

**MINUTES OF DEPUTY SHERIFF MERIT BOARD MEETING**

**April 20, 2021**

Board Chair, Denis Spalding called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Other Board Members present were J.B. Leshner, Sharon Baker, Jim Singhiser, and Greg Gitschier (virtually). Also present were Sheriff John Aubrey, Merit Board Counsel Mark Dobbins, FOP President Matt Salsman, Administrative Assistant Madonna Barnes and Chief Examiner Jordan Mudd.

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2020 Board Meeting was made by Sharon Baker, seconded by J.B. Leshner and unanimously approved by the Board.

Notification was made to the Board in regards to the extension of the probation period for Lieutenant Trevor Clark through April 30, 2021. No approval was required.

A Second Reading was completed of proposed amendments to the Merit Board Rules and Regulations. Chief Examiner Jordan Mudd provided an overview of the proposed revisions. Proposed amendments updated ordinance citations, clarified current language, and created language to fill gaps where current language is not specific. In relation to proposed Rule 7.3(3), FOP President Matt Salsman inquired if it was common to have promotional candidates with the same score. Mr. Mudd replied that tied scores are not common due to the final score calculations including several decimal places. However, the amendment proactively defines the procedures should the situation arise. The Board unanimously voted to adopt the proposed amendments.

FOP President Matt Salsman updated the Board that the FOP Lodge 25 had moved to a new location. Sheriff Aubrey updated the Board that a class of 9 Reserve Deputies will be graduating on Thursday, April 22, 2021. Sheriff Aubrey further updated the Board that applications for both lateral and recruits had increased recently and that the agency is in recruiting and retention mode. Sheriff Aubrey thanked Mr. Mudd for his work hiring new Deputies.

The Board was advised that appointments are set to expire in the coming months and the reappointment process would soon begin.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jim Singhiser, seconded by J.B. Leshner, and unanimously approved by the Board. Denis Spalding adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jordan Mudd  
Chief Examiner

Attested by:

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Denis Spalding  
Merit Board Chairman

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