

**COUNCIL ON LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING
SPECIAL MEETING
OSU-OKC Student Center, 900 N. Portland, OKC, OK
March 15, 2016
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
Director Stan Florence, O.S.B.I.
Major Pat Mays, OK Highway Patrol
Director Norman McNickle, Dept. of Public Safety,
City of Stillwater
Director John Scully, O.B.N.D.D.
Chief Ike Shirley, Bixby Police Dept.
Chief Jason Smith, Anadarko Police Dept.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chief Bill City, Oklahoma City Police Dept.
Chief Bob Ricks, Edmond Police Dept.
Chief Randy Wesley, Chickasaw Nation Police Dept.

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Emmons, Executive Director
John Parker, Director of Administration
James Wilson, General Counsel
Norma Floyd, Administrative Assistant
Laurie Schweinle, Recording Secretary

GUESTS:

Bobby Whittington, Tillman County SO
Larry Lane, Cherokee County SO
Casey Baker, Cherokee County SO
Bryan Wilkerson, OK Dept. of Wildlife
Kennie Shirey, Elk City Police Dept.
Eddie Holland, Elk City Police Dept.
Kevin Mitchell, Woodward County SO
Randy Williams, OKC Fire Marshal
John Wilson, OUHSC Police Dept.
Phil Cotten, OACP
Kevin McCollough, OMAG
Tom Pringle, McLoud Police Dept.
Ken McNair, OSA
Ray McNair, OSA
David Worsham, Tulsa County Court Svc.
Don Sweger, Guthrie Police Dept.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman John Whetsel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Open Meeting Act Compliance

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

3. Roll Call

Roll was taken; ten members were present representing a quorum.

4. Adoption of Permanent Rules for the following Chapters of OAC 390. Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training:

- Chapter 10. Peace Officer Certification
- Chapter 20. Reserve Peace Officer Certification and Training
- Chapter 25. Continuing Law Enforcement Education
- Chapter 27. Police Officer Annual Firearms Requalification
- Chapter 55. Facilities Management
- Chapter 60. Regulating Bail Enforcers

Chapter 10

Director Emmons gave a summary of the changes in Chapter 10. There was no discussion.

Action Taken: Major Mays made a motion to adopt the proposed rule changes to Chapter 10. The motion was seconded by Chief Robinson. Sheriff Whetsel voted yes; Chief Robinson voted yes; Dr. Burke voted yes; Sheriff Christian voted yes; Director Florence voted yes; Major Mays voted yes; Director McNickle voted yes; Director Scully voted yes; Chief Shirley voted yes; Chief Smith voted yes. The motion carried 10-0.

Chapter 20

Director Emmons gave a summary of the changes in Chapter 20. There was no discussion.

Action Taken: Chief Shirley made a motion to adopt the proposed rule changes to Chapter 20. The motion was seconded by Director Florence. Sheriff Whetsel voted yes; Chief Robinson voted yes; Dr. Burke voted yes; Sheriff Christian voted yes; Director Florence voted yes; Major Mays voted yes; Director McNickle voted yes; Director Scully voted yes; Chief Shirley voted yes; Chief Smith voted yes. The motion carried 10-0.

Chapter 25

Director Emmons gave a summary of the changes in Chapter 25. There was no discussion.

Action Taken: Dr. Burke made a motion to adopt the proposed rule changes to Chapter 25. The motion was seconded by Sheriff Christian. Sheriff Whetsel voted yes; Chief Robinson voted yes; Dr. Burke voted yes; Sheriff Christian voted yes; Director Florence voted yes; Major Mays voted yes; Director McNickle voted yes; Director Scully voted yes; Chief Shirley voted yes; Chief Smith voted yes. The motion carried 10-0.

Chapter 27

Director Emmons gave a summary of the changes in Chapter 27. There was no discussion.

Action Taken: Chief Shirley made a motion to adopt the proposed rule changes to Chapter 27. The motion was seconded by Director Florence. Sheriff Whetsel voted yes; Chief Robinson voted yes; Dr. Burke voted yes; Sheriff Christian voted yes; Director Florence voted yes; Major Mays voted yes; Director McNickle voted yes; Director Scully voted yes; Chief Shirley voted yes; Chief Smith voted yes. The motion carried 10-0.

Chapter 55

Director Emmons gave a summary of the changes in Chapter 55. There was no discussion.

Action Taken: Chief Robinson made a motion to adopt the proposed rule changes to Chapter 55. The motion was seconded by Major Mays. Sheriff Whetsel voted yes; Chief Robinson voted yes; Dr. Burke voted yes; Sheriff Christian voted yes; Director Florence voted yes; Major Mays voted yes; Director McNickle voted yes; Director Scully voted yes; Chief Shirley voted yes; Chief Smith voted yes. The motion carried 10-0.

Chapter 60

Director Emmons gave a summary of the changes in Chapter 60. There was no discussion.

Action Taken: Chief Shirley made a motion to adopt the proposed rule changes to Chapter 60. The motion was seconded by Sheriff Christian. Sheriff Whetsel voted yes; Chief Robinson voted yes; Dr. Burke voted yes; Sheriff Christian voted yes; Director Florence voted yes; Major Mays voted yes; Director McNickle voted yes; Director Scully voted yes; Chief Shirley voted yes; Chief Smith voted yes. The motion carried 10-0.

5. Advisory Council Composition

There was no discussion.

