



South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy

SOUTH CAROLINA
LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 18, 2024
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 Monday, March 18, 2024. 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 10:01 a.m. Chief Keel called for a roll call of the Council members. The roll was called by Opel Bunn.

Members present for this meeting in-person were Chief Mark Keel, (Chairman), State Law Enforcement Division (SLED); Director Bryan Stirling, S.C. Department of Corrections; Acting Director Jodi Gallman, S.C. Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services; Director Robert Woods, S.C. Department of Public Safety; Chief Kevin Cornett, Isle of Palms Police Department; and Chief William Holbrook, Columbia Police Department.

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 Robert Boyles, S.C. Department of Natural Resources; Sheriff Barry Faile, Lancaster County Sheriff's Office; and Captain Nick Gallam, Aiken County Detention Center.

Guest attendees present in-person or via Webex were JJ Jones, S.C. Law Enforcement Officers Association/S.C. Police Chiefs Association; Sally Foster, S.C. Sheriffs Association; Mark Gosnell, S.C. Troopers Association; Deputy Chief Jim Stewart, Richland County Sheriff's Department; Joanna McDuffie, Esquire, Richland County Sheriff's Department; Anthony Crosby; Cherise Crosby; John O'Leary, Esquire; Marcus Gore, Esquire, S.C. Department of Public Safety; Nicholas McManus; Douglas Barfield, Esquire, Lancaster County Sheriff's Office; Kwa'nas Kiawoh; John Steadman, Esquire, S.C. Department of Corrections; Matt Wentzel, S.C. Department of Corrections; Jeremy Bell, S.C. Department of Corrections; Tyler Larck, S.C. Department of Corrections; Shannon Mixon, S.C. Department of Corrections; Saveion Adams; Rayonna Johnson; Captain Moye, Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center; John Klein; MaryBeth Mullaney, Esquire; and Caroline Cleveland, Esquire, Charleston City Police Department.

SC Criminal Justice Academy attendees were Director Jackie Swindler; Opel Bunn, Executive Assistant; James Fennell, General Counsel; Lauren Fennell, Accreditation and Standards Manager;



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Madison Reynolds, Certification; Justin Miller, IT Manager; Briana Jirowetz, IT; Major Florence McCants, Administrative Operations; and Gracyn Malkiewicz, Standards.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL FOR MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2024, meeting was made by Chief Cornett and seconded by Director Stirling. Council voted unanimously to accept the meeting minutes as recorded.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. General Counsel Report

- Misconduct Cases

Anthony Crosby (2023-CJA-07-03) (South Carolina Department of Public Safety)

Summary: Allegation(s) 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.**

The 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 Anthony Crosby by the South Carolina Department of Public Safety has been proven by a preponderance of 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.

Anthony Crosby was present and spoke on his behalf and to answer questions from Council if applicable.

John O'Leary, Esquire, was present and spoke on behalf of Mr. Crosby and to answer questions from Council if applicable.



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Marcus Gore, Esquire, was present and spoke on behalf of the S.C. Department of Public Safety and to answer questions from Council if applicable.

After hearing statements from all parties, Sheriff Faile made a motion to adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and to permanently deny Anthony Crosby's eligibility for law enforcement certification. Director Boyles seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and to permanently deny Anthony Crosby's eligibility for law enforcement certification. ***Please note that Director Woods recused himself from the voting process in this case.***

Nicholas McManus (2023-CJA-07-11) (Lancaster County Sheriff's Office)

Summary: Allegation(s) 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.**

The Hearing Officer Recommended that the 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 Nicholas McManus by the Lancaster 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 its authority set forth at S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 37-108 A.

Nicholas McManus was present and spoke on his behalf and to answer questions from Council if applicable.

John O'Leary, Esquire, was present and spoke on behalf of Mr. McManus and to answer questions from Council if applicable.

Douglas Barfield, Esquire, was present and spoke on behalf of the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office and to answer questions from Council if applicable.

After hearing statements from all parties, Chief Cornett made a motion to adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and to permanently deny Nicholas McManus's eligibility for law enforcement certification. Director Woods seconded the motion.



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Council voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and to permanently deny Nicholas McManus's eligibility for law enforcement certification. Sheriff Foster left the meeting temporarily and did not vote in this case. ***Please note that Sheriff Faile recused himself from the voting process in this case.***

Kwa'nas Kiawoh (2022-CJA-06-07) (South Carolina Department of Corrections)

Summary: Allegation(s) 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.**

The Hearing Officer Recommended that the 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 Kwa'nas Kiawoh by the South Carolina Department of Corrections has been proven by the 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.

Kwa'nas Kiawoh was present to speak on his behalf and to answer questions from the Council if applicable.

John O'Leary, Esquire, was present and spoke on behalf of Mr. Kiawoh and to answer questions from Council if applicable.

John Steadman, Esquire, was present and spoke on behalf of the S.C. Department of Corrections and to answer questions from Council if applicable.

Matt Wentzel, Investigator, was present and spoke on behalf of the S.C. Department of Corrections and to answer questions from Council if applicable.

