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POST MEETING MINUTES

December 7, 2023

A regular meeting of the Louisiana POST Council was held Thursday, December 7, 2023, 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 and proxy for Chief Bry Layrisson), Mr. Jim Craft (Vice-Chairman), Mr. Jeff Bergeron (proxy for Attorney General Jeff Landry), Sheriff Willy Martin, Capt. Patrick Jackson (proxy for Col. Lamar Davis), and Sheriff Brett Stassi.

Guests present: Sgt. Mark Iannazzo (Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office), Lt. Scott Wildey (Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office), Joel Callahan (LA Probation & Parole), Lt. Patrick Knab (Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office), Joe Elfer (Gretna Police Dept.), Capt. Richard Corbett (Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Jeremy Church (St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Hayden Brown (Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office), Sgt. Scott Davis (LA State Police), Capt. Pauline Carter (East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Ricky Bacle (Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office), Jordan Garrett (LA State Police), Capt. Sam Brown (Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office), Karen Matthews (Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office), Hagan Goutierrez (Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. John Scott (Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office), and Jeremy Morrow.

Staff members present: Bob Wertz, Rebekah Taylor Hill, and Marshall Menou.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sheriff Martin made a motion to approve the minutes of the 09/28/2023 meeting. After some discussion, Sheriff Stassi seconded the motion and the motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

POST Homicide Investigator Training Waiver Requests – Ratification

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the approved POST Homicide Investigator Training Waiver Requests from the POST

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Homicide Investigator Training Committee. Sheriff Stassi made a motion to ratify the approved requests. After some discussion, Sheriff Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

No items on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

POST Certification Revocation Hearing – Brandon Licciardi (Level 1)

Ms. Taylor Hill informed the Council members of Mr. Licciardi's numerous felony convictions in both Federal and State courts. Ms. Taylor Hill asked if Mr. Licciardi, or a representative, was present and no answer was heard. Sheriff Martin made a motion to revoke Mr. Licciardi's POST Basic Peace Officer certification. After some discussion, Sheriff Stassi seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Revocation Hearing – Haywood Paul Miguez (Level 1)

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

POST Certification Revocation Hearing – Jeremy Lance Morrow (Level 1)

Ms. Taylor Hill informed the Council members of Mr. Morrow's felony conviction. Ms. Taylor Hill asked if Mr. Morrow, or a representative, was present. Mr. Morrow was present and requested to be heard. Mr. Morrow presented his information, including a copy of the incident report, a copy of the internal affairs investigation report, and a copy of the "Use of Force" report. Ms. Taylor Hill informed the Council members that Mr. Morrow's felony conviction was upheld by the LA Court of Appeals. Sheriff Ard made a motion to revoke Mr. Morrow's POST Basic Peace Officer certification based on the court decisions. After some discussion, Sheriff Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Revocation Hearing – Kevin Rickmon (Level 1)

Ms. Taylor Hill informed the Council members of Mr. Rickmon's numerous felony convictions. Mr. Taylor Hill asked if Mr. Rickmon, or a representative, was present and no answer was heard. Sheriff Stassi made a motion to revoke Mr. Rickmon's POST Basic Peace Officer certification. After some discussion, Sheriff Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Revocation Hearing – Tyler James Vargas (Level 1)

Ms. Taylor Hill informed the Council members of Mr. Vargas' misdemeanor convictions. Ms. Taylor Hill asked if Mr.

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Vargas, or a representative, was present and no answer was heard. Sheriff Stassi made a motion to revoke Mr. Vargas's POST Basic Peace Officer certification. After some discussion, Capt. Jackson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) Investigator Certification - OIS Investigator Training Waiver Requests - Approvals

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the list of waiver requests recommended for approval by the OIS Investigator Training Committee. Sheriff Martin made a motion to approve the waiver requests as recommended. After some discussion, Sheriff Stassi seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) Investigator Certification - OIS Investigator Training Waiver Requests – Approvals Pending

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the list of waiver requests recommended for “approval pending” by the OIS Investigator Training Committee. Sheriff Martin made a motion for the POST Staff to approve these waiver requests when the required training is completed and submitted to POST. After some discussion, Mr. Bergeron seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) Investigator Certification - OIS Investigator Training Waiver Requests - Denials

Ms. Taylor Hill then presented the list of waiver requests recommended for denial by the OIS Investigator Training Committee. Sheriff Stassi made a motion to deny the waiver requests as recommended. After some discussion, Sheriff Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) Investigator Continuing Education Annual Reporting Form

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the OIS Investigator Continuing Education Annual Reporting Form recommended for approval by the OIS Investigator Training Committee. Sheriff Martin made a motion to approve the form. After some discussion, Sheriff Stassi seconded the motion and the motion passed.

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

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the POST Academy Facility inspection of the St. Mary Parish's Office Training Academy new academy facility, as recommended for approval by the POST Staff. Sheriff Martin made a motion to approve the new academy facility for use by the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office Training Academy. After some discussion, Sheriff Stassi seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Curriculum Updates – POST Basic Peace Officer (Level 1) Updates

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the POST Basic Peace Officer (Level 1) curriculum updates, as recommended for approval by the POST Master Instructors. Sheriff Martin made a motion to approve the POST Basic Peace Officer (Level 1) curriculum updates with an effective date of 03/01/2024 for any academy sessions beginning after the effective date.

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After some discussion, Sheriff Stassi seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Curriculum Updates – POST Correctional Officer (Level 3) Updates

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the POST Correctional Officer (Level 3) curriculum updates, as recommended for approval by the POST Master Instructors. Mr. Bergeron made a motion to approve the POST Correctional Officer (Level 3) curriculum updates with an effective date of 03/01/2024 for any training courses beginning after the effective date. After some discussion, Sheriff Stassi seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Curriculum Updates – POST Basic Exam – Implementation Date

Ms. Taylor Hill requested the updated POST Basic Exam implementation date of 03/01/2024 for any academy session beginning after the implementation date. Sheriff Martin made a motion to approve the request. After some discussion, Mr. Bergeron seconded the motion and the motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the POST Master Instructor Policy, as recommended for approval by the POST Staff and POST Master Instructors. Sheriff Martin made a motion to approve the policy as recommended. After some discussion, Sheriff Stassi seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Ms. Taylor Hill joined the Council members in thanking all POST Master Instructors for their work on the POST curriculum updates.

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

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