Rouge, LA. Sheriff Ard called the meeting to order.

### **ROLL CALL**

The following members were present (or represented): Sheriff Jason Ard (Chairman), Chief Barry Bonner, Mr. Reginald Brown, Mr. Jim Craft (Vice-Chairman), Mr. Stephen Dwight (member and proxy for Ms. Bridget Dinvaut), Chief Hal Hutchinson, Mr. Jeff Bergeron (proxy for Attorney General Jeff Landry and Chief Bry Layrisson), Sheriff Willy Martin, Capt. Patrick Jackson (proxy for Col. Lamar Davis), and Sheriff Brett Stassi.

Guests present: Mr. Michael Ranatza (LA Sheriffs' Association), Sgt. Mark Iannazzo (Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Kevin Johnson (Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office), Major Robert Donnelly (Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office), Sgt. Christina Dabney (Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Bruce Haney (New Orleans Police Dept.), Lt. Scott Wildey (Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Pauline Carter (East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office), Lt. Cedric Turner (New Orleans Harbor Police Dept.), Lt. Gerald Butler (Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office), Trooper J. M. Drago, Jr. (LA State Police), Sgt. Scott Davis (LA State Police), and Lt. Alan Arcana (LA State Police).

Staff members present: Rebekah Taylor Hill, Briana Blanchard, and Scott Murrell.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Sheriff Martin made a motion to approve the minutes of the 03/31/2022 meeting. After some discussion, Chief Bonner seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### POST Homicide Investigator Training Waiver Request – Ratification

Chief Bonner made a motion to ratify the approval decision of the POST Homicide Investigator Training Committee. After some discussion, Sheriff Stassi seconded the motion and the motion passed.

#### POST Homicide Investigator Training Course Approval – Ratification

Mr. Bergeron made a motion to ratify the approval decision of the POST Homicide Investigator Training Committee. After some discussion, Sheriff Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed.

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POST School Resource Officer Requirement Waiver Request – Ratification – Deputy Burton Lane Burns (DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office)

Sheriff Martin made a motion to ratify the approval decision of Sheriff Ard, POST Council Chairman. After some discussion, Mr. Bergeron seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

POST Related Legislation – Update

Ms. Taylor Hill presented an update to all POST related legislation being considered in the current legislative session. No action necessary.

**NEW BUSINESS**

2021 POST In-Service Training Deficiencies

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the list of training deficiencies to the Council members. Chief Hutchinson made a motion to revoke the POST certification(s) of all officers on the 2021 deficiency list. After some discussion, Mr. Brown seconded the motion and the motion passed.

2021 POST In-Service Training Waiver Requests – Medical

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the recommendations of the POST In-Service Training Waiver Committee to the Council members. Sheriff Stassi made a motion to deny the waiver requests for Jasmine McCraney (Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office) and Michael Hamilton (New Orleans Police Department, based on the committee recommendation. After some discussion, Sheriff Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve all other waiver requests on the list, based on the committee recommendation. After some discussion, Chief Bonner seconded the motion and the motion passed.

2021 POST In-Service Training Waiver Requests – Military

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the recommendation of the POST In-Service Training Waiver Committee to approve all military waiver requests. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve all military waiver requests, based on the committee recommendation. After some discussion, Chief Bonner seconded the motion and the motion passed.

2021 POST In-Service Training Waiver Requests – Other

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the recommendation of the POST In-Service Training Waiver Committee to approve all other waiver requests. Sheriff Martin made a motion to approve all other waiver requests, based on the committee recommendation. After some discussion, Mr. Dwight seconded the motion and the motion passed.

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### POST Certification – Voluntary Surrender – Claudia Fincher (Level 1)

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the voluntary surrender of POST certification of Ms. Claudia Fincher to the Council members. Mr. Brown made a motion to accept the voluntary surrender. After some discussion, Sheriff Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### POST Revocation Hearing Request – Nicholas Jirovec (Level 1)

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the revocation hearing request for Nicholas Jirovec from LA Probation & Parole. Sheriff Martin made a motion to approve the request for a revocation hearing. After some discussion, Capt. Jackson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### POST Out-of-State Transfer Waiver Request – Scott Kendall Frye – Mississippi (LA Probation & Parole)

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the waiver request for Scott Kendall Frye to the Council members. Sheriff Martin made a motion to deny the request, based on POST Council precedence. After some discussion, Sheriff Stassi seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### POST School Resource Officer Requirement Waiver Request – Deputy Alex Hitchen (East Feliciana Parish Sheriff's Office)

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the waiver request to the Council members. Chief Bonner made a motion to approve the request. After some discussion, Mr. Brown seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### POST Academy Facility Approval – New Orleans Police Dept. Municipal Training Academy Firing Range

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the completed POST Staff inspection of the firing range and the recommendation for approval. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the facility for academy usage. After some discussion, Chief Bonner seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### POST Basic Refresher Course Policy Consideration Request – LA Sheriff's Association

Sheriff Ard presented a request to the Council members with a recommendation to waive the following POST Basic Refresher Course policies/rules from 07/01/2022 – 06/30/2023 (one fiscal year): 1. POST Basic Refresher students must be enrolled in a full POST Basic Course and 2. POST Basic Refresher students are not allowed a "re-test" on the POST Basic Exam. Mr. Brown made a motion to waive policies/rules for the 2022/2023 fiscal year, per the recommendation of Sheriff Ard, POST Council Chairman. After some discussion, Sheriff Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed.

## **CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Sheriff Martin asked the POST Staff if online training was available for POST In-Service Training requirements and/or POST Academy requirements. Ms. Taylor Hill informed the Council members that the POST Learning Management System (LMS) is available for POST In-Service Training requirements, currently approximately 40 online courses. Chief Craft informed the Council members that the POST Basic curriculum is currently under review by the LA Academy Directors' Association to identify any areas of training that may be suitable for online delivery.

Sheriff Martin requested Sheriff Ard, POST Council Chairman, to appoint a committee of Council members and POST Academy Directors to discuss removing the firearms requirement from the POST Basic Correctional Peace Officer (Level 2) curriculum and researching the possibility of regional offerings of the same certification course. Sheriff Ard appointed himself, Sheriff Martin, Sheriff Stassi, and 3 POST Academy Directors (to be chosen by the President of the LA Academy Directors' Association). Sheriff Ard directed this committee to meet and report back at the first Council meeting after their committee meeting.

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

Sheriff Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Brown seconded the motion and the motion passed.