

**COUNCIL ON LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING  
SPECIAL MEETING  
OSU-OKC Public Safety Training Center, 3501 W. Reno, OKC, OK  
May 27, 2015  
MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sheriff John Whetsel, Oklahoma County SO  
Chief Michael Robinson, O.S.U. DPS  
Dr. James Burke, East Central University  
Sheriff John Christian, Pontotoc County SO  
Chief Bill Citty, Oklahoma City Police Dept.  
Director Stan Florence, O.S.B.I. (2:46 p.m.)  
Chief Russell Frantz, Shawnee Police Dept.  
Chief Bob Ricks, Edmond Police Dept.  
Director Darrell Weaver, Oklahoma Bureau of  
Narcotics  
Chief Randy Wesley, Chickasaw Nation Police Dept.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Steve Emmons, Executive Director  
Charles Gerhart, Assistant Director  
John Parker, Director of Administration  
Shannon Butler, Training Manager  
Keith Miller, Academy Coordinator  
Laurie Schweinle, Recording Secretary

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Major Todd Blish, Oklahoma Highway Patrol  
Director Norman McNickle, Dept. of Public Safety,  
City of Stillwater  
Chief Jason Smith, Anadarko Police Dept.

**GUESTS:**

Tyler Talley, eCapitol  
Phil Cotten, OACP  
Ray McNair, OSA

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Chairman Whetsel called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Roll was taken; nine members were present representing a quorum.

**2. Open Meeting Act Compliance**

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

**3. CLEET Budget Discussion**

Director Emmons gave a brief introduction of the options staff had presented to the Council for consideration.

Keith Miller left the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

Director Emmons advised members that even if CLEET absorbs the impact of the budget cuts, it will impact services to agencies.

Phil Cotten entered the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Director Emmons added that the options presented were to address the approximately \$260,000 cut from CLEET's appropriated funds and that to address the \$100,000 being taken from the Training Center Revolving Fund, CLEET would not be making the planned repairs to the parking lot. Sheriff Whetsel directed members to discuss whether agencies could handle the impact of these cuts.

Keith Miller entered the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

Members had a lengthy discussion on the potential cost savings of having more commuter academies in various regions of the state.

Ray McNair entered the meeting at 2:41 p.m.

Director Florence entered the meeting at 2:46 p.m.

Members then discussed the potential problems with allowing students to provide their own ammunition. John Parker advised that it would take about 900-1000 rounds per student. Shannon Butler advised the cost would be approximately \$200.00 for 900 rounds.

Members also discussed if CLEET could charge a fee to help cover the cost of meals and ammunition. It was decided that would be a legislative issue and could not be done at this time.

Sheriff Whetsel asked if CLEET could set the standard for the ammunition students would be required to bring. Director Emmons said that CLEET could.

John Parker advised that the commuter academies are only saving CLEET around \$20,000 each if the facility and adjuncts are donated.

Members continued to discuss the best way to address the cuts and advised Director Emmons that agencies would need to be advised of these changes as soon as possible.

**Action Taken:** Chief Robinson made a motion to direct CLEET staff to implement alternative 1 as listed on the handout (eliminating the evening meal and requiring students to bring their own ammunition) with the flexibility to implement further cost saving measures should staff deem them to be necessary. The motion was seconded by Chief Frantz. Sheriff Whetsel voted yes; Chief Robinson voted yes; Dr. Burke voted yes; Sheriff Christian voted yes; Chief City voted yes; Director Florence voted yes; Chief Frantz voted yes; Chief Ricks voted yes; Director Weaver voted yes; and Chief Wesley voted yes. The motion carried 10-0.

#### 4. Adjournment

**Action Taken:** Chief Ricks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Sheriff Christian. Sheriff Whetsel voted yes; Chief Robinson voted yes; Dr. Burke voted yes; Sheriff Christian voted yes; Chief City voted yes; Director Florence voted yes; Chief

Frantz voted yes; Chief Ricks voted yes; Director Weaver voted yes; and Chief Wesley voted yes. The motion carried 10-0.

Chairman Whetsel adjourned the meeting at 3:32 p.m.