After hearing statements from all parties, Acting Director Gallman made a motion to adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and to permanently deny Kwa'nas Kiawoh's eligibility for law enforcement certification. Chief Cornett seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and to permanently deny Kwa'nas Kiawoh's eligibility for law enforcement certification. ***Please note that Director Stirling recused himself from the voting process in this case.***



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At the conclusion of voting, Chief Keel called for a short 5-minute break at 11:32 am. Chief Keel called the meeting back to order at 11:38 am.

Saveion Adams (2023-CJA-07-10) (Greenwood City Police Department)

Summary: Allegation(s) 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.**

The Hearing Officer Recommended that the 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 Saveion Adams by the Greenwood City Police Department has been proven by the preponderance of evidence; and
- B. Impose a below sanction as the Council in its discretion deems appropriate pursuant to its authority set forth at S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 37-108 A(1-5)
 1. Permanent denial and/or revocation (withdrawal) of certification
 2. Denial and/or revocation (withdrawal) of certification for a specified amount of time;
 3. Certification granted with probation;
 4. Certification granted with any additional requirements deemed just and proper by the Council; and/or
 5. Public Reprimand

Saveion Adams was present and spoke on his behalf and to answer questions from Council if applicable.

There was no representation for the Department present at this meeting.

After hearing statements from Mr. Adams, Chief Cornett made a motion to adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and to permanently deny Saveion Adams's eligibility for law enforcement certification. Sheriff Faile seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and to permanently deny Saveion Adams's eligibility for law enforcement certification. Captain Gallam left the meeting temporarily and did not vote in this case.



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Rayonna Johnson (2021-CJA-08-05) (Alvin S. Glenn Det. Center) (Prosecutorial Discretion)

Summary: The Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center wished to exercise prosecutorial discretion pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 23-23-150 (B) (2) and declining to prosecute the misconduct allegation. **Request for Final Agency Decision.**

The Hearing Officer Recommended that Council:

- A. Order that the contested case file in this matter be closed; and
- B. 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 that the certification file of the Officer be updated in the records of the Criminal Justice Academy to reflect no outstanding allegations of misconduct based on the allegations reported by the Department in this matter.

Rayonna Johnson was present and spoke on her behalf and to answer questions from Council if applicable.

Captain Moye was present and spoke on behalf of the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center and to answer questions from Council if applicable.

After hearing statements from Rayonna Johnson and Captain Moye, Director Boyles made a motion to adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and to expunge records within 30 days due to prosecutorial discretion and lack of evidence by the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center. Chief Cornett seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and to expunge records within 30 days due to prosecutorial discretion and lack of evidence by the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center. Rayonna Johnson is eligible for recertification of her law enforcement certification. Captain Gallam left the meeting temporarily and did not vote in this case.

John Klein (2023-CJA-01-01) (Beaufort County Sheriff’s Office) (Prosecutorial Discretion)

Summary: The Beaufort County Sheriff’s Office wished to exercise prosecutorial discretion pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 23-23-150 (B) (2) and declining to prosecute the misconduct allegation. **Request for Final Agency Decision.**

The Hearing Officer Recommended that Council

- A. Order that the contested case file in this matter be closed; and



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- B. 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 that the certification file of the Officer be updated in the records of the Criminal Justice Academy to reflect no outstanding allegations of misconduct based on the allegations reported by the Department in this matter.

John Klein was present to speak on his behalf and to answer questions from Council if applicable.

Marybeth Mullaney, Esquire, was present and spoke on behalf of Mr. Klein and to answer questions from Council if applicable.

There was no representation for the Department present at this meeting.

After hearing statements from Marybeth Mullaney, Director Boyles made a motion to adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and to expunge records within 30 days due to prosecutorial discretion and by the Beaufort County Sheriff’s Office. John Klein is eligible for law enforcement certification. Chief Cornett seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and to expunge records within 30 days due to prosecutorial discretion by the Beaufort County Sheriff’s Office. John Klein is eligible for recertification of his law enforcement certification.

Christopher Webb (2021-CJA-09-06) (Charleston City Police Department) (Consent Order)

Summary: Upon approval by Council and in lieu of a contested case hearing, Mr. Webb consents, without agreeing that he committed any alleged misconduct, to permanently and irrevocably surrender and relinquish any and all rights and/or privileges he may have in the future to serve as a law enforcement officer in the State of South Carolina or any other State and/or Commonwealth of the United States of America, due to his permanent medical disability.

Christopher Webb was not present at this meeting.

Caroline Cleveland, Esquire, was present and spoke on behalf of the Charleston City Police Department and to answer questions from Council if applicable.

After hearing statements from Caroline Cleveland, Director Stirling made a motion to approve the Consent Order. Director Woods seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously to approve the Consent Order.



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D. Director's Comments

Director Swindler

Director Swindler stated that next month is a quarterly meeting and informed Council that he will talk about the projects that are going on, which are moving smoothly and some things have been completed, but he will provide more details next month.

OLD BUSINESS

There was unfinished business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

CLOSING REMARKS/AJOURNMENT

Chief Keel inquired whether there were any more questions or comments from Council.

When there were no more remarks or comments, Director Woods made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Stirling seconded the motion.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Opel C. Bunn

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