Action Taken: Director McNickle made a motion to reappoint Sheriff Jerry Niles, Captain Blake Green, and Agent Jason Tucker to the Advisory Council. The motion was seconded by Major Mays. Sheriff Whetsel voted yes; Chief Robinson voted yes; Dr. Burke voted yes; Sheriff Christian voted yes; Director Florence voted yes; Major Mays voted yes; Director McNickle voted yes; Director Scully voted yes; Chief Shirley voted yes; Chief Smith voted yes. The motion carried 10-0.

6. Private Security Advisory Committee Composition

There was no discussion.

Action Taken: Chief Robinson made a motion to reappoint Mr. Rick Van Auten to the Private Security Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Director Florence. Sheriff Whetsel voted yes; Chief Robinson voted yes; Dr. Burke voted yes; Sheriff Christian voted yes; Director Florence voted yes; Major Mays voted yes; Director McNickle voted yes; Director Scully voted yes; Chief Shirley voted yes; Chief Smith voted yes. The motion carried 10-0.

7. Drug Dog Advisory Council Composition

There was no discussion.

Action Taken: Director Florence made a motion to appoint Officer Marque Baldwin to the At-Large seat and Lt. John Terrell to the OHP seat on the Drug Dog Advisory Council. The motion was seconded by Chief Shirley. Sheriff Whetsel voted yes; Chief Robinson voted yes; Dr. Burke voted yes; Sheriff Christian voted yes; Director Florence voted yes; Major Mays voted yes; Director

McNickle voted yes; Director Scully voted yes; Chief Shirley voted yes; Chief Smith voted yes. The motion carried 10-0.

8. CLEET Budget

Director Emmons advised that there was no new information about the budget from the legislature but that CLEET had not been affected by the revenue failures as the agency does receive any general revenue funds. Sheriff Whetsel advised guests that the Council and CLEET were seeking input at this meeting regarding where cuts may be made.

Director Emmons reported that the two off-site academies in 2015 had trained just under 80 students and that another off-site academy was already scheduled for the Tulsa area this summer. He added that this is a possible way to reduce costs.

Chief Sweger, Guthrie PD, said that he was told there would not be another academy in the OKC area and that he would like to have another one there. Director Emmons replied that at the previous academy there had been problems with the facility but that he was not opposed to another OKC area academy. He also mentioned having a good relationship with the Career Techs and possibly finding ways to use them to facilitate academy training and continuing education. Sheriff Whetsel said that there would be an off-site academy in the OKC area this year. Chief Holland, Elk City PD, said that they have a tech center and gun range and would love to host a western Oklahoma academy. Director Emmons agreed that would be a great idea but expressed concern on how to get the resources out there. Sheriff Whittington, Tillman County SO, asked if the Lawton PD academy has been considered as a host. Director Emmons replied that he was not against that and that the Council had begun exploring these options in the past year. He added the only potential problem is if the Academy Cities don't want to pay the penalty assessment fee anymore as that is CLEET's main source of funding. Sheriff Whittington said the cost to the agencies in southwest Oklahoma would be minimal compared to what they have to spend to send an officer to CLEET. Sheriff Whetsel said it is a well-received suggestion and that the Council understands they will have to get creative. He added that he would love to see an academy in western Oklahoma and would have to figure out the details.

Sheriff Whetsel asked if there was a preferable cut for the agencies. He said that the Council wants to make the best decision possible while not cutting training. Sheriff Whittington asked what the average cost per meal is at CLEET. John Parker, CLEET Director of Administration, replied that for all three meals, it was about \$27.00 per day, per cadet. Chief Sweger agreed that academy hours do not need to be reduced and said that he would rather pay for all the meals. He added that if anyone in attendance had not been to CLEET to see how the academy is run, they should go and see how it is done with so few dollars. Chief Pringle, McLoud PD, concurred that he would rather find a way to pay for meals than cut training. He said with quality training his claims are down with OMAG and that saves money for the department in the long run.

Sheriff Whittington advised that about 45% of the state has county populations of less than 16,000, and 78% of municipal agencies have 5 officers or less on staff. He said that should be taken into consideration when talking about removing meals and that county governments can't generate funding as easily as municipalities can.

An unknown guest asked if an officer could pay for their own meal at the cafeteria at CLEET. John Parker replied that would require a new fee on the fee schedule and would have to go through the legislature. Randy Williams, OKC Fire Marshal, suggested having students buy a meal ticket as a requirement to attend the academy whether they eat there or not. He also advised against using the

Career Techs for training as he has not experienced the same quality there as in CLEET classes. Phil Cotten, OACP, said that paying per diem would be higher than the \$27.00 per day for meals. Sheriff Whetsel said he would like to look into the meal ticket idea.

Director McNickle asked how eliminating continuing education could save money. Director Emmons replied that there are other options to distribute training such as the training initiatives. He said individual classes would stop being held across the state, and all classes would only be held during the initiatives. He also said keeping a pool car for field reps rather than assigning a car to each of them could cut some costs but that there isn't a lot of savings to be found in continuing education.

Director McNickle advised that per diem in Ada is \$51.00 per day.

Sheriff Whetsel said there was no action to take at this time.

9. Adjournment

Action Taken: Sheriff Christian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Burke. Sheriff Whetsel voted yes; Chief Robinson voted yes; Dr. Burke voted yes; Sheriff Christian voted yes; Director Florence voted yes; Major Mays voted yes; Director McNickle voted yes; Director Scully voted yes; Chief Shirley voted yes; Chief Smith voted yes. The motion carried 10-0.

Chairman Whetsel adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.