

GEORGIA PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL

Threadmill Complex
August, Georgia
December 6, 2011
11:00 AM

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council was held at the Threadmill Complex, in Austell, Georgia on December 6, 2011. Chairman Mike Yeager called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

A calling of the roll by Vice-Chair, Bryan Golden indicated a quorum was present.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Mike Yeager
Mr. Don Banks
Lt. Steve Hyman
Commissioner James Williams
Warden Belinda Davis
Director Bryan Golden
Director Stan Cooper
Sheriff Scott Berry
Sheriff Mike Jolley
Sgt. Dolly Johnson
Director Michael Nail
Director Stan York

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Margaret Evans
Mayor Bill Trapnell
Colonel Homer Bryson
Commissioner Tom McMichael
Lt. Col. Russell Powell
Inspector Garry Moore
Chief Keith Glass

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT:

Director Frank Rotondo
Director Tim Bearden
Dr. Archie Rainey
Captain Walter Rabon
Marshal Steve Smith

POST STAFF PRESENT:

Ken Vance, Executive Director
Ryan Powell, Director of POST Operations
Brad Pope, Director, Investigations Division
Neenah Yarbrough, Budget Administrator
Tommy Keheley, Investigator
Denise Hudson, Investigations Division
Julie Lewandowski, Investigator
Wendy Izenour, Recording Secretary
Mitch Jones, Director of Certification and Training Standards
Meghan Fail, Operations Division

Visitors:

Joe Drolet
Ray Saxon
Robin Hollingsworth
Bill Kicklighter
Wesley Cannon
Jeff Baldwin
Lisa Lance
Della Leyssius
Cpt. Tony Winborn
Col. Bill Hitchens
Frank J. Kliessrath
Byron K. Kinder
Katie Flaughner
John Sheirling
Chris Jennings Baxter
Keith Howard
Patrice Kerner
Dennis Hammock

ADVISORY MEMBERS ABSENT

Lt. Stuart Van Hoozer
Dep. Commissioner Michael McNeely
Terry Norris
Lt. Barry Woodward

Opening Remarks of the Chairman:

Chairman Mike Yeager welcomed everyone and thanked them for being present. Chairman Yeager, at this time called Chaplain Della Leyssius to perform the invocation. Chairman Yeager introduced the newest Council member, Tim Bearden with the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, and welcomed him to the board.

Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Mike Yeager entertained a motion to approve the minutes for the September 7, 2011 Full Council meeting and the called Council meeting on November 1, 2011.

Sheriff Scott Berry made a motion to approve the minutes. Sgt. Dolly Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director Ken Vance greeted the Council members and guests. Director Vance discussed the budget situation and the work ethic of the POST staff. Director Vance stated that the new database is going well and there is a lot of positive feedback regarding the new system. At this time, Director Vance called forward Bill Kicklighter who is a former Council Member, to say a few words. Colonel Bill Hitchens was then called forward to receive a plaque for all of his years of service. Colonel Hitchens spoke about POST Council and the importance of the work POST does. Director Vance spoke about the job that POST does and the quality of the people employed at POST.

P.O.S.T. OPERATIONS DIVISION

Director Ryan Powell stated that he was presenting two issues to the Council and one update.

Annual Academy Recertification

Director Ryan Powell stated that this issue was presented at the Training Standards Committee and it was the recommendation to approve this request.

Commissioner Bubba Williams made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Training Standards Committee and approve the request for the annual academy recertification. Sheriff Scott Berry seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Equivalency of Training Update

Director Ryan Powell discussed the statistics of out of state officers and the certification exam to basic mandate students. The discussion in the Training Standards Committee lead to a decision to gather more data before consideration of a modification is made.

Harry C. McCann Application for Academy Director of the Georgia Piedmont Technical College Police Academy

Director Ryan Powell stated that this issue was presented at the Training Standards Committee and it was the recommendation to approve this request.

