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SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 25, 2023
10:00 a.m.

A meeting of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Training Council (LETC) was held at the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy on Wednesday, January 25, 2023. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

CALL TO ORDER

Agenda Item 1

Sheriff Lee Foster, Co-Chair of the Law Enforcement Training Council, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Sheriff Foster called for a roll call of the Council members. The roll was called by Scheri Eichelberger.

Members present for this meeting in-person were Chief Keel, State Law Enforcement Division (SLED); Sheriff Lee Foster (Co-Chair), Newberry County Sheriff's Office; Director Bryan Stirling, S.C. Department of Corrections; Director Robert Woods, S.C. Department of Public Safety; Director Robert Boyles, S.C. Department of Natural Resources; Sheriff Barry Faile, Lancaster County Sheriff's Office; and Chief Kevin Cornett, Isle of Palms Police Department.

Members present via video/conference call were Attorney General Alan Wilson; Director Jerry Adger, S.C. Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services; and Director John Thomas, North Augusta Department of Public Safety.

Captain Nick Gallam, Aiken County Detention Center, was absent from this meeting.

Guest attendees via video/conference call were Jarrod Bruder, S.C. Sheriffs Association; Mark Gosnell, S.C. Troopers Association; JJ Jones, S.C. Law Enforcement Officers Association/S.C. Police Chiefs Association; Deputy Chief Jim Stewart, Richland County Sheriff's Department; Joanna McDuffie, Esquire, Richland County Sheriff's Department; Marcus Gore, Esquire, S.C. Department of Public Safety; Cathy Sprawls, S. C. Department of Public Safety; John O'Leary, Esquire; Captain Moye, Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center; Lieutenant Waters, Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center; Jeffrey Boone; Chief Julius Riley, Cheraw Police Department; Andrew McCloud, Esquire; Douglas Barfield, Esquire; Heather Clary; Major Cody Bishop, Greenwood County Detention Center; Russell Jackson; Ryan Hicks, Esquire; and Joel Deason, Esquire.

SC Criminal Justice Academy attendees were Director Jackie Swindler; Scheri Eichelberger, Executive Assistant; James Fennell, General Counsel; Lauren Fennell, Accreditation and Standards Manager; Florence McCants, Administrative Manager; John Yarborough, Facilities



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Operation Manager; Lauren Wright, Finance Manager; Justin Miller, IT Manager; Christopher Brumlow, Investigator; and Vincent Lee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Sheriff Faile. Director Woods seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as presented.

When it was established that the agenda would need to be adjusted, Sheriff Faile made a motion to adjust the agenda. Director Stirling seconded the motion. Council voted to adjust the items on the agenda as needed.

APPROVAL FOR MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2022, meeting was made by Director Boyles and seconded by Director Stirling. Council voted unanimously to accept the meeting minutes as recorded.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. General Counsel Report

- Misconduct Cases

Ha'Leila Salmond: 2022-CJA-01-11 (Alvin S. Glenn Det. Cntr.) –

Summary: Allegation of willfully making false, misleading, incomplete, deceitful, or incorrect statements to a law enforcement officer, a law enforcement agency, or a representative of the agency, except when required by departmental policy or by the laws of this State. **Request for Final Agency Decision.**

Hearing Officer Recommended that Council:

- Order that the contested case file in this matter be closed; and
- Order, pursuant to the requirements of S.C. Code Ann. § 23-23-150 (M), that the "Personnel Change in Status Report: Notification of Separation Due to Misconduct" filed by the Department in this matter be expunged, and certification be reinstated.

Captain Moye and Lieutenant Waters of the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center attended this meeting to represent the agency and answer questions from Council, if applicable.



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After hearing from the agency regarding why their department did not appear at the misconduct hearing to prosecute the allegation against Ms. Salmond, Director Boyles made a motion to adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Officer. Sheriff Faile seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and granted Ms. Salmond eligibility for law enforcement certification.

Darius Davis: 2020-CJA-10-20 (Andrews Police Department) –

Summary: Allegation(s) of misrepresentation of employment-related information; and willfully making false, misleading, incomplete, deceitful, or incorrect statements to a law enforcement officer, a law enforcement agency, or a representative of the agency, except when required by departmental policy or by the laws of this State. **Request for Final Agency Decision.**

Hearing Officer recommended that Council:

- A. Order that the contested case file in this matter be closed;
- B. Order, pursuant to the requirements of S.C. Code Ann. § 23-23-150 (M), that all records maintained by South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy regarding the misconduct allegation reported against the Officer in the present matter be expunged within thirty (30) days of the date of the approval of this recommendation by the Council; and
- C. Approve, pursuant to its authority set forth at S.C. Code Ann. § 23-23-150 (G) (1), the Officer's eligibility for certification as a law enforcement officer in the State of South Carolina.

