



South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy

SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 25, 2022
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, May 25, 2022. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

CALL TO ORDER

Agenda Item 1

Chief Mark Keel, Chair of the Law Enforcement Training Council, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Chief Keel called for a roll call of the Council members. The roll was called by Scheri Francois.

Members present for this meeting in-person were Chief Keel, State Law Enforcement Division (SLED); Director Robert Woods, S.C. Department of Public Safety; and Director Robert Boyles, S.C. Department of Natural Resources.

Members present via video/conference call were Sheriff Lee Foster (Co-Chair), Newberry County Sheriff's Office; Attorney General Alan Wilson, S.C. Attorney General's Office; Director Bryan Stirling, S.C. Department of Corrections; Sheriff Barry Faile, Lancaster County Sheriff's Office; Chief John Thomas, North Augusta Department of Public Safety; and Chief Tony Taylor, Williamston Police Department.

Director Jerry Adger, S.C. Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services and Captain Nick Gallam, Aiken County Detention Center, were absent from this meeting.

Guest attendees were Jarrod Bruder, S.C. Sheriffs Association; JJ Jones, S.C. Police Chiefs Association/S.C. Law Enforcement Officers Association; Mark Gosnell, S.C. Troopers Association; Deputy Chief Jim Stewart, Richland County Sheriff's Department; Joanna McDuffie, Richland County Sheriff's Department; Marcus Gore, Esquire, S.C. Department of Public Safety; Erica Wright, S.C. Municipal Association; and Jacqueline M. Pavlicek, Esquire.

SC Criminal Justice Academy attendees were Director Jackie Swindler; Deputy Director Mike Lanier, Scheri Francois, Executive Assistant; James Fennell, General Counsel; Florence McCants, Administrative Operations Manager; Mark Thomas, IT; Christopher Brumlow, Investigator; and Missy Collins.



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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda Item 2

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

APPROVAL FOR MEETING MINUTES

Agenda Item 3

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2022, meeting was made by Director Boyles and seconded by Director Woods. Council voted unanimously to accept the meeting minutes as recorded.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Agenda Item 4

A. General Counsel Report

- Misconduct Cases

Eric Adams: 2021-CJA-12-03 (Columbia PD)–

Summary: Willfully providing false, misleading, incomplete, deceitful, or incorrect information on a document, record, report, or form except when required by departmental policy or by the laws of this State. **Request for Final Agency Decision.**

Hearing Officer recommended that Council:

- Issue its final agency decision, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 37-107 D., finding that the allegation of misconduct filed against Eric Adams by the Columbia Police Department has been proven by substantial evidence; and
- 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.

Jacqueline M. Pavlicek, Esquire, attended the meeting to represent the City of Columbia Police Department and answer questions from Council, if applicable.

After hearing a statement from Ms. Pavlicek, Director Woods made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Hearing Officer to permanently deny Mr. Adams eligibility for law enforcement certification. Director Boyles seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to permanently deny Mr. Adams eligibility for law enforcement certification.



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Martin Matthews: 2022-CJA-05-02 (Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center) –

Summary: The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) notified the SC Criminal Justice Academy that on April 25, 2022, Martin Matthews of the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center was arrested by the South Carolina Highway Patrol and charged with DUI less than .10 1st Offense. The Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center states that Mr. Matthews is assigned to administrative duties and will not have contact with prisoners while the charges are pending.

Request for Suspension.

Director Boyles made a motion to suspend Mr. Matthews's law enforcement certification. Sheriff Faile seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to suspend Mr. Matthews's law enforcement certification pending the outcome of the criminal charges. *Please note that Director Woods recused himself from the voting process in this case.*

Mario Clay: No Assigned Case Number (SCDC) –

Summary: The South Carolina Department of Corrections submitted a PCS of Separation Due to Misconduct for Mario Clay alleging the repeated use of excessive force in dealing with 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 when required by departmental policy, or by the laws of this State. The narrative of the allegation states that Clay was observed on camera striking a handcuffed inmate in the facial area causing swelling to the inmate's right eye. The date of separation listed is March 30, 2022. The delay in submission is attributed to a clerical error. **Acceptance Request.**

Director Boyles made a motion to accept the late PCS. Director Woods seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to accept the late PCS of Separation Due to Misconduct.

B. Director's Comments

Director Swindler

Director Swindler gave information regarding the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training (IADLEST Conference he attended. He stated that South Carolina has a lot to be proud of regarding training, policies, and misconduct statutes. Director Swindler received many compliments from other law enforcement agency heads that attended the conference regarding South Carolina's high standards in policing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Agenda Item 5

There was no unfinished business to discuss.



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NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 6

Director Swindler opened a discussion on South Carolina House Bill 3050 (H.3050) and how the Academy will move forward to ensure that law enforcement agencies understand and adhere to policy. The Academy will meet with various associations to discuss policies and arrive at a consensus of the language of these policies. H. 3050 will be effective in January 2023.

James Fennell gave more information regarding H.3050 and the penalties for law enforcement agencies that fail to adhere to the requirements.

Council had a discussion regarding the H.3050. Questions from Council were answered by Director Swindler and James Fennell.

Jarrod Bruder of the S.C. Sheriffs Association also participated in the discussion of H.3050.

CLOSING REMARKS/AJOURNMENT

Agenda Item 7

When there were no more matters to discuss, Director Woods made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Scheri E. Francois
Executive Assistant