

MINUTES  
STATE POLICE COMMISSION

June 11, 2015

The State Police Commission convened its monthly meeting at 9:05 A.M. on Thursday, June 11, 2015, in Suite 208, Office of Management and Finance/OMV Building, 7979 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Present were Chairman, Franklin M. Kyle, III, and Vice-Chairman, W. Lloyd Grafton and Members Thomas "T. J. " Doss, Donald Breaux, Joe Cage and attorneys Lenore Feeney and William Norfolk. Members Bill Goldring and Freddie Pitcher were absent.

On motion duly made and seconded by unanimous vote of the Members present, the Commission voted to approve the Minutes from the April 9, 2015, meeting.

There were no employees present to address the Commission.

In the matter of Scott Butler Docket No. 13-212-T, Wayne R. "Ron" Crouch, Department of Public Safety & Corrections, Office of Legal Affairs presented the Joint Request for Rescission of Removal and Reinstatement of Trooper Scott Butler agreement to the Commission. Butler and the Appointing Authority ("the Parties") have reached an agreement in the Litigation of the terms which provide for rescission of the notice of removal and all disciplinary action incorporated therein, and further provide for Butler's reinstatement retroactive to the date of removal, with no break in service or seniority. Pursuant to the provisions of State Police Commission rule 15.10 (B) and (C) the parties jointly petition the Commissioner and the Commission for Approval of the Appointing Authority's action of rescinding Butler's removal and reinstating Butler retroactive to April 3, 2013, with no break in service or seniority, such reinstatement to be pursuant to and upon the terms and conditions stipulated in the Receipt, Release, Indemnity & Confidentiality Agreement ("the Agreement") between Butler and the State of Louisiana Department of Public Safety & Corrections, Louisiana State Police, executed by Butler on February 27, 2015. The approval of the above-described action will render Butler's appeal moot pursuant to the Commission Rule 13.5 (4).

On motion duly made and to seconded by majority vote of the Members present, the Commission voted to approve. In the matter of General Circular 172: Revision of State Police Commission Rules Chapter 3: Duties of the Director and Chapter 4:

Agencies and Persons Governed by these Rules, the Members present requested that the matter be considered at the July 9, 2015, meeting. Also, a continuance was requested of General Circular 173: Revision of State Police Commission Rule Chapter 1: Definitions.

On motion duly made and seconded by majority vote of the Members present, the Commission voted to object to proposed amendments to State Police Commission Rule 6.5, Hiring Rate. The Department of Public Safety, Office of State Police, proposal to consider the provision to be added to State Police commission rule Chapter 6.5, Hiring Rate is denied.

Under commission business LSPC Executive Director, Cathy Derbonne, welcomes Christy Cephus as the new Test Analyst. T. A. Cephus will begin at an annual salary rate of \$41,600, and will be responsible for the planning, coordinating, facilitating and administering all entrance exams for applicants interested in becoming a Louisiana State Police Trooper.

An overview detailing all expenditures for the previous month of the State Police Commission Budget FY 14-15 was noted.

The Appeal hearing of Damien Dyson (Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police), Docket No. 15-217-T, is scheduled for July 9, 2015. The Louisiana State Trooper Association (LSTA) Convention will be held August 6 - 8, 2015, hosted by Troop A, and will be in Baton Rouge, La at the Crowne Plaza and those interested in attending need to notify the Commission and register.

The next board meeting will be held July 9, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.

At the Conclusion of the Commission's agenda, on motion duly made and seconded, by unanimous vote of the members present, the Commission voted to adjourn its meeting at 9:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Franklin Kyle, Chairman

  
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Cathy Derbonne, Executive Director