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MEMORANDUM

TO: N.C. Sheriffs' Education and Training
Standards Commission Members and Staff

FROM: J. Joy Strickland 
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DATE: August 26, 2024

RE: **FINAL AGENCY DECISIONS**
Michael Thomas Cannon
John Galloway
Darien Kevone Herbin
Latoya Shaunice Melton
Jeslynn Hill

These matters are scheduled to be heard before the Commission at its September 19, 2024 meeting. At that time, you will be called upon to render your Final Agency Decision in these matters after reviewing all pertinent documents and hearing oral arguments. Please review the enclosed documents prior to the Commission meeting and bring them with you to the meeting.

The official records and transcripts from these hearings will be available at the meeting for your review. If additional submissions by the parties come to my attention before the Commission meeting, I will forward them to you immediately.

MICHAEL THOMAS CANNON

An administrative hearing was held on October 16, 2023, before Administrative Law Judge Lawrence R. Duke regarding whether Petitioner's justice officer certification should be denied for the commission of four or more Class A or Class B Misdemeanors. On May 9, 2024, Judge Duke filed his Proposal for Decision, and recommended that Petitioner's justice officer certification be **DENIED**; however, that period of denial be **SUSPENDED** for a period of **ONE (1) YEAR** and

the certification be **GRANTED** on the condition that Petitioner not violate any law (other than infractions) of this state or any other state, any federal laws, or any rules of this Commission or the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission. Counsel for the Commission has submitted **Exceptions to the Proposal for Decision** and a **Proposed Final Agency Decision** for your review.

JOHN GALLOWAY

An administrative hearing was held on March 11, 2024, before Administrative Law Judge Samuel K. Morris regarding whether Petitioner's justice officer certification should be denied for the Commission of a Class B Misdemeanor, Commission of a Felony, and knowingly making a material misrepresentation to the Sheriffs' Commission to obtain certification. On June 28, 2024, Judge Morris filed his Proposal for Decision, and recommended that Petitioner's justice officer certification be **GRANTED**. Counsel for the Commission has submitted **Exceptions to the Proposal for Decision** and a **Proposed Final Agency Decision** for your review.

DARIEN KEVONE HERBIN

An administrative hearing was held on April 23, 2024, before Administrative Law Judge Jonathan S. Dills regarding whether Petitioner's justice officer certification should be revoked for the Commission of a Class B Misdemeanor after appointment. On June 11, 2024, Judge Dills filed his Proposal for Decision, and recommended that Petitioner be **REPRIMANDED** and placed on **PROBATION** for a period of **THREE (3) YEARS** from the date of final decision, conditioned upon the immediate enrollment of Petitioner into an Anger Management Certification Course acceptable to the General Court of Justice in or around Guilford, Alamance or Wake County, and the successful completion of at least 24 hours of same within a reasonable time not to exceed three (3) months. Counsel for the Commission has submitted **Exceptions to the Proposal for Decision** and a **Proposed Final Agency Decision** for your review.

LATOYA SHAUNICE MELTON

An administrative hearing was held on May 6, 2024, before Administrative Law Judge Jonathan S. Dills regarding whether Petitioner's justice officer certification should be denied for making a material misrepresentation on her Personal History Statement, Form F-3. On May 15, 2024, Judge Dills filed his Proposal for Decision, and recommended that Petitioner be **REPRIMANDED** and placed on **PROBATION** for a period of **TWO (2) YEARS** from the date of final decision. Counsel for the Commission has submitted **Exceptions to the Proposal for Decision** and a **Proposed Final Agency Decision** for your review.

JESLYNN RYAN HILL

An administrative hearing was held on June 3, 2024, before Administrative Law Judge Jonathan S. Dills regarding whether Petitioner's justice officer certification should be denied for the commission and conviction of the class B misdemeanors of injury to personal property. On July 25, 2024, Judge Dills filed his Proposal for Decision, and recommended that Petitioner's certification be GRANTED and petitioner placed on **PROBATION** for a period of **TWO (2) YEARS** from the date of final decision, during which time she will remain alcohol free and her compliance with reasonable monitoring by leadership at her employer. Counsel for the Commission has submitted **Exceptions to the Proposal for Decision** and a **Proposed Final Agency Decision** for your review.

cc: Richard Squires, Director, Sheriffs' Standards Division
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