

Quarterly Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2021

On Thursday, June 3, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., the quarterly meeting of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) was held at Round Rock City Hall, 221 E. Main St., Round Rock, Texas.

Commissioners attending were Major Jason D. Hester, Assistant Presiding Officer; Patricia Burruss, Secretary; Constable Ron Hood; Janna Atkins; Tim Whitaker; and Sharon Breckenridge Thomas. Presiding Officer Kim Lemaux, Commissioner Jack Taylor, and Commissioner Michael Griffis were absent.

Attending from the Office of the Attorney General were Raymond C. Winter and Robert Savage. TCOLE staff attending included Executive Director Kim Vickers, Credentialing and Field Services Director Cullen Grissom, Enforcement and Special Services Director Michael Antu, Government Relations Director Gretchen Grigsby, Finance Director Brian Roth, General Counsel John Beauchamp, Lita Rendon, Iris Martinez, Jessica Capraro, Dennis Graffious, Gary Connella, Doug Skolaut, Hillary Lyon, David New, Shane Norie, Kaitlyn Tonkin, and Laurie Jackson.

Agenda item #1, Call to order.

The Assistant Presiding Officer called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. Officer Jerry Hallford, Officer Joseph Claypool, Officer Miles Tucker, and Officer Rey Rodriguez of the Round Rock Police Department posted the colors. Commissioner Hood led the pledges of allegiance and Commissioner Whitaker gave the invocation. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Welcoming remarks were made by the Assistant Presiding Officer. Chief Banks of Round Rock Police Department was thanked for helping to secure the meeting location.

Agenda item #2, Reading of peace officer/jailer deaths since the March 4, 2021, meeting.

Director Grigsby read the name of the officers killed in the line of duty and COVID-19 deaths.

Corrections Officer Tracey Adams, Texas Department of Criminal Justice

EOW: Saturday, March 6, 2021

Corrections Officer Luis Arturo Hernandez, Sr., Texas Department of Criminal Justice

EOW: Wednesday, March 31, 2021

Trooper Chad Walker, Texas Department of Public Safety

EOW: Wednesday, March 31, 2021

Corrections Officer Jimmy Garcia, Texas Department of Criminal Justice
EOW: Thursday, April 15, 2021

Deputy Sheriff Alexander Gwosdz, Harris County Sheriff's Office
EOW: Thursday, April 22, 2021

Border Patrol Agent Freddie Vasquez, US Department of Homeland Security - Customs and
Border Protection
EOW May 8, 2021

Deputy Sheriff Samuel Leonard, Concho County Sheriff's Office
EOW May 10, 2021

Sergeant Stephen Jones, Concho County Sheriff's Office
EOW May 10, 2021

A moment of silence was observed.

Agenda item #3, Approval of the minutes of the March 4, 2021, quarterly commission meeting at Austin, Texas.

Commissioner Burruss made a motion to approve the March 4, 2021 quarterly meeting minutes. Commissioner Hood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item #4, Receive reports. Take action if necessary.

Executive Director Kim Vickers thanked Chief Banks with the Round Rock Police Department and the City of Round Rock for their help in securing the meeting location. An update was given on the Sunset Bill. The Sunset Bill did not pass the House and the Senate did not hear the bill in committee. TCOLE was given a two-year extension. The Legislature has decided that TCOLE will be buying TCLEDDS. Six new FTE's will be added to the Curriculum Division. The focus will be to update existing courses and expand online training. There was discussion about the Commission meeting more often than the quarterly meetings.

Enforcement and Special Services Director Michael Antu talked about the launch of the new Learning Management System with collaboration from Texas A&M and TEEX. TCOLE is in the final stages of getting the shopping cart back online. Director Antu gave numbers on how COVID affected students and hours of training. Both had a slight decrease. Racial Profiling is closed, and 13 agencies received reprimands. With the purchase of TCLEDDS, all agencies will receive TCLEDDS Plus at no charge.

Credentialing and Field Services Director Cullen Grissom gave the number of out of state, federal, and military applications that had been approved in the previous and current fiscal years. The second notice of pending noncompliance has been sent out. The COVID shutdown did not have a significant impact on the pending noncompliance. There was discussion about prioritizing curriculum to be updated in the future, and online training as well as the guidelines for a training provider to offer online training. Director Antu added that a Distance Education Manual is on our website and available for download. The New Training Coordinator Training is being taught around the state. The next class is June 9 and another in August.

Government Relations Director Gretchen Grigsby gave an update on the legislative session and the bills that have passed and are on the Governor's desk ready for signature. Twelve bills of the 85 filed affecting TCOLE passed. We will be purchasing TCLEDDS pending approval from the Legislative Budget Board and the Department of Information Resources.

Finance Director Brian Roth gave an update on the grant progress. TCOLE has two active grants. The curriculum update grant is eighty percent complete and a school marshal grant that is fifteen percent complete. The annual agency risk assessment, quarterly performance measures, agency workforce plan, and contract and procurement manual have been submitted.

