

**Advisory Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**K. O. Rayburn Training Center, 2401 Egypt Road, Ada, Oklahoma 74820**  
**April 6, 2016**  
**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chief Danny Ford, Chairman, Duncan P.D.  
Deputy Chief Jeff Becker, Oklahoma City P.D.  
Asst. Chief Brandon Berryhill, Broken Arrow P.D.  
Inspector General Johnny Blevins, D.O.C.  
Director Jeff Harp, Univ. Central Oklahoma  
Chief David Houser, Durant P.D.  
Asst. Chief JR Kidney, Tecumseh P.D.  
Sheriff Jerry Niles, Garfield County S.O.  
Sheriff Reuben Parker, Beaver County S.O.  
Agent Jason Tucker, O.B.N.D.D.  
Asst. Chief Josh VanDeburgh, Weatherford P.D.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Steve Emmons, Executive Director  
Charles Gerhart, Assistant Director  
Laurie Schweinle, Recording Secretary

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Cpt. Blake Green, Vice-Chair, Norman P.D.  
Chief Rex Eskridge, Muskogee P.D.  
Sheriff Scott Jay, Beckham County S.O.  
Cpt. John Paul, O.H.P.  
Major Ryan Perkins, Tulsa P.D.  
Special Agent Kurt Stoner, F.B.I.

**GUESTS:**

Billy Carter, OMAG  
Major Wade Gourley, OKC PD  
Bo Walker, Duncan P.D.

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Chairman Danny Ford called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll was called, and 10 members were present, representing a quorum.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

There was no discussion.

**Action Taken:** Asst. Chief Berryhill made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2016, regular meeting as written. Chief Houser seconded the motion. Chief Ford voted yes. Deputy Chief Becker voted yes. Assistant Chief Berryhill voted yes. Inspector Blevins voted yes. Director Harp voted yes. Chief Houser voted yes. Asst. Chief Kidney voted yes. Sheriff Parker voted yes. Agent Tucker voted yes. Assistant Chief VanDeburgh abstained. The motion passed 10-0.

### **3. Advisory Council Composition**

Sheriff Niles arrived at 10:02 a.m. Members were provided with Attachment A for this item.

Major Gourley gave a brief introduction, and Deputy Chief Becker made a recommendation that Major Gourley be appointed to the Oklahoma City PD seat as Deputy Chief Becker has been promoted and is no longer over the Training Division.

**Action Taken:** Chief Houser made a motion to recommend Major Wade Gourley, Oklahoma City PD, to replace Deputy Chief Becker as the Oklahoma City PD appointment. Agent Tucker seconded the motion. Chief Ford voted yes. Deputy Chief Becker voted yes. Assistant Chief Berryhill voted yes. Inspector Blevins voted yes. Director Harp voted yes. Chief Houser voted yes. Asst. Chief Kidney voted yes. Sheriff Niles voted yes. Sheriff Parker voted yes. Agent Tucker voted yes. Assistant Chief VanDeburgh abstained. The motion passed 11-0.

### **4. Curriculum Review Board**

There was no discussion.

### **5. Tulsa Community College/Career Techs**

Director Emmons advised members that with the current budget situation CLEET has been looking for alternative ways to accomplish training. He added that the off-site academies held last year were successful and would be continued at this time. He then informed members that Tulsa Tech has given CLEET a suite of offices for continuing education and basic academies. He added that CLEET still plans to train across the state and not just in Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

### **6. Driving Track Update**

Director Emmons advised members that CLEET's driving track had made it on the list of strategic improvements for the state. This included the entire track but there was no knowledge of when that money might be made available. He then said that CLEET had some carryover money from previous years that will expire on June 30, 2016, and that had been approved by the legislature to be used to fix the major problem areas on the track.

### **7. Budget Update**

Director Emmons advised members that CLEET is still very far away from knowing exactly what the budget cuts will be. He advised that options were provided to Council members, and they agreed that it was important to not cut training, so the cuts would be passed down to the agencies. He said if meals are cut then the cafeteria contract will be lost.

Director Emmons then advised members that CLEET had not taken any of the cuts during the fiscal year because CLEET did not receive general revenue funds last fiscal year. He said cuts of 10-15% seem to be most likely but said that he has heard as high as 19%.

Director Emmons added that with the cuts CLEET would need to look at other ways to train officers, including pre-academy training and using Career Techs or colleges. He also reported that the training initiatives are doing well across the state and that CLEET plans to do seven this year.

## **8. Legislative Update**

Director Emmons advised members that all of CLEET's bills were still moving forward and gave a brief summary of what those bills are.

## **9. Divisional Reports**

There was no discussion.

## **10. Director's Report**

Director Emmons advised that language had been given to Representative Christian to consider inserting into SB1202 that would allow CLEET to accept payment from agencies for academy expenses. The main idea with this is to allow the agencies to pay CLEET for meals so they don't have to pay per diem, which is considerably higher than the cost of meal to CLEET.

## **11. New Business**

There was no discussion.

## **12. Adjournment**

**Action Taken:** Assistant Chief VanDeburgh made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chief Houser seconded the motion. Chief Ford voted yes. Deputy Chief Becker voted yes. Assistant Chief Berryhill voted yes. Inspector Blevins voted yes. Director Harp voted yes. Chief Houser voted yes. Asst. Chief Kidney voted yes. Sheriff Niles voted yes. Sheriff Parker voted yes. Agent Tucker voted yes. Assistant Chief VanDeburgh abstained. The motion passed 11-0.

Chairman Danny Ford adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.