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POST MEETING MINUTES

March 19, 2026

A regular meeting of the Louisiana POST Council was held Thursday, March 19, 2026, 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 Beckett Breaux, Mr. Sal Lejarza (proxy for Chief Keith Conley), Mr. Jim Craft (Vice-Chairman), Sheriff Sid Gautreaux, Chief Randal Hermes, Col. Robert Hodges, Chief Vance Olivier, and Chief Deputy Steve Pezant (proxy for Constable Terrica Williams).

Guests present: Capt. Josh Cathcart (Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office), Sgt. Fredrica Palmer (New Orleans Police Dept.), Lt. Omar Garcia (New Orleans Police Dept.), Lt. Donald Herrmann (Kenner Police Dept.), Chief Tod Ardoin (3rd Circuit Court Security), Capt. Troy Dickerson (Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office), Lt. Joey Disler (Gretna Police Dept.), Capt. Avery Leary (Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office), Sgt. Bradley Peck (Slidell Police Dept.), Capt. Jeremy Church (St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. William LeFever (Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Merlin Bush (New Orleans Police Dept.), and Major Silas Phipps, Jr. (Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office).

Staff members present: Rebekah Taylor Hill, Marshall Menou, Shineisha Jackson, and Grant Arbour.

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 12/04/2025 meeting. After some discussion, Col. Hodges seconded the motion and the motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

POST Basic Academy Attendance Policy Waiver – Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office Training Academy – Approved by Vice-Chairman – Ratification

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the POST Basic Academy attendance policy waiver that was approved by Mr. Craft, Vice-Chairman, for ratification by the Council. Sheriff Breaux made a motion to ratify the approved waiver. After some

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discussion, Chief Deputy Pezant 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 Deputy Pezant 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 – David William Benada – Level 1

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

POST Certification Voluntary Surrender – Placide J. Boudreaux – Level 1

Ms. Taylor Hill presented Ms. Boudreaux'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 Deputy Pezant seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Voluntary Surrender – Lee Ann Calais – Level 1

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

POST Certification Voluntary Surrender – Julie Theriot – Level 1

Ms. Taylor Hill presented Ms. Theriot'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, Chief Hermes seconded the motion and the motion passed. Sheriff Breaux abstained.

POST Certification Revocation Hearing – Aston Ramy Blount – Level 1

Ms. Taylor Hill informed the Council members of Mr. Blount's criminal conviction. Ms. Taylor Hill asked if Mr. Blount, or a representative, was present and no answer was heard. Sheriff Breaux made a motion to revoke Mr. Blount's POST

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Basic Peace Officer certification. After some discussion, Chief Deputy Pezant seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Revocation Appeal Hearing – Terry Dewitt Bradshaw – Level 1

Ms. Taylor Hill asked if Mr. Bradshaw, or a representative was present and no answer was heard. Sheriff Breaux made a motion to deny the appeal of Mr. Bradshaw's POST Basic Peace Officer certification revocation. After some discussion, Chief Deputy Pezant seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Reinstatements – Dorian Peter Alexander (Level 2), Martin Blossom, Sr. (Level 1), Wilbert Charles (Level 1 and 2), Earl Fox, III (Level 1 and 2), James Gathright (Level 2), Melvin James Joseph, Sr. (Level 1), Dwayne Jones (Level 1), Lester Matthews (Level 1), Danita Redd (Level 2), Patrice Lewis Ross (Level 1 and 2), and Mark David Schuelke (Level 2)

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the POST staff recommendation to approve all POST certification reinstatement requests from the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office, based on submission of their 2024 POST In-Service Training hours. Sheriff Breaux made a motion to approve the reinstatement requests in globo. After some discussion, Chief Deputy Pezant seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Request for POST Certification Reinstatement & In-Service Training Waiver – Deputy Alvin White, Jr. (Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office)

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the request from Sheriff Susan Hutson to reinstate Mr. White's POST certification and waive his 2024 POST In-Service Training requirements, based on a pending criminal matter that prohibits Mr. White from possessing a firearm. Sheriff Breaux made a motion to deny the requests. After some discussion, Col. Hodges seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Revocation Hearing Request – Charles Edward Brown, Jr. – Level 1

Ms. Taylor Hill informed the Council members of the request from Chief Carl Dunn (Baker Police Dept.) to consider revocation of Mr. Brown's POST certification. Chief Deputy Pezant made a motion to consider revocation of Mr. Brown's POST certification by revocation hearing at a future POST Council meeting. After some discussion, Sheriff Breaux seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Council Policy – Use of Force Mandatory Reporting – per LA R.S. 40:2554

Ms. Taylor Hill presented a draft of the Use of Force Mandatory Reporting policy required by LA R.S. 40:2554. Col. Hodges made a motion to approve the proposed policy and authorize the POST Staff to disseminate the approved policy to all Louisiana law enforcement agencies. After some discussion, Sheriff Gautreaux seconded the motion and the motion passed.

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POST Auxiliary Officer Training – POST Basic Instructor Policy Update – Auxiliary Officer Training Policy

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the updated to the POST Basic Instructor Policy. Chief Deputy Pezant made a motion to approve the updated POST Basic Instructor Policy to include the Auxiliary Officer Training Policy. After some discussion, Sheriff Breaux seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Auxiliary Officer Training – Auxiliary Officer Training Form (PC-AUX)

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the Auxiliary Officer Training Form (PC-AUX) to the Council members. Col. Hodges made a motion to approve the form. After some discussion, Chief Deputy Pezant seconded the motion and the motion passed.

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

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the POST staff recommendation for approval of the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office Training Academy's new building. Chief Deputy Pezant made a motion to approve the new building. After some discussion, Col. Hodges seconded the motion and the motion passed. Sheriff Breaux abstained.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

Sheriff Breaux made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chief Hermes seconded the motion and the motion passed.