Assistant Presiding Officer Hester relayed information from Presiding Officer Lemaux. The Presiding Officer is requesting from TCOLE staff an increase in regular communications between Commission meetings, increase and enhance communications with our stakeholders, an increase in Commission meetings, and establishing a Strategic Planning Committee with an annual Strategic Planning meeting.

Commissioner Atkins made a motion to accept the staff reports as presented. Commissioner Burruss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item #5, Discussion of and take actions on proceedings for revocation, suspension, and other disciplinary actions.

Raymond C. Winter reviewed the disciplinary actions.

Default Suspension Orders

Bougere, Jerome G.	Peace Officer	Dallas Cnty. Hospital Dist.
Gomez, Israel A.	Peace Officer, Jailer	Bexar Cnty. Sheriff's Office
Livingston, Tyler J.	Jailer	Smith Cnty. Sheriff's Office
Ochoa Jr., Rene A.	Jailer	Wharton Cnty. Sheriff's Office
Self, John G.	Peace Officer	Seabrook Police Dep't

Tubergen, Rodney S.	Peace Officer	San Antonio Police Dep't
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Commissioner Burruss moved that the Commission accept and adopt the recommendation of the Executive Director to enter a default final order to suspend the licenses of Jerome G. Bougere through Rodney S. Tubergen. Commissioner Atkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Default Revocation Orders

Boas IV, Fred	Peace Officer, Jailer	Galveston Cnty. Sheriff's Office
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Commissioner Burruss moved that the Commission accept and adopt the recommendations of the Executive Director to enter default final order to revoke the license of Fred Boas IV. Commissioner Atkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposal for Decision

Cobb, Justin W.	Peace Officer, Jailer	Manvel Police Dep't
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This agenda item was not addressed.

For Information Only

Permanent Surrenders

Baker, William J.	Peace Officer	Tahoka Police Dep't
Cotton, Suzanne M.	Peace Officer	Coldspring-Oakhurst C.I.S.D. Police Dep't
Garcia Jr., Jonas R.	Peace Officer	Harris Cnty. Sheriff's Office
Gloeckler, Ta Vian R.	Jailer	Bexar Cnty. Sheriff's Office
Leach, Kevin T.	Jailer	Montgomery Cnty. Sheriff's Office
New, Shelbie D.	Peace Officer, Jailer	Galveston Cnty. Sheriff's Office
Perez, George E.	Peace Officer	34th Judicial District Attorney's Office
Rivera, Nicholas J.	Peace Officer	Denton Cnty. Water District Police Dep't
Shobert, Jonathan B.	Peace Officer, Telecommunicator	Cherokee Cnty. Sheriff's Office

Suspensions for Failing to Complete Legislatively Required Continuing Education

Brewer, Cameron R.	Peace Officer	Harris Cnty. Sheriff's Office
Urban, Jared J.	Peace Officer	Montgomery Cnty. Constable Precinct 5

Reprimands for Administrative Violations

Brawner, James F.	Peace Officer	Brazoria Cnty. Constable Precinct 4
Brown, Dan W.	Peace Officer	Upton Cnty. Sheriff's Office
Brown, Don M.	Peace Officer	Foard Cnty. Sheriff's Office
Chunn, Joseph W.	Peace Officer	Holliday Police Dep't
Guajardo, Bartolo	Peace Officer	Jim Wells Cnty. Constable Precinct 6
Land, Dusty R.	Peace Officer	Midland Police Dep't
Lourcey Jr., Louis V.	Peace Officer	Rogers Police Dep't
Mancillas, Robert	Peace Officer	Holiday Lakes Police Dep't
McCutchen, Randall W.	Peace Officer	Coke Cnty. Sheriff's Office
Sanchez, Gerald J.	Peace Officer	Poth Police Dep't
Schmidt, Thomas E.	Peace Officer	Beverly Hills Police Dep't
Scogin, William G.	Peace Officer	Kent Cnty. Sheriff's Office
Stevens, William M.	Peace Officer	Meridian Police Dep't
Tejeda, Ruben C.	Peace Officer	Bexar Cnty. Constable Precinct 1
Van Slooten, Karl A.	Peace Officer	Yoakum Police Dep't
Villarreal, Miguel	Peace Officer	Webb Cnty. Constable Precinct 2
Wiley, Charles G.	Peace Officer	Chico Police Dep't

Reprimands for Failing to Complete Legislatively Required Continuing Education

Beekman, Theresa C.	Jailer	Limestone Cnty. Sheriff's Office
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Agenda item #6, Receive public comment on any topic, without action.

The Assistant Presiding Officer invited anyone in the audience to address the Commission.

Agenda item #7, Executive Session to discuss pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, and personnel issues, including evaluation of executive director's job performance, pursuant to sections 551.074 and .071 of the Texas Government Code, Open Meetings Act.

The Assistant Presiding Officer noted that there would be no Executive Session.

Agenda item #8, Return from Executive Session to report and /or discuss further actions to be taken as a result of the Executive Session. Take action, if necessary.

Agenda item #9, Adjourn.

Assistant Presiding Officer Hester made closing remarks. Commissioner Burruss made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Atkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:14 am.

Patricia G. Burruss, Secretary
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