Director Boyles made a motion to adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Officer. Chief Cornett seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and granted Mr. Davis eligibility for law enforcement certification.

Jeffrey Boone: 2022-CJA-07-02 (Cheraw Police Department) –

Summary: Allegation of willfully making false, misleading, incomplete, deceitful, or incorrect statements to a law enforcement officer, a law enforcement agency, or a representative of the agency, except when required by departmental policy or by the laws of this State. **Request for Final Agency Decision.**

Hearing Officer recommended that Council:

- A. Issue its final agency decision, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 37-107 D., finding that an allegation of misconduct reported against Jeffery Boone by the Cheraw Police Department has been proven by the preponderance of evidence; and



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- B. Impose such sanction as the Council in its discretion deems appropriate pursuant to the authority set forth at S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 37-108 A.

Mr. Boone attended this meeting to speak on his own behalf and answer questions from Council, if applicable.

Attorney John O'Leary attended this meeting to represent Mr. Boone and answer questions from Council, if applicable.

Chief Julius Riley of the Cheraw Police Department attended this meeting to answer questions from Council, if applicable.

Attorney Andrew McCloud attended this meeting to represent the Cheraw Police Department and answer questions from Council, if applicable.

There was a discussion regarding the timeframe in which the Personnel Change in Status of Separation Due to Misconduct was submitted.

Upon conclusion of discussion, Director Boyles made a motion to accept the PCS of Separation due to extenuating circumstances. Sheriff Faile seconded the motion. With a vote of 6 (Yes) to 3 (No), Council voted to accept the PCS of Separation Due to Misconduct.

After hearing more statements from the parties, Director Boyles made a motion to adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Officer. Director Stirling seconded the motion. With a vote of 7 (No) to 2 (Yes), the motion failed and Council granted Mr. Boone eligibility for law enforcement certification. *Please note that Chief Keel abstained from the voting process in this case.*

Jeremiah Sadler: 2022-CJA-07-13 (Lancaster County Sheriff's Office) –

Summary: Allegation of willfully making false, misleading, incomplete, deceitful, or incorrect statements to a law enforcement officer, a law enforcement agency, or a representative of the agency, except when required by departmental policy or by the laws of this State. **Request for Final Agency Decision.**

Hearing Officer Recommended that Council:

- A. Issue its final agency decision, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 37-107 D., finding that the allegation of misconduct filed against Jeremiah Sadler by the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office has been proven by preponderance of evidence; and
- B. Impose such sanction as the Council in its discretion deems appropriate pursuant to its authority set forth at S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 37-108 A.



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Attorney Douglas Barfield attended this meeting to represent the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office and answer questions from Council, if applicable.

After hearing from Mr. Barfield, Director Woods made a motion to adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and to permanently deny Mr. Sadler eligibility for law enforcement certification. Director Stirling seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and permanently denied Mr. Sadler eligibility for law enforcement certification. *Please note that Sheriff Faile recused himself from the voting process in this case.*

Heather Clary: 2022-CJA-08-07 (Greenwood County Sheriff's Office) –

Summary: Allegation of willfully making false, misleading, incomplete, deceitful, or incorrect statements to a law enforcement officer, a law enforcement agency, or a representative of the agency, except when required by departmental policy or by the laws of this State. **Request for Final Agency Decision.**

Hearing Officer Recommended that Council:

- A. Issue its final agency decision, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 37-107 D., finding that an allegation of misconduct reported against Heather Clary by the Greenwood County Sheriff's Office has been proven by the preponderance of evidence; and
- B. Impose such sanction as the Council in its discretion deems appropriate pursuant to the authority set forth at S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 37-108 A.

Heather Clary attended this meeting to speak on her own behalf and answer questions from Council, if applicable.

Major Cody Bishop attended this meeting to represent the Greenwood County Sheriff's Office and answer questions from Council, if applicable.

After hearing from the parties, Sheriff Faile made a motion to adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and to permanently deny Ms. Clary eligibility for law enforcement certification. Chief Cornett seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and permanently denied Ms. Clary eligibility for law enforcement certification.

Russell Jackson: 2022-CJA-05-07 (Lexington County Detention Center) –

Summary: Allegation(s) of physical or psychological abuse of the members of the public and/or prisoners; and willfully making false, misleading, incomplete, deceitful, or incorrect statements to a law enforcement officer, a law enforcement agency, or a representative of the agency, except



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when required by departmental policy or by the laws of this State. **Request for Final Agency Decision.**

Russell Jackson attended this meeting to speak on his own behalf and answer questions from Council, if applicable.

