

**COUNCIL ON LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING
REGULAR MEETING
K. O. Rayburn Training Center, 2401 Egypt Road, Ada, OK 74820
October 19, 2011
MINUTES**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Director Norman McNickle, Dept. of Public Safety,
City of Stillwater
Director Stan Florence, O.S.B.I.
Chief Jason O'Neal, Chickasaw Lighthouse Police
Chief Bob Ricks, Edmond Police Dept.
Chief Michael Robinson, O.S.U. DPS
Dr. Steve Turner, East Central University
Director Darrell Weaver, Oklahoma Bureau of
Narcotics

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Emmons, Executive Director
Chris Sutterfield, Program Manager-CE
Steven Floyd, Comptroller
Kelly James, Field Representative
John Parker, Accountant
James Wilson, Senior Training Attorney
Shannon Butler, Academy Coordinator
James Burton, Private Security Supervisor
Breanna Atkeson, Private Security Clerk
Laurie Schweinle, Receptionist
Tracy Shivers, Asst. Academy Coordinator
Erica Vasquez, Recording Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sheriff John Whetsel, Oklahoma County
Major Todd Blish, Oklahoma Highway Patrol
Chief Bill City, Oklahoma City Police Dept.
Corporal Jason Smith, F.O.P.
Sheriff Bob Wilder, Marshall County

GUESTS:

Agent Adam Whitney, O.S.B.I

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Norman McNickle called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. Roll was taken; seven members were present representing a quorum. Chairman Norman McNickle offered congratulations to Dr. Steve Turner and Chief Bob Ricks.

2. Approval of Minutes

Action Taken: Director Stan Florence made a motion to approve the minutes of both the August 8, 2011, Regular Meeting and the September 26, 2011, Special Meeting as written. The motion

was seconded by Chief Michael Robinson. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Chairman Norman McNickle voted yes; Director Stan Florence voted yes; Chief Jason O'Neal voted yes; Chief Bob Ricks voted yes; Chief Michael Robinson voted yes; Dr. Steve Turner voted yes; and Director Darrell Weaver voted yes. The motion carried 7-0.

3. Council Composition

A general discussion of the Council vacancy ensued and the best way in which to fill the empty seat. Dr. Steve Turner also advised that he would like to retain his seat on the Council until January 1, 2012, when he will take office as President of Northeastern State University. Chairman Norman McNickle suggested that it may be best to table the discussion now and revisit it later. No action was taken.

Item 3, which was tabled earlier, was revisited at 11:19 a.m. Chief Bob Ricks suggested that since the Council is required to have thirteen members and Chairman Norman McNickle was nominated to serve as Chairman that he could then occupy the seat of immediate past chair thus creating a vacancy for the OACP to fill. It was decided to notify the OACP they have an empty seat on the Council and that a formal resignation from Chairman McNickle would be unnecessary as there was no precedent for it.

4. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Action Taken: Director Darrell Weaver made a motion to nominate Director Norman McNickle as Chairman. The motion was seconded by Dr. Steve Turner. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Chairman Norman McNickle voted yes; Director Stan Florence voted yes; Chief Jason O'Neal voted yes; Chief Bob Ricks voted yes; Chief Michael Robinson voted yes; Dr. Steve Turner voted yes; Director Darrell Weaver voted yes. The motion carried 7-0.

Director Stan Florence made a motion to nominate Sheriff John Whetsel as Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded by Chief Bob Ricks. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Chairman Norman McNickle voted yes; Director Stan Florence voted yes; Chief Jason O'Neal voted yes; Chief Bob Ricks voted yes; Chief Michael Robinson voted yes; Dr. Steve Turner voted yes; Director Darrell Weaver voted yes. The motion carried 7-0.

5. Update on Status of Chief April Holmes

Executive Director Emmons advised that Chief April Holmes returned to the Basic Academy, made up her classes, and received Basic Certification on September 28, 2011.

6. Advisory Council Report

Executive Director Emmons advised that CLEET staff are in the process of exploring the possibility of implementing OC spray certification into the defensive tactics portion of the Basic Academy. Director Darrell Weaver asked that the cost of adding the OC spray certification be investigated. A general discussion was had on the use of the baton. No action was taken.

7. Private Security Advisory Committee (PSAC) Report and Composition

James Burton, Private Security Supervisor, reported that PSAC would ask the Council to reconfirm Mr. James Carroll as Chairman. Executive Director Emmons advised the Council that Breanna Atkeson was hired as a new employee in the Private Security Division and also that a section had been added to the CLEET Newsletter for Private Security. Steven Floyd, Comptroller, reported to the Council that revenue from the Private Security Division had increased about \$67,000 from this time last year and that he could make that information available to council members.

Action Taken: Chief Michael Robinson made a motion to reconfirm Mr. James Carroll as Chairman of the Private Security Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Dr. Steve Turner. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Chairman Norman McNickle voted yes; Director Stan Florence voted yes; Chief Jason O'Neal voted yes; Chief Bob Ricks voted yes; Chief Michael Robinson voted yes; Dr. Steve Turner voted yes; Director Darrell Weaver voted yes. The motion carried 7-0.

8. Curriculum Review Board Report and Actions

Executive Director Emmons advised the Council that the Curriculum Review Board has recommended that the Basic Academy certification exam score be raised from 70% to 80%. Ms. Tracy Shivers, Academic Assistant Academy Coordinator, provided members with information resulting from her research on this issue and answered any questions. She stated this increase would impact less than 1.7% of the students. Kelly James, Field Representative, asked that the COP program also be included in this decision. Chairman Norman McNickle asked if it would be acceptable to include the Academy Cities program as well. Dr. Steve Turner responded that, yes, CLEET is the accrediting body for both the COP program and Academy Cities as well. Chief Michael Robinson requested that OPOST test scores be compared with certification exam scores.

