

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES  
STATE MARSHAL COMMISSION  
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Meeting is in North Plaza Meeting Room J at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes  
STATE MARSHAL COMMISSION MEETING  
February 22, 2018

Members present: Chairperson W. Martyn Philpot, Jr., Esq., Vice-Chairperson Michael Cronin, Esq., Honorable Lisa K. Morgan, Tracy Lee Dayton, Esq., Michael Desmond (via teleconference call) and John Vamos (via teleconference call). Also present were ex-officio member Julianne Ingham, Staff Director Jeffrey Beckham, and Staff Attorney Jennifer Y. Montgomery. Robert P. LaTorraca, Mildred Torres-Ferguson, and ex-officio member Keith Niziankiewicz (non-voting) were not present.

Present for the public session was State Marshal Lisa Stevenson.

Chairperson W. Martyn Philpot, Jr., Esq. called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

1. Minutes: January 25, 2018 meeting

The Commission, after a motion by Tracy Lee Dayton, Esq., seconded by Michael Cronin, Esq., voted 6-0 to adopt the minutes from the January 25, 2018 meeting.

2. Potential Marshal Guidance Regarding Bankruptcy

W. Martyn Philpot, Jr., Esq. noted that the Commission received a letter from an attorney who representing a marshal before Judge Tancredi, a federal bankruptcy judge. The letter recommended that the Commission issue guidance regarding federal bankruptcy law. Chairperson Philpot indicated his belief that a basic bulletin would suffice. He noted that the Commission should not broaden the scope of its mission. Chairperson Philpot also noted that staff would be reaching out to Judge Tancredi's clerk for more information. Ex-officio Julianne Ingham noted that it was common for individuals to claim that they had filed for bankruptcy when they had not filed. She noted that her personal practice is to verify bankruptcy with her client or the court prior to service as she could be found in contempt if she serves someone under a stay. She noted that she had been advised to do this back when she was a deputy sheriff. Upon questioning by Chairperson Philpot, State Marshal Lisa Stevenson noted her belief that it is imperative for state marshals to verify a bankruptcy prior to service. Chairperson Philpot asked Staff Attorney Jennifer Montgomery to contact Judge Tancredi's clerk regarding the issue.

3. Meeting with Judicial Branch representatives

Ex Officio Julianne Ingham raised that historically the State Marshal Commission director, staff attorney, and ex-officio state marshals would regularly meet with Judicial Branch representatives to discuss ongoing issues with state marshals. She would like to resurrect this practice. Upon request by Chairperson Philpot, Attorney Beckham noted that the Commission's posture is as the regulatory body for marshals and, if the issues being discussed are or may be the subject of a complaint, this could be problematic. Commissioner Tracy Lee Dayton, Esq. requested that the ex-officios put together a written

proposal for the Commission to consider before making a decision. Ex-officio Ingham noted that they would do so. Chairperson Philpot noted that it was important to know the specific topics to be discussed rather than proposing a generic meeting. Attorney Beckham requested a copy of the proposal prior to the March meeting to facilitate review. Ex-officio Ingham agreed.

The Commission, after a motion by Michael Cronin, Esq., seconded by Tracy Lee Dayton, Esq., voted 6-0 to enter executive session.

[Deliberations proposed for executive session pursuant to Sections 1-200 and 1-225 of the Connecticut General Statutes to discuss the appointment, performance, evaluation, health or dismissal of a public officer]

The Commission, after a motion by Michael Cronin, Esq., seconded by Tracy Lee Dayton, Esq., voted 6-0 to return to the public record. No votes were taken in executive session.

#### 4. Proposed Decisions

The Commission, after a motion by W. Martyn Philpot, Jr., Esq., seconded by Tracy Lee Dayton, Esq., voted 6-0 to adopt the Proposed Decision and recommended disposition in the following file:

16-31            Woodruff/Cipriano        7-Day Suspension

The Commission, after a motion by W. Martyn Philpot, Jr., Esq., seconded by Tracy Lee Dayton, Esq., voted 6-0 to adopt the Proposed Decision and recommended disposition in the following file:

16-49b            Ganim/Nikola            1-Day Suspension

#### 5. Complaints

The Commission, after a motion by Tracy Lee Dayton, Esq., seconded by Hon. Lisa Morgan, voted 6-0 to dismiss the following files:

File No.	Name
17-35	Wright/Privitera
17-36	Servello/Kaz
17-38	Cartun/Zito
17-42	Parker/DiNardi

The Commission, after a motion by W. Martyn Philpot, Jr., Esq., seconded by Tracy Lee Dayton, Esq., voted 6-0 to find probable cause to convene an Oversight Committee hearing in the following file:

17-37            Lassinger/LaBranche

The Commission, after a motion by Tracy Lee Dayton, Esq., seconded by Michael Desmond, voted 6-0 to dismiss the following file without prejudice to refile:

17-39            Johnson/Barnes

6. Inactive (VTR) Status

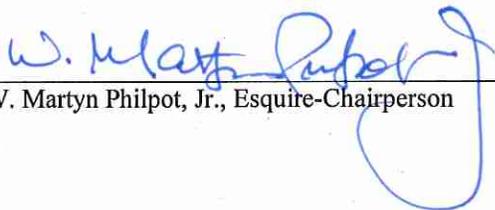
The Commission, after a motion by John Vamos, seconded by Tracy Lee Dayton, Esq., voted 6-0 to grant the following marshal's request for inactive status effective retroactive to February 14, 2018:

Name	County
Alan Freedman	Fairfield

The Commission, after a motion by Tracy Lee Dayton, Esq., seconded by Michael Cronin, Esq., voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Minutes were approved by the Commission on March 29, 2018 Special Meeting.



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W. Martyn Philpot, Jr., Esquire-Chairperson