Attorney Ryan Hicks attended this meeting to represent Mr. Jackson and answer questions from Council, if applicable.

Attorney Joel Deason attended this meeting to represent the Lexington County Detention Center and answer questions from Council, if applicable.

After hearing from the parties, for the purpose of discussion, Director Stirling made a motion to adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and to permanently deny Mr. Jackson eligibility for law enforcement certification. Director Woods seconded the motion.

Before voting on the motion, Council heard further statements and had questions answered by the parties in this case.

After conclusion of statements from the parties, Council voted unanimously that there was no misconduct and granted Mr. Jackson eligibility for law enforcement certification.

Shawndre Hill: 2022-CJA-12-19 (Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center) –

Summary: The South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy received information that Shawndre Hill was arrested by the University of South Carolina Law Enforcement and Safety and was charged with Driving Under the Influence .10 but less than .16 1st Offense. **Request for Suspension.**

Sheriff Foster made a motion to temporarily suspend Ms. Hill's law enforcement certification. Director Stirling seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to temporarily suspend Mr. Hill's law enforcement certification pending outcome of the criminal charges.

Lonnie Godsey: 2022-CJA-06-05 (Aynor PD) –

Summary: Lonnie Godsey was arrested by South Carolina Highway Patrol and charged with DUI. The charge against him was dismissed and his license was not suspended for DUI. **Request for Reinstatement.**

Sheriff Faile made a motion to reinstate Mr. Godsey's law enforcement certification. Sheriff Foster seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to reinstate Mr. Godsey's law enforcement certification. *Please note that Director Woods recused himself from the voting process in this case.*



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B. Financial Updates

Lauren Wright

As of the close of the second quarter of FY 2023 Court Fines and Fee's revenue is down 6% over the same time last fiscal year. Expenditures are up \$186,136.35 over the same period last year, largely due to employee retirement leave payouts. This increase is expected to level out over the next quarter. SCCJA revenue remains sufficient to cover agency expenses despite continual declines in fine revenue.

C. Capital Project Update

John Yarborough

- **HVAC Building 10/11:** Construction projected completion date of January 30, 2023.
- **Modular Buildings:** Work began January 4, 2023.
- **Target Systems:** Academy is still waiting on parts to get this project completed.
- **Generator:** This project is in design phase.
- **West annex dorm rest rooms:** Bid opening was January 17, 2023. Lowest bid was M.A.R. Construction
- **Domestic hot water lines (main building):** The Academy replaced over 500 feet of old pipes that continued to have leaks.
- **Boiler #1:** The fire box was replaced.
- **Village gym heat and air:** Academy is in the process of replacing the coil unit and blower motor and the gym currently has no heat or air.
- **Practical problems buildings:** The Academy installed beams and jacks under the floors of 2 buildings to strengthen them.

D. Director's Comments

Director Swindler

Director Swindler gave updates on training and updates regarding vacant and filled Academy positions since the last quarter.

Director Swindler also gave an update to Council regarding the USC Excellence in Policing and Public Safety Program Advisory Board meeting.



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Lastly, Director Swindler informed Council that John McMahan of the Academy would be honored by the S.C. House of Representatives for representing South Carolina in various national law enforcement and first responders' events and winning several awards in these events.

2022 ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR

A motion was made by Sheriff Foster to nominate Chief Keel as Chair. The motion was seconded by Sheriff Faile. Council voted unanimously to receive Chief Keel as Chair of the S.C. Law Enforcement Training Council for calendar year 2023.

A motion was made by Sheriff Faile to nominate Sheriff Foster as Co-Chair. The motion was seconded by Director Woods. Council voted unanimously to receive Sheriff Foster as Co-Chair of the S.C. Law Enforcement Training Council for calendar year 2023.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Cathy Sprowls of the S.C. Department of Public Safety addresses Council regarding bids for psychological evaluation and upcoming changes.

Ms. Sprowls asked if Council wanted to make any changes to the current rate of charge for psychological exams. Council felt no action needed to take place regarding the rate of charge for psychological exams.

CLOSING REMARKS/AJOURNMENT

Chief Keel opened the floor to any additional business, questions, or comments.

Council had a discussion regarding misconduct reporting by agencies to the Academy. James Fennell answered questions for Council regarding this matter.

When there were no more remarks or comments, Sheriff Foster made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.



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Respectfully submitted by:

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