Sheriff Scott Berry made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Training Standards Committee and approve the request of Harry C. McCann’s application for certification as academy director of the Georgia Piedmont Technical College Police Academy. Sgt. Dolly Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

CERTIFICATION DIVISION AND TRAINING STANDARDS DIVISION

20 Hour Annual Training Requirement Waivers:

Director Mitch Jones stated that this issue was presented to the Training Standards Committee and it was the recommendation to approve the following training waivers:

- Charles F. Hill- First Waiver 3 years or more
- Bob M. Graham-First Waiver 3 years or more
- Byron K. Kinder – Second Waiver
- Wesley H. Cannon- Second Waiver
- Akeia R. Keith- First Waiver 3 years or more

Sheriff Scott Berry made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Training Standards Committee and approve the waivers of Charles F. Hill; Bob M. Graham; Byron K. Kinder; Wesley H. Cannon and Akeia R. Keith. Sheriff Mike Jolley seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Probable Cause Committee Recommendations

For cases with the recommendation of:

- No Action
- Approve
- Probation
- Deny Certification
- Revoke Certification
- Revoke/Deny Certification

Sgt. Dolly Johnson made the motion to accept the recommendations of the Probable Cause Committee. Director Michael Nail seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Probable Cause Committee Cases December 6, 2011

Director Pope stated that the Probable Cause Committee had reviewed the following cases.

- Case #0002341110
- Recommendation: Deny Certification

Case # 0021030109
Recommendation: Deny Certification

Case # 0054860211
Recommendation: Deny Certification

Case # 0067410311
Recommendation: Deny Certification

Case # 0073431210
Recommendation: Deny Certification

Case # 0082301110
Recommendation: Deny Certification

Sgt. Dolly Johnson made a motion to approve the recommendations of the Probable Cause Committee. Sheriff Mike Jolley seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Case # 0007980411
Recommendation: Approve Certification

Director Michael Nail made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Probable Cause Committee. Sgt. Dolly Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Case # 0021510811
Recommendation: Deny Certification

Sheriff Scott Berry made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Probable Cause Committee. Commissioner Bubba Williams seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Case # 0021720811
Recommendation: Deny & Revoke Certification

Sgt. Dolly Johnson made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Probable Cause Committee. Commissioner Bubba Williams seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Case # 0026990311
Recommendation: No Action, Agency Action Sufficient

Sheriff Mike Jolley made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Probable Cause Committee. Sgt. Dolly Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Case # 0056680311
Recommendation: Deny Certification

Sheriff Scott Berry made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Probable Cause Committee. Sgt. Dolly Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Case # 0076700311

Recommendation: Deny Certification

Sheriff Scott Berry made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Probable Cause Committee. Director Michael Nail seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Case # 0077890411

Recommendation: Deny & Revoke Certification

Sgt. Dolly Johnson made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Probable Cause Committee. Director Michael Nail seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Case # 0068860208

Recommendation: Revoke Certification

Chief Bryan Golden made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Probable Cause Committee. Sgt. Dolly Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Case # 0089400810

Recommendation: Revoke Certification

Sheriff Scott Berry made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Probable Cause Committee. Commissioner Bubba Williams seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

PETITIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT/RECONSIDERATION

Richard Lankford's petition will be tabled and discussed at a later date due to new information.

Chief Bryan Golden made a recommendation to table the recommendation to deny the petition of Richard D. Lankford. Commissioner Bubba Williams seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Recommendation to Deny Certification

Anita Atwater

Sedric D. Carithers

Marcus Robinson

Sheriff Scott Berry made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Certification Committee and deny the following petitioners: Anita Atwater; Sedric D. Carithers; and Marcus R. Robinson. Director Stan York seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Recommendation to Approve Certification

Marie C. Jensen
Constantine Kassars, Jr.
Robin A. Lupo
Jamie E. Ricks

Mr. Don Banks made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Certification Committee to approve the Certification of Marie C. Jensen; Constantine Kassars, Jr.; Robin A. Lupo and Jamie E. Ricks. Director Stan Cooper seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Recommendation to Approve with Conditions

Jamena C. Brown –Approve Certification with DHR approved anger management course.

Director Stan York made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Certification Committee to approve with conditions for Jamena C. Brown. Mr. Don Banks seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND/OR EMERGENCY MATTERS

Chairman Mike Yeager thanked everyone that was present and discussed how fast POST gets through the cases on the day of Council but stressed the importance of the Committees. Chairman Yeager discussed how much time and effort is spent by all involved and it would not be possible if it were not for the Committee process. Chairman Yeager announced the 2012 Council dates as being March 7, June 6, September 12 and December 5, 2012.

Chairman Mike Yeager entertained a motion to adjourn. Sheriff Scott Berry made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council. Sgt. Dolly Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

**Sheriff Mike Yeager, Chairman
Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council**

Wendy Izenour, Recording Secretary