

MINUTES

BLEOST MEETING
September 8, 2022

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Greg Pollan.

Roll Call:

The Chair called the roll, and a quorum was established. Board members present were:

Hon. Kassie Coleman
Hon. Lindsay Watts Cranford
Col. Randy Ginn
Chief Michael Hall
Deputy Charles Harris
Sheriff Jim Johnson
Dr. Steve Mallory
Constable Glenn McKay
Sheriff Greg Pollan
Chief John Mark Quaka
Chief Vance Rice

Board Counsel Samuel Goff

Board members not present were:

Mayor Gary Rhoads
Mr. Windy Swetman

Introduction of Guests, Introductory Remarks:

The guests introduced themselves and they were welcomed.

Speakers/Guests present were:

Director Jacqueline Moreno - SRPSI
Lt. Mike Cowan - DeSoto Co. S.O.
Captain Marcus D. Colley – MHP Training
Director Dan Rawlinson – MLEOTA
Instructor Christiane Williams
Director Amy Vanderford – MDCCLETA
Director Brent Swan – Lowndes County P/T Academy
Director John Bishop – Monroe County P/T Academy
Director Louis Elias – Harrison County LETA
Lt. Brandon Hendry – Harrison County LETA
Ex. Director Ray Sims – DPSP
Lt. Jonathan Esters – Hinds County Reserve Academy

Officer Alex Fennell – Southaven P.D.

Staff Members Present were:

Program Supervisor Robert Davis
Program Specialist Risa Turpin
Program Specialist Michael Nash
Program Specialist Donna Rogers

Approval of Minutes:

A copy of the minutes from the meeting on July 14, 2022, were emailed to each member. Sheriff Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Chief Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

OLD BUSINESS

In-Service Training – Request for Approval:

- 1. 2022 MADCP (MS Association of Drug Court Professionals) Conference; 12 hours**
- 2. Female Survival Tactics; Cpl. Tambra Ruiz; 32 hours**
- 3. One Loud Voice Conference; Children’s Advocacy Centers; 11.25 hours**
- 4. Leading by Example, Mental Health Awareness Workshop; Christiane Williams; 4 hours**

These topics were presented to the Board for approval. DA Coleman made a motion to approve, and Chief Quaka seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

Report on Equivalency Certification Test:

After the Board approved the Equivalency Certification Test, the staff started contacting those eligible to take the test. Eighteen officers were identified and contacted. So far, 4 have taken the test. A retired federal agent working for a state agency was the first to take the test. He made a passing score of 76. An officer certified from Missouri made 76. An officer from Louisiana made 79. An officer from Alabama made 72. The staff will continue to review the test questions to be sure they are fair and understandable. Officers from other jurisdictions must establish residence in the state to be eligible to take the test.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss Military Police Training Equivalency:

The staff presented the Board with a military police training comparison to our basic curriculum. This form indicated that a military applicant had 1074 hours of police training. In evaluating this

training, only 235 hours were determined to be equivalent out of our 480-hour curriculum. Board counsel Goff stated that the Military Family Freedom Act was different from the Occupational Licensing Act. After other discussion, Chief Quaka made a motion to table this discussion so more research could be conducted on what the law requires the Board to accept for certification equivalency. Col. Ginn seconded the motion and there was no opposition.

Discuss Patrol Rifle Training in Basic Academy:

The Board discussed the feasibility of including a Patrol Rifle Course in the Basic Academy. Several members were in favor of implementing this course. The Board asked the staff to bring a proposal after discussing this issue with the academies.

Certification of Officers:

Director Davis presented five full-time academy classes and four part-time academy classes for certification pending completion of all requirements.

Seventeen full-time and five part-time equivalency of training candidates were presented for certification pending completion of all requirements. The Chair entertained a motion. DA Coleman made a motion to approve the full-time classes, the part-time classes, and the equivalency candidates for certification subject to meeting all requirements. Chief Rice seconded the motion. The motion was adopted without opposition.

Director's Report:

Mrs. Risa Turpin was introduced as the new certification officer for Standards and Training. She worked for Standards and Training several years ago in the Telecommunications Section. She has been working in the MHP Training Division.

The Supervisor's Association informed the staff that they will be replacing Mr. Swetman on the Board. Mr. Swetman also called to inform the Board that he was being replaced by the Association. We are thankful for Mr. Swetman's service.

The Board was reminded that basic academies starting after July 1, 2022, are eligible to charge the agencies \$4000.00 per cadet. The staff will assist academies to ensure that the agencies are paying their training fee.

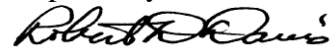
Next Scheduled Meeting:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2022.

Concluding Remarks; Adjournment:

The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Col. Ginn made a motion to adjourn. DA Coleman seconded the motion, and it passed without opposition. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Davis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "R".

Director, Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training