

THE NORTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS'

EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION

SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 11, 2024

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

SUBMITTED BY: Richard Squires, Director

I. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff Alan Jones

The North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission was called to order by Sheriff Alan Jones on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 1:30 pm. The Special Commission Meeting was held via teleconference.

II. ROLL CALL

Alex Radford

Chair Jones requested a roll call of Commission members. Alex Radford recorded the following:

MEMBERS PRESENT

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sheriff Shelton White

Sheriff Jeff Crisco

Sheriff Jack Smith

Sheriff Lowell Griffin

Sheriff Mike Roberson

Sheriff Ed McMahan

Sheriff Don Brown

Sheriff Alan Norman

Sheriff James McVicker

Sheriff Alan Jones

Sheriff Van Shaw

Sheriff Terry Johnson

Mr. George Dunlap

Mr. Marc Nichols

Mr. Jamie Markham

Ms. Jennifer Fisher

STAFF

Richard Squires Sheriffs' Standards Division

Alex Radford Sheriffs’ Standards Division

Joy Strickland NC Department of Justice

VISITORS

Eddie Caldwell NC Sheriffs’ Association

Lauren Earnhardt NC Sheriffs’ Association

III. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Sheriff Alan Jones

Chair Jones welcomed everyone and declared a quorum.

IV. ETHICS REMINDER

Joy Strickland

V. CIVIL UNREST POLICY

Richard Squires

Session Law 2023-6 (HB40) requires the Department of Justice in consultation with the Sheriffs’ Standards Division, the Criminal Justice Standards Division, and the NC Department of Public Safety to develop a model law enforcement agency protest and engagement policy and submit it to the legislature. After consulting numerous policies, DOJ has identified the Crowd Management Policy created by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) as the best starting point for law enforcement agencies to use in developing their agency protest response and engagement policies. We are asking the Commission to consider approving a draft Civil Unrest Policy.

A **MOTION** was made by Sheriff Terry Johnson to approve the Civil Unrest Policy module; seconded by Commissioner Marc Nichols. **MOTION CARRIED**

VI. OPERATION CATCHUP

Richard Squires

Director Squires addressed the Commission and stated that a project has begun with collaboration with Sheriffs’ Standards Certification team and the North Carolina Sheriffs’ Association called Operation Catchup. The purpose of this project is to help relieve some of the buildup of certification applications with all the Sheriff’s Office and working with individual agencies to insure everyone is on the same page with getting their officers certified.

The Chair recognized Mr. Eddie Caldwell who related that during the review of applications an issue was identified with the Psychological Screening submission requirements for older applications that were received prior to February 1, 2024. On that date, a rule change requiring a submission of an unredacted psychological became effective. He requested that the Commission consider approving these earlier submitted psychological screening screenings if they were submitted prior to the rule change on February 1, 2024.

A **MOTION** was made by Sheriff Terry Johnson to approve the request; seconded by Commissioner Marc Nichols. **MOTION CARRIED**

VII. ADJOURNMENT