Action Taken: Dr. Steve Turner made a motion to revisit this issue after two academies and take action at that time. Director Darrell Weaver seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Chairman Norman McNickle voted yes; Director Stan Florence voted yes; Chief Jason O'Neal voted yes; Chief Bob Ricks voted yes; Chief Michael Robinson voted yes; Dr. Steve Turner voted yes; Director Darrell Weaver voted yes. The motion carried 7-0.

9. Legislative Update

Executive Director Emmons reminded everyone of the legislation that goes into effect November 1, 2011. Chairman Norman McNickle raised concerns about getting the word out on the Evidence Based Sexual Assault class that is required by January 1, 2012.

10. CLEET Financial Report

Steven Floyd, Comptroller, advised the Council on the current financial status of CLEET. He reported that through the month of September 22% of the budget has been used for this fiscal year, about \$94,000 less than last year, and also that the budget request for the next fiscal year has been submitted and includes a request for \$248,000 in carryover funds to increase the

general revenue fund. Steven Floyd then provided details about the budget request and the status of the penalty assessment fees. A total increase of \$204,000 was included in the budget request.

11. Actions Against Peace Officers

Members reviewed the information included in the packet; there were no questions or comments.

Director Darrell Weaver left the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

12. Divisional Reports

Members reviewed the information included in the packet; there were no questions or comments.

13. 2012 Proposed Meeting Dates

Director Darrell Weaver rejoined the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

Action Taken: Chief Jason O'Neal made a motion to approve the 2012 proposed meeting dates. The motion was seconded by Director Stan Florence. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Chairman Norman McNickle voted yes; Director Stan Florence voted yes; Chief Jason O'Neal voted yes; Chief Bob Ricks voted yes; Chief Michael Robinson voted yes; Dr. Steve Turner voted yes; and Director Darrell Weaver voted yes. The motion carried 7-0.

Chairman McNickle adjourned the meeting for a brief recess at 11:10 a.m.

Chairman McNickle reconvened the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

14. 2012 Legislative Discussion

Executive Director Emmons informed the Council of possible legislation regarding the Promissory Note and extending the amount of time allowed to find additional employment from ninety days to one hundred eighty. Executive Director Emmons also discussed the possibility of requiring additional training for reserve officers rather than just the yearly firearms requalification. There was also discussion about following the statute on whether or not a person with a deferred sentence would be disqualified from being a certified peace officer or not. James Wilson, Senior Training Attorney, advised that the Attorney General has issued an opinion on the issue. Dr. Steve Turner questioned whether or not extending the amount of time to find employment was necessary or if Executive Director Emmons should just continue to waive the ninety day requirement.

Chief Jason O'Neal advised the Council of legislation that would seek to allow tribal officers to enforce state law on tribal properties without the requirement of cross-deputation, which some tribal departments are unable to obtain. Chief Jason O'Neal also informed the Council of legislation that would remove the cross-deputation requirement to attend CLEET training.

Dr. Steve Turner offered his congratulations to Chief Jason O'Neal on his second time being selected as the Indian Country Police Chief of the Year and also to Executive Director Emmons for his first meeting as Executive Director.

15. Director's Report

Executive Director Emmons advised the Council of the many staffing changes at CLEET. He then presented the Council three options for the organization of CLEET, advised that he preferred the first option and referred back to the Council for their thoughts on having an Assistant Director. There was a general discussion on whether or not the Council should lose the ability to appoint the Assistant Director if the position is not filled. Executive Director Emmons explained the reasoning behind perhaps not filling the position and being able to use the money elsewhere. Dr. Steve Turner encouraged the Council to accept Executive Director Emmons preferred organizational chart. Executive Director Emmons recommended to the Council that he would like to fill the Assistant Director position and then allow that position to assume the responsibilities of the Director of Administration position, which is also open, without actually eliminating the position. Chairman Norman McNickle summarized the consensus of the Council as wanting to advertise for the Assistant Director position and also that a Special Meeting be held with this on the agenda.

Executive Director Emmons reported on the status of procuring cameras for the multi-purpose room, cooling for the firing range, regional meetings, Tom Cole's visit to CLEET, Basic Academy numbers. There was a general discussion among Council members about the cameras for the multi-purpose room, and concerns were expressed regarding privacy. There was also discussion regarding the effect of shortening the lunch period from one hour to forty-five minutes in order to capture more time for PT.

16. New Business

Dr. Steve Turner reported that CLEET would be receiving a new Dodge Charger for LEDT training from East Central University. He also updated the Council on the status of the DOC Initiative and advised that things are still moving forward with that. Director Darrell Weaver asked that Executive Director Emmons send a thank you to East Central University for providing the new Dodge Charger.

Chris Sutterfield advised the Council that the Bomb Dog Advisory Council and the Drug Dog Advisory Council would be seeking the Council's approval for the applicants they recommended to fill vacant seats in both councils. Director Darrell Weaver raised concerns about whether or not this constituted New Business. It was decided to put these items on the next agenda.

17. Adjournment

Dr. Steve Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chief Bob Ricks seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Chairman Norman McNickle voted yes; Director Stan Florence voted yes; Chief Jason O'Neal voted yes; Chief Bob Ricks voted yes; Chief Michael Robinson voted yes; Dr. Steve Turner voted yes; Director Darrell Weaver voted yes. The

motion carried 7-0.

Chairman Norman McNickle adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

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