

**BOARD ON JAIL OFFICER
STANDARDS AND TRAINING**



**MINUTES
FOR THE MEETING OF
11 MAY 2021**

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Board on Jail Officer Standards and Training
Ridgeland, Mississippi
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Call to Order

Chairman Saxton called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Roll Call, Introduction of New Board Members and Guests

Chairman Saxton conducted roll call and declared for the record that a quorum was present.

Chief Ford Hayman, Clinton Police Department, was welcomed to the board.

The following Board members, staff, advisors and guests were participants:

BJOST Members present:

Mr. Ford Hayman, Chief, Clinton Police Department
Mr. Bill Newsom, Mississippi Association of Supervisors
Mr. Martin Pace, Sheriff, Warren County
Mr. Travis Patten, Sheriff, Adams County
Ms. Missy Saxton, Exec Assistant, MS State Board for Community and Junior Colleges
Mr. Billy Sollie, Sheriff, Lauderdale County

BJOST Members not present:

Mr. Ronnie L. Bowen, Chief, Amory Police Department
Mr. Danny Rigel, Sheriff, Lamar County

BJOST Counsel present:

Mr. Pete Cajoleas, Special Assistant Attorney General

BJOST Staff Members present:

Robert Davis, Director, Standards & Training
Bob Morgan, Assistant Director, Standards & Training
Tim Brown, Projects Officer IV, Special

Advisors and Visitors present:

None

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Saxton asked if there were any changes or additions to the minutes from the previous meeting.

Sheriff Sollie moved to adopt the minutes as submitted and Sheriff Pace seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition on a voice vote.

New Business

Review, Discuss Proposed Changes to Policy; Vote with intent to Adopt

Changes to the Policy and Procedures manual were discussed. The first being the overhaul and realignment of the numbering system with the manual. This should facilitate an easier location of information within the manual. Enabling legislation and forms have also been removed from the manual as they can be found in other publications. Motion with intent to adopt changes as stated made by Mr. Newsom and seconded by Sheriff Patten. The motion passed without opposition on a voice vote.

Also a potential change in wording with definition and examination of criminal records concerning employment by those with a criminal past. As of this meeting, the certification of jail officers does not fall under the Fresh Start Act of 2019. However a change in wording to emphasize looking at the conviction and length of time since the offense will be considered. Motion with intent to adopt changes to wording in the manual was made by Chief Hayman and seconded by Sheriff Sollie. The motion passed without opposition on a voice vote.

Certification of Officers

Director Davis presented a list (**Exhibit One**) of 1625 detention officers (1097 adult, 528 juvenile) for certification. Mr. Newsom offered a motion to approve the list for certification and Sheriff Sollie seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Certification of Training Facility

Director Davis presented a list (**Exhibit Two**) of four (4) training facilities for certification: the Columbia Law Enforcement Training Academy, Golden Triangle Regional Training Facility, Sunflower County Sheriff Department Training Facility, and Vindicator Officer Solutions Detention Officer Training Academy. Sheriff Patten offered a motion to approve the training facilities certification and Sheriff Sollie seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Certification of Instructors

Director Davis presented a list (**Exhibit Three**) of thirty-seven (37) instructors who have completed the application process and met the standards for instructor certification. Sheriff Sollie offered a motion to approve the instructors. The motion was seconded by Mr. Newsom and passed without opposition.

Director's Report

Funding for the board has been placed under the General Funds.

HB1263 The Universal Recognition of Licensing could impact the board in so much as to allow those individuals coming from another state, with a state certification and work experience of one or more years, to be recognized in our state as having a current BJOST certification. Also provides for those with no state certification but having worked for three or more years in their respective states, to also be recognized as being certified by the BJOST. Both of these scenarios are contingent upon not having been decertified or left employment to avoid decertification or prosecution.

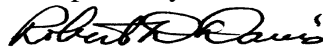
Next Scheduled BJOST meeting

The next BJOST Board meeting will be announced.

Concluding Remarks & Adjournment

Chairman Saxton observed the business of the Board was complete and entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion was provided by Mr. Newsom and seconded by Sheriff Pace and passed without opposition. The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Director, Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training