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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** N.C. Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commissioners and Staff

**FROM:** J. Joy Strickland  
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**DATE:** October 22, 2024

**RE:** **FINAL AGENCY DECISIONS**

Michael Thomas Cannon  
Roy Caro  
Kevin Edmond  
Alex Aboussleman  
Margaret Rein  
Christopher Torrance

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These matters are scheduled to be heard before the Commission at its November 21, 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 attached 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**  
**(this was continued from the last meeting)**

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.

**ROY CARO**

An administrative hearing was held on April 17, 2024, before Administrative Law Judge Samuel Morris regarding whether Petitioner's justice officer certification should be revoked for the Commission of a Class B Misdemeanor after appointment. On August 2, 2024, Judge Morris filed his Proposal for Decision and recommended that Petitioner be **REVOKED** for a period of **FIVE (5) YEARS**. Counsel for the Commission has submitted **Exceptions to the Proposal for Decision** and a **Proposed Final Agency Decision** for your review. Counsel for Petitioner has prepared a written argument for your consideration, which is included for your review.

**KEVIN EDMOND**

An administrative hearing was held on May 29, 2024, before Administrative Law Judge Jonathan S. Dills regarding whether Petitioner's justice officer certification should be revoked for committing a felony and lacking requisite character in effort to revoke his justice officer certification, Judge Dills filed his Proposal for Decision and recommended that Petitioner not be revoked. Counsel for the Commission has submitted **Exceptions to the Proposal for Decision** and a **Proposed Final Agency Decision** for your review.

**ALEX ABOUSSLEMAN**

An administrative hearing was held on June 27, 2024, before Administrative Law Judge Michael Byrne regarding whether Petitioner's justice officer certification should be revoked for the commission of the class B misdemeanors of Petitioner lacked good moral character. On August 27, 2024, Judge Byrne filed his Proposal for Decision and recommended that Petitioner's certification be **GRANTED**. Counsel for the Commission has submitted **Exceptions to the Proposal for Decision** and a **Proposed Final Agency Decision** for your review.

**MARGARET REIN**

An administrative hearing was held on March 6, 2024, before Administrative Law Judge David Sutton regarding whether Petitioner's justice officer certification should be denied due to

her commission of the felony offenses of 2nd degree robbery and possession of heroin and the combination of the commission and/or conviction of 4 or more class A and B misdemeanors as defined by the North Carolina Administrative Code. On August 23, 2024, Judge Sutton filed his Proposal for Decision and recommended that Petitioner's certification be **DENIED** permanently. Counsel for the Commission has submitted **Exceptions to the Proposal for Decision** and a **Proposed Final Agency Decision** for your review.

### CHRISTOPHER TORRANCE

An administrative hearing was held on April 16, 2024, before Administrative Law Judge Kathleen Turrentine regarding whether Petitioner's justice officer certification should be revoked for the commission of the class B misdemeanor of assault on a female. On July 25, 2024, Judge Turrentine filed her Proposal for Decision and recommended that Petitioner's certification be **GRANTED**. 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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