

**COUNCIL ON LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING
REGULAR MEETING
KO Rayburn Training Center, 2401 Egypt Road, Ada, OK
July 22, 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
Chief Bill City, Oklahoma City PD
Director Stan Florence, OSBI
Chief Russell Frantz, Shawnee PD
Director Norman McNickle, DPS City of Stillwater
Chief Bob Ricks, Edmond PD
Chief Jason Smith, Anadarko PD

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Emmons, Executive Director
Charles Gerhart, Assistant Director
John Parker, Director of Administration
James Wilson, General Counsel
Shannon Butler, Training Manager
Keith Miller, Academy Coordinator
Kelly James, Field Rep
Erica Ross, Part Time
Robbie Weathers, Records Division
Laurie Schweinle, Recording Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Major Todd Blish, Oklahoma Highway Patrol
Director Darrell Weaver, Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics
Chief Randy Wesley, Chickasaw Nation Lighthouse PD

GUESTS:

Josh VanDeburgh, Weatherford PD
Kevin McCullough, OMAG
Jim Carroll

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: Chief Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2015, regular meeting and the May 27, 2015, special meeting as written. Director Florence seconded the motion. Chairman 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. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. The motion carried 10-0.

4. Advisory Council Report

There was no discussion.

5. Advisory Council Composition

There was no discussion.

Action Taken: Chief Smith made a motion to appoint Major Ryan Perkins, Tulsa PD, to the CLEET Advisory Council. Sheriff Christian seconded the motion. Chairman 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. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. The motion carried 10-0.

Action Taken: Director Florence made a motion to appoint Assistant Chief Josh VanDeburgh, Weatherford PD, to the CLEET Advisory Council as the At-Large representative. Chief City seconded the motion. Chairman 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. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. The motion carried 10-0.

6. Private Security Advisory Committee Report

There was no discussion.

7. Private Security Advisory Committee Composition

There was no discussion.

Action Taken: Director McNickle made a motion to appoint Mr. Robert Smart to the Private Security Advisory Committee. Chief Ricks seconded the motion. Chairman 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. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. The motion carried 10-0.

8. Curriculum Review Board Report

There was no discussion.

9. Curriculum Review Board Composition

There was no discussion.

Action Taken: Sheriff Christian made a motion to reappoint Sheriff Shannon Smith, Seminole County SO, to the Curriculum Review Board. Dr. Burke seconded the motion. Chairman 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. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. The motion carried 10-0.

10. Drug Dog Advisory Council Composition

There was no discussion.

Action Taken: Chief Ricks made a motion to appoint Lt. Buddy Lambert, OHP, to the Drug Dog Advisory Council. Chief Robinson seconded the motion. Chairman 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. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. The motion carried 10-0.

11. CLEET Financial Report

There was no discussion.

12. Proposed Executive Session to include matters pursuant to 25 O.S. 1995, Section 307(B)(4): “Confidential communications between a public body and its attorney concerning a pending investigation, claim, or action if the public body, with the advice of its attorney, determines that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the public body to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest.”

This item was initially skipped and revisited at 11:30 a.m.

Action Taken: Director McNickle made a motion to enter Executive Session. Chief Ricks seconded the motion. Chairman 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. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. The motion carried 10-0.

13. Resume Meeting Following Executive Session

This item was initially skipped and revisited at 11:44 a.m.

Action Taken: Chief Robinson made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Sheriff Christian seconded the motion. Chairman 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. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. The motion carried 10-0.

There was no further action taken.

14. Reserve Academy Master Schedule/Curriculum

Assistant Director Gerhart gave members an explanation of the proposed changes to the schedule and curriculum. He added this would also help make sure that the bridge students got what they needed before entering a full-time academy.

Sheriff Whetsel expressed his support for the changes and asked that any reference to an accident be changed to crash or collision. He added that an item for the next meeting would be continuing education and more basic training for reserves.

Action Taken: Chief Robinson made a motion to approve the proposed changes to the Reserve Academy Master Schedule and curriculum. Chief Ricks seconded the motion. Chairman 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. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. The motion carried 10-0.

15. Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins

Assistant Director Gerhart gave members a brief overview of what Lexipol is and explained that they had made a request for their daily training bulletins to count as continuing education for Oklahoma officers. He added that staff would recommend that officers not be allowed to receive more than 16 hours of CE per year from Lexipol and no mental health hours.

Members then discussed the basic operation of Lexipol and expressed concerns over giving officers credit for learning their own department policies. Kevin McCullough, OMAG, advised members of how Lexipol is currently being used by agencies around the state. The ultimate consensus of members was they did not have enough information to take action at this time.

Action Taken: Director Florence made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Sheriff Christian seconded the motion. Chairman 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. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. The motion carried 10-0.

16. Instructor Refresher Requirements

Director Emmons advised members that CLEET staff would be looking at ways to require instructors to keep their instructor certifications current by teaching in a basic academy. Director Florence asked if this was something IADLEST had started. Director Emmons replied that it was not but that he could ask those members for input. Sheriff Christian suggested staff research this further and bring forth a proposal for the Council.

17. Military Certification in Oklahoma

Director Emmons advised that Lawton PD had contacted him about letting military police attend their basic academy. He added that no certification would be awarded if they did this. Members then had a discussion regarding how their attendance would be supported financially and if military police even have authority off base, which would cause them to need this training in order to work with Lawton PD.

18. Promissory Note Discussion

There was no discussion.

19. Licensing Peace Officers

There was no discussion.

20. Budget Follow-Up Discussion

Director Emmons advised members that the complaints on the loss of the evening meal are related to per diem but not overwhelming. He added that CLEET would be adding some grills and a microwave for student use. Director Emmons also advised that if there was any carryover left from last year that it could be used to help offset the cost of ammunition.

Members expressed concern over cutting the evening meal for adjuncts also, and Assistant Director Gerhart said that CLEET staff could research how to overcome that.

Director Emmons added that CLEET should probably be preparing agencies now for future budget cuts and would be looking at other ways to train officers through distance education or something similar.

Director Florence asked that the budget be an item on each agenda.

21. Actions Against Peace Officers

There was no discussion.

22. Divisional Reports

There was no discussion.

23. Director's Report

Director Emmons updated members on basic academy enrollment; A1504: 91, A1505: 88, and Muskogee: 39. He added that there were 77 officers waiting for training in 2016.

Director Emmons advised members that the driving track had sustained more damage due to the recent heavy rains and that some ditches were now 8 feet deep. He added that CLEET staff had contacted FEMA for assistance with repairs. John Parker, Director of Administration, advised that repairs to correct the drainage problems would be at least \$74,000. Director Emmons said that there were no plans as of now to make repairs without financial assistance.

Director Emmons then advised that agencies would need to turn in their rosters by October 1, 2015, and that the Oklahoma Justice Review was progressing and still discussing consolidation of state law enforcement agencies.

24. New Business

There was no discussion.

25. Adjournment

Action Taken: Director Florence made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Burke seconded the motion. Chairman 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. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. The motion carried 10-0.

The meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.