



South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy

SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 13, 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 Monday, November 13, 2023. 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 10:00 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 Boyles, S.C. Department of Natural Resources and Director Robert Woods, S.C. Department of Public Safety.

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 John Thomas, North August Department of Public Safety; Sheriff Barry Faile, Lancaster County Sheriff's Office; Chief Kevin Cornett, Isle of Palms Police Department and Captain Nick Gallam, Aiken County Detention Center.

Guest attendees present in-person or via Webex were Deputy Chief Jim Stewart, Richland County Sheriff's Department; Joanna McDuffie, Esquire, Richland County Sheriff's Department; Edward Phipps, Esquire; David Pagliarini, Esquire, Mt. Pleasant Police Department; James Ward, Esquire, Mt. Pleasant Police Department; Chief Mark Arnold, Mt. Pleasant Police Department; and Carlton Bourne, Esquire, North Charleston 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; Justin Miller, IT Manager; Major Florence McCants; and Christopher Brumlow, Investigator.



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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL FOR MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2023, meeting was made by Director Boyles and seconded by Director Woods. Council voted unanimously to accept the meeting minutes as recorded.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. General Counsel Report

- Misconduct Cases

Alexander Sanford (2022-CJA-11-01) (Mt. Pleasant 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.**

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 Alexander Sanford by the Mount Pleasant Police Department has been proven by a 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.

Mr. Alexander Sanford was present to speak on his behalf and to answer questions from the Council if applicable.

Edward Phipps, Esquire, was present and spoke on behalf of Mr. Sanford and to answer questions from the Council if applicable.

James Ward, IV, Esquire, was present and spoke on behalf of the Mt. Pleasant Police Department and to answer questions from the Council if applicable.



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

Council voted unanimously to permanently deny Mr. Sanford's eligibility for law enforcement certification. *Please note that Director Boyles recused himself from the voting process in this case. His wife works for Mt. Pleasant Police Department.*

Carl Shultz (2020-CJA-01-22) (Orangeburg 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.**

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 Carl Shultz by the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety has not been proven by the preponderance of evidence; and
- B. Expunge within (30) days of the final agency decision in this matter, pursuant to the requirements of S.C. Code Ann. § 23-23-150 (M), all evidence related to the allegations of misconduct filed against Carl Shultz by the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety.

Mr. Carl Shultz was present and spoke on his behalf and to answer questions from the Council if applicable.

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

After hearing statements from Mr. Shultz, Director Boyles made a motion to adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Officer to expunge the record of misconduct within thirty (30) days and grant Mr. Shultz's continued eligibility for law enforcement certification. Acting Director Gallman seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Officer to expunge the record of misconduct within thirty (30) days and grant Mr. Shultz's continued eligibility for law enforcement certification. *Please note that Chief Keel recused himself from the voting process in this case.*



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Loreal Williamson (2023-CJA-02-11) (Barnwell County S.O. Det. Div)

Summary: Allegation(s) of willfully making 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.**

The 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 Loreal Williamson by the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office Detention Division 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.

There was no representation for the officer nor the Department in this meeting.

Director Stirling made a motion to adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and to permanently deny Ms. Williamson's eligibility for law enforcement certification. Director Woods seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and permanently deny Loreal Williamson's eligibility for law enforcement certification. ***Please note that Captain Gallam recused himself from the voting process in this case. Ms. Williamson previously worked for Aiken County Detention Center for a short period of time.***

Kyle Jamison (2023-CJA-08-03) (North Charleston Police Department) (Prosecutorial Discretion)

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

- 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



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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.

Mr. Jamison was not present in this meeting.

Carlton Bourne, Esquire, was present and spoke on behalf of the North Charleston Police Department and to answer questions from the Council if applicable.

Director Boyles made a motion to adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Officer to expunge the record of misconduct within thirty (30) days and grant Mr. Jamison's continued eligibility for law enforcement certification. Acting Director Gallman seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Officer to expunge the record of misconduct within thirty (30) days and grant Mr. Jamison's continued eligibility for law enforcement certification.

At the conclusion of the voting process, Chief Keel expressed his concerns about agencies not showing up to prosecute cases and the issue of fairness. Chief Keel reported that since July 2022 out of 55 cases, there were 7 prosecutorial discretion cases and 4 cases where no one showed up. Chief Keel asked to continue to keep records.

Chief Keel also addressed the Council of possibly addressing this issue with the Legislators and asking for their assistance.

B. Director's Comments

Director Swindler

Director Swindler gave updates on basic training classes, Physical Abilities and Cumulative testing.

Director Swindler also gave an update on vacant and filled Academy positions and the Hall of Fame Meritorious Service held on Wednesday, November 15.

Lastly, Director Swindler announced that the next meeting will be Director Thomas's last meeting, he will be retiring.



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OLD BUSINESS

There was no 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 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Opel C. Bunn

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