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MINUTES

STATE MARSHAL COMMISSION MEETING,

March 27, 2025

Commissioner Thomas A. Esposito, Chair, called the meeting to order. 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; the Honorable Leo Diana; Salvatore Vitrano; Melanie Dykas; Michael Desmond; Jackson Schipke. Absent: Tyler Mack. Ex-officio (non-voting) members present State Marshal Brian Mezick and State Marshal Lisa Stevenson. Commission Staff present (non-voting): Director of Operations, Anthony Valenti, Special Investigator Chris Morris and Staff Attorney Claudia Maxwell.

Topics:

1. **Minutes of the February 27, 2025, Regular Meeting:** Commissioner Vitrano made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 27, 2025, regular State Marshal Commission meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Dykas. Commissioner Esposito asked if there was any discussion, there was none. The motion passed unanimously.
2. **Administrative Updates:** Director of Operations Valenti reported that state marshal candidates have begun testing which will run through April 7th. Director Valenti expects a group of eight state marshal trainees for Fairfield County to begin training by the second week of May. The next group of trainees would be for New London County and he is hoping to have four trainees.
3. **Executive Session to discuss personnel matters:** Commissioner Esposito asked if there was a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Vitrano made a motion that members enter executive session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Schipke 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 Dykas. Commissioner Esposito asked if there was any discussion, there was none. The motion passed unanimously. Executive Session began at 5:37 p.m. and ended at 6:15 p.m.
4. **Probable Cause Determinations:**

24-27 *In Re Michael Delli Carpini*

Commissioner Esposito asked if there was a motion to make a finding that there is probable cause that State Marshal Delli Carpini violated State Marshal Commission Regulation §6-38b-6(1). A motion was made by Commissioner Vitrano which was seconded by Commissioner Diana. Commissioner Esposito asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

25-01 *Battle v. Lambo*

Commissioner Esposito asked if there was a motion that there is a finding of no probable cause that State Marshal Lambo violated any State Marshal Commission Regulations and to dismiss the complaint. A motion was made by Commissioner Diana which was seconded by Commissioner Schipke. Commissioner Esposito asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

25-02 *Perez Rodriguez v. Kobyluck-Burke*

Commissioner Esposito asked if there was a motion that there is a finding of no probable cause that State Marshal Kobyluck-Burke violated any State Marshal Commission Regulations and to dismiss the complaint. A motion was made by Commissioner Diana which was seconded by Commissioner Schipke. Commissioner Esposito asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Final Dispositions:

Commissioner Esposito turned the meeting over to Commissioner Diana.

24-18 *In Re Richard Smith*

Commissioner Diana asked if a motion was being made to approve the settlement agreement, ***In Re Smith, File No. 24-18*** that State Marshal Smith serve a seven-day suspension for consecutive days within 60 days of approval of the settlement. A motion was made by Commissioner Vitrano which was seconded by Commissioner Schipke. Commissioner Diana asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. Commissioners Diana, Vitrano, Dykas, Schipke and Desmond voted to approve the settlement agreement. Commissioner Esposito abstained. The motion passed.

24-19 *In Re Jon Stolicny*

Commissioner Diana asked if a motion was being made to approve the settlement agreement, ***In Re Jon Stolicny, File No. 24-19*** that State Marshal Stolicny serve a seven-day suspension for consecutive days within 60 days of approval of the settlement. A motion was made by Commissioner Schipke which was seconded by Commissioner Vitrano. Commissioner Diana asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. Commissioners Diana, Vitrano, Dykas, Schipke and Desmond voted to approve the settlement agreement. Commissioner Esposito abstained. The motion passed.

24-20 In Re William Drew

Commissioner Diana asked if a motion was being made to approve the settlement agreement, **In Re William Drew, File No. 24-20** that State Marshal Drew serve a one-day suspension within 60 days of approval of the settlement. A motion was made by Commissioner Vitrano which was seconded by Commissioner Schipke. Commissioner Diana asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. Commissioners Diana, Vitrano, Dykas, Schipke and Desmond voted to approve the settlement agreement. Commissioner Esposito abstained. The motion passed. Commissioner Diana thanked Director Valenti for working out these matters and turned the meeting back over to Commissioner Esposito.

24-26 In Re Thomas Minutelli

Commissioner Esposito announced that an oversight hearing had been held on March 4, 2025, presided over by himself and Commissioner Diana. He stated the proposed decision was as follows:

State Marshal Minutelli shall serve a 90-day suspension, effective immediately upon the acceptance of the proposed disposition by the Commission. State Marshal Minutelli shall be removed from capias duty until further order to the State Marshal Commission. He should not use a vehicle equipped with flashing lights or a siren while working as a state marshal. State Marshal Minutelli shall not carry any weapons on his person or in his vehicle while working as a state marshal. State Marshal Minutelli will subject himself to a psychological evaluation with an evaluator selected by the State Marshal Commission and will comply with any recommendations made by the evaluator. He will sign authorizations to allow the evaluator to provide a copy of the evaluation report to the State Marshal Commission. The full written proposed decision signed by himself and Commissioner Diana had been provided to all the commissioners.

Commissioner Esposito asked if there was a motion to approve the full written decision of the Oversight Committee in **File No. 24-26 In Re Thomas Minutelli**. A motion was made by Commissioner Vitrano which was seconded by Commissioner Schipke. Commissioner Esposito asked if there was any discussion. Commissioner Vitrano asked if someone was going to contact State Marshal Minutelli to let him know if the decision was approved that the suspension began immediately. Commissioner Esposito said the state marshal was notified by receiving a copy of the proposed decision and the state marshal is present at the meeting so he will know once the vote is concluded whether the suspension begins with the next few minutes. Commissioner Esposito then took the vote. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Esposito announced that the disposition is now a final disposition in **File No. 24-26 In Re Thomas Minutelli**.

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

Meeting adjourned.

