

COUNCIL ON LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING
REGULAR MEETING
KO Rayburn Training Center, 2401 Egypt Road, Ada, OK 74820
January 14, 2015
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sheriff John Whetsel, Oklahoma County
Chief Michael Robinson, OSU DPS
Dr. James Burke, East Central University
Sheriff John Christian, Pontotoc County
Director Stan Florence, OSBI (10:16 a.m.)
Chief Russell Frantz, Shawnee Police Dept.
Director Norman McNickle, DPS City of Stillwater
Chief Bob Ricks, Edmond Police Dept.
Chief Jason Smith, Anadarko Police Dept.
Director Darrell Weaver, Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics
Chief Randy Wesley, Chickasaw Nation Lighthouse
Police Dept.

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Emmons, Executive Director
Charles Gerhart, Assistant Director
James Wilson, General Counsel
Shannon Butler, Training Manager
Keith Miller, Academy Coordinator
Kelly James, Field Representative
Mike Taylor, IT Manager
Tracy Shivers, Instructor
Jeanelle VanBuskirk, Instructor
Laurie Schweinle, Recording Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Major Todd Blish, Oklahoma Highway Patrol
Chief Bill Citty, Oklahoma City Police Dept.

GUESTS:

Bruce Storm, Redlands CC
Todd Hobson, Redlands CC
Dr. Laura Gruntmeir, Redlands CC

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Open Meeting Act Compliance

Sheriff Whetsel confirmed that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

3. Approval of Minutes

There was no discussion.

Action Taken: Dr. Burke made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2014, regular meeting as written. Sheriff Christian seconded the motion. Chairman Whetsel voted yes. Chief Robinson abstained. Dr. Burke voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief Frantz voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. Director Weaver abstained. Chief Wesley voted yes. The motion carried 8-0.

4. Advisory Council Report

There was no discussion.

Action Taken: Director Weaver made a motion to accept the Advisory Council report. Chief Robinson seconded the motion. Chairman Whetsel voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Dr. Burke voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief Frantz voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. Director Weaver voted yes. Chief Wesley voted yes. The motion carried 10-0.

5. Advisory Council Composition

There was no discussion.

Action Taken: Chief Smith made a motion to appoint Major Jeff Becker, Oklahoma City PD, to the Advisory Council. Sheriff Christian seconded the motion. Chairman Whetsel voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Dr. Burke voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief Frantz voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. Director Weaver voted yes. Chief Wesley voted yes. The motion carried 10-0.

6. Private Security Advisory Committee Report

There was no discussion.

Action Taken: Chief Robinson made a motion to accept the Private Security Advisory Committee report. Chief Wesley seconded the motion. Chairman Whetsel voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Dr. Burke voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief Frantz voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. Director Weaver voted yes. Chief Wesley voted yes. The motion carried 10-0.

7. Curriculum Review Board Report

There was no discussion.

Action Taken: Chief Wesley made a motion to accept the Curriculum Review Board report. Sheriff Christian seconded the motion. Chairman Whetsel voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Dr. Burke voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief Frantz voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. Director Weaver voted yes. Chief Wesley voted yes. The motion carried 10-0.

8. Curriculum Review Board Composition

Director Emmons advised members that the Curriculum Review Board had not yet made a recommendation for the vacancy. No action was taken.

9. Drug Dog Advisory Council Composition

There was no discussion.

Action Taken: Director Weaver made a motion to reappoint Sgt. Jeff Barlow, Claremore PD, and Deputy Cody Palmer, Canadian County SO, to the Drug Dog Advisory Council. Chief Ricks seconded the motion. Chairman Whetsel voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Dr. Burke voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief Frantz voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. Director Weaver voted yes. Chief Wesley voted yes. The motion carried 10-0.

10. CLEET Financial Report

There was no discussion.

Action Taken: Chief Robinson made a motion to accept the CLEET financial report. Dr. Burke seconded the motion. Chairman Whetsel voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Dr. Burke voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief Frantz voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. Director Weaver voted yes. Chief Wesley voted yes. The motion carried 10-0.

