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MINUTES

STATE MARSHAL COMMISSION MEETING,

AUGUST 22, 2024

Commissioner Thomas A. Esposito, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Commissioner Esposito advised all participants that the proceedings were being recorded. Commissioner Esposito confirmed all members in attendance and verified that a minimum five voting member quorum was present.

Members present and participating remotely: Thomas Esposito, Chair; Michael Desmond; the Honorable Leo Diana; Shirley Skyers-Thomas, Vice-Chair; John Vamos. Ex-officio (non-voting) Members State Marshal Brian Mezick and State Marshal Lisa Stevenson. Commission Staff present: Director of Operations, Anthony Valenti (non-voting), Investigator Chris Morris (non-voting) and Staff Attorney Claudia Maxwell(non-voting). Members Absent: Salvatore Vitrano, Bryan Cafferelli.

Topics:

1. Minutes of the June 27, 2024, Regular Meeting: Commissioner Diana made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 27, 2024, regular State Marshal Commission meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Skyers-Thomas. Commissioner Esposito asked if there was any discussion, there was none.

Commissioner Vamos abstained as he did not attend the June 27, 2024, meeting. Commissioners Esposito, Desmond, Skyers-Thomas and Diana voted to approve the minutes, and there were no votes opposed.

2. Administrative Updates: Director of Operations Valenti reported that a posting soliciting applications for a new state marshal class will be posted on the Department of Administrative Services website and as well as other websites such as Linked In, from September 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

Additionally, he reported that the yearly online renewal process for all state marshals has begun and will continue through September 31, 2024. State marshals will upload their liability insurance and pay their \$750 renewal fee as part of the process.

3. Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Diana made a motion that members enter executive session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Skyers-Thomas seconded the motion. Commissioner Esposito asked if there was any discussion, there was none. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Commissioner Diana to invite the Commission staff present to join the executive session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Skyers-Thomas. Commissioner Esposito asked if there was any discussion, there was none. The motion passed unanimously. Executive session began at 5:36 p.m. and ended at 5:56 p.m. Commissioner Esposito reminded everyone they were being recorded.

4. Probable Cause Determination:

Commissioner Esposito asked if a motion was being made for a finding of probable cause in **Griffin v. Miller, File No. 24-08** that State Marshal Miller violated State Marshal Commission Regulation Sections 6-38b-6(1) and 6-38b-6(2). A motion was made by Commissioner Diana which was seconded by Commissioner Skyers-Thomas. Commissioner Esposito asked if there was any discussion. There was none. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Esposito asked if a motion was being made to make a finding of probable cause in, **Blake v. Miller, File No. 24-12** that State Marshal Miller violated State Marshal Commission Regulation Sections 6-38b-6(1) and 6-38b-6(2). A motion was made by Commissioner Diana which was seconded by Commissioner Skyers-Thomas. Commissioner Esposito asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Esposito asked if a motion was being made to make a finding of probable cause in, **In Re Privitera, File No. 24-09** that State Marshal Privitera violated State Marshal Commission Regulation Sections 6-38b-6(1) and 6-38b-6(2). A motion was made by Commissioner Skyers-Thomas which was seconded by Commissioner Diana. Commissioner Esposito asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Esposito asked if a motion was being made to make a finding of probable cause in, **In Re Privitera, File No. 24-13** that State Marshal Privitera violated State Marshal Commission Regulation Sections 6-38b-6(1) and 6-38b-6(2). A motion was made by Commissioner Skyers-Thomas which was seconded by Commissioner Vamos. Commissioner Esposito asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Final Disposition:

Commissioner Esposito asked if there was a motion to approve the proposed disposition by the Oversight Committee of an eight-day suspension in **Mason v. Verrico, File No 24-05** and make that a final order. A motion was made by Commissioner Diana, which as seconded by Commissioner Skyers-Thomas. Commissioner Esposito asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Request by Litchfield County State Marshal Jamie Lambo for permission to be appointed a New Haven County State Marshal and resign as a Litchfield County State Marshal. Commissioner Esposito asked if State Marshal Lambo wished to address the Commission regarding her request. State Marshal Lambo replied that she and her husband were in the process of buying a house in Middlebury, which is next to Watertown, but is across the county line. She hopes to build her business slowly in New Haven County and believes she may take over some work from her father who is a New Haven County State Marshal. Commissioner Esposito asked if there were any questions for State Marshal Lambo. As there were no questions, he asked if there was a motion for State Marshal Lambo to be removed as a Litchfield County State Marshal and be appointed as a New Haven County State Marshal. A motion was made by Commissioner Diana which was seconded by Commissioner Vamos. Commissioner Esposito asked if there was any discussion. Staff Attorney Maxwell asked that it reflect that State Marshal Lambo will resign her Litchfield County appointment and be appointed to New Haven County on September 1, 2024. Commissioner Esposito asked for an amendment that State Marshal Lambo will resign in Litchfield County and be appointed in New Haven County on September 1, 2024. A motion to amend was made by Commissioner Diana and seconded by Commissioner Skyers-Thomas. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Requests to Retire:

Commissioner Esposito stated the next items were the retirement requests from Middlesex County State Marshal Sean Cassidy and Fairfield County State Marshal Gary Renz. State Marshal Cassidy has been on inactive status since 2020 and has no client fund account or active work so he has no successor marshal. He did not request a retirement badge or identification card. State Marshal Gary Renz is requesting a retirement date of September 30, 2024. He is requesting that Steven Pichiarallo be successor marshal as well as a retirement badge and identification card.

Commissioner Esposito asked if there was a motion to approve the retirement request of Middlesex County State Marshal Sean Cassidy. A motion was made by Commissioner Diana and seconded by Commissioner Vamos. Commissioner Esposito asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Esposito asked if there was a motion to approve retirement starting September 30, 2024, for Fairfield County State Marshal Gary Renz, appointing Fairfield County State Marshal Stevin Pichiarallo, successor upon his retirement and granting him a retirement badge and identification card. A motion was made by Commissioner Diana which was seconded by Commissioner Skyers-Thomas. Commissioner Esposito asked if there was any discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Esposito thanked State Marshals Renz and Cassidy for their service to the people of Connecticut and the Judicial Branch.

8. Changing the date for renewal fee and Insurance Coverage to October 1st in 2025 and going forward:

Commissioner Esposito asked Ex-Officio Stevenson if she wished address the Commission regarding her proposal. She explained that in the past both the renewal fee and insurance was due in June. That previously the Commission changed the renewal fee date to October 1st. She believes that this creates confusion, and that the insurance could lapse without the Commission being aware as the policy does not need to be provided until October 1st. Commissioner Esposito clarified with Ex-Officio Stevenson that the request is only to change the date of the insurance to coincide the renewal fee date of October 1st as that was already changed. She affirmed this was her request. Commissioner Esposito asked if there was a motion to change the effective date for insurance coverage to October 1st starting in 2025 and that proof of the policy be provided to the Commission by October 1st. A motion was made by Commissioner Vamos and seconded by Commissioner Diana. Commissioner Esposito asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Esposito asked if there was any additional business. There was none.

Commissioner Esposito asked if there was a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Commissioner Diana and seconded by Commissioner Vamos. Commissioner Esposito asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