11. Collegiate Officer Program

This item was initially skipped and revisited at 10:24 a.m.

Dr. Laura Gruntmeir, Redlands Community College (RCC), presented a plan to the Council that would allow RCC to offer portions of the Collegiate Officer Program (COP) in online or blended classes. She detailed several different delivery methods that could be utilized, how results would be measured, and added that subject matter experts would be used to craft the curriculum.

Director Weaver left the meeting at 10:35 a.m. and returned at 10:37 a.m.

Several members expressed their support for the idea and discussed how it might work within the COP program. Members also discussed what kind of role CLEET would play in the development and oversight of such a program, as well as whether other COP schools should be allowed to develop such a pilot program.

Action Taken: Director McNickle made a motion that any institute of higher education participating in the Collegiate Officer Program (COP) has the option to present to CLEET staff a presentation for delivering qualified classes in the program online or in blended format and to work with CLEET staff to determine which classes could be delivered in these formats. The motion also included stipulations that the institute closely monitor the success of such a program. Chief Ricks seconded the motion. Chairman Whetsel voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Dr. Burke voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Director Florence voted yes. Chief Frantz voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. Director Weaver voted yes. Chief Wesley voted yes. The motion carried 11-0.

Chairman Whetsel announced a break at 11:07 a.m.

12. Neck Restraint

This item was initially skipped and revisited at 11:16 a.m. when the meeting resumed from a break.

Shannon Butler asked for questions regarding the material provided in the packets. Director McNickle advised he had reviewed the material and felt the technique was an agency option. Sheriff Whetsel

asked what CLEET teaches. Shannon Butler answered that it is only taught in Defensive Tactics Instructor School and was not offered in the Basic Academy.

13. Actions Against Peace Officers

This item was discussed before items 11 and 12.

James Wilson, CLEET General Counsel, gave a brief summary of the report. Members then had a general discussion about the large number of disciplinary actions against peace officers.

Members then asked James Wilson to explain some of the actions taken, including letters of reprimand and citations.

Director Stan Florence entered the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

14. Divisional Reports

Director Emmons advised members of academy enrollment: 1501-95 enrolled; 1502-96 enrolled; 1503-94 enrolled; and 1504-56 enrolled.

15. Rules/Legislative Changes

James Wilson gave a brief summary of CLEET's requested statute changes. Members then discussed the changes and suggested additional language.

Action Taken: Chief Robinson made a motion to add language stating that CLEET will certify an officer from another state whose certification in that state was reinstated after a revocation and language that would allow a licensed mental health professional to conduct a psychological evaluation of an officer attesting to the officer's ability to return to duty after an involuntary commitment. Chief Frantz seconded the motion. Chairman Whetsel voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Dr. Burke voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Director Florence voted yes. Chief Frantz voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. Director Weaver voted yes. Chief Wesley voted yes. The motion carried 11-0.

16. Director's Report

Director Emmons updated members regarding the track and boiler repairs, helmets would be a requirement for defensive tactics beginning in Academy 1501, and the possibility of holding commuter academies in the Oklahoma City and Tulsa areas.

Director Emmons then advised that approximately 650 officers were still showing as out of compliance with CE requirements for 2014 but that those numbers were steadily coming down. He added that CLEET is working with OMES to develop a new information database.

Director Emmons then updated members on the number trained at CLEET's three training initiatives in 2014 as well as online courses. He advised of several personnel changes, including Shannon Butler being promoted to Training Manager and Keith Miller to Academy Coordinator, as well as Kevin Hood being hired as an instructor.

Director Emmons added that CLEET had also made a budget request to add \$1.00 to the penalty

assessment fee, which would increase the total fee to \$10.00.

17. New Business

There was no discussion.

18. Adjournment

Action Taken: Chief Wesley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chief Robinson seconded the motion. Chairman Whetsel voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Dr. Burke voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Director Florence voted yes. Chief Frantz voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. Director Weaver voted yes. Chief Wesley voted yes. The motion carried 11-0.

The meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.