

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
STATE MARSHAL COMMISSION
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~~Meeting is in North Plaza Meeting Room J at 4:45 p.m.~~

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DRAFT MINUTES
STATE MARSHAL COMMISSION MEETING
March 25, 2021

Commissioner Skyers-Thomas, Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:48 p.m. Staff Attorney Sousa advised the participants that the proceedings were being recorded.

Vice Chairperson Skyers-Thomas confirmed all members and persons in attendance, and verified that a minimum 5 voting member quorum was present.

Members present/participating remotely: Vice-Chairperson Shirley Skyers-Thomas; Bryan Cafferelli; Commissioner Hon. Susan Connors; Michael Desmond (via telephone); Mildred Torres-Ferguson (via telephone), John Vamos; Ex-officio (non-voting) Member State Marshal Thomas Burke; Ex-officio (non-voting) Member State Marshal Lisa Stevenson; Staff Director Doug Moore (non-voting); and Staff Attorney Thomas J. Sousa, Jr. (non-voting).

Members Absent: none.

Guests/Members of the public present/participating: State Marshal Quinn.

Topics:

1. Resignation of Chairperson Keeney:

Vice Chair Skyers-Thomas requested that Staff Director Moore brief the group on the status of commissioner Keeney's resignation. Staff Director Moore advised the group that the commission received a copy of Commissioner Keeney's resignation letter today from the governor's office. Staff Attorney Sousa read the letter to the group, after which a discussion took place regarding the appointment process and statutory requirements.

2. Minutes: February 25, 2021 Regular Meeting:

The Commission, after a motion by Commissioner Vamos, seconded by Commissioner Cafferelli, unanimously voted to adopt the minutes of the February 25, 2021 regular meeting.

3. Complaint Files

In the matter of complaint # 20-11 (Silvia v. Karpovich), Commissioner Cafferelli made a motion to adopt the proposed final resolution of the Oversight Committee and revoke the badge of State Marshal Peter Karpovich. Seconded by Commissioner Vamos, the motion passed unanimously.

In complaints # 21-01; 21-02; 21-03; 21-04; and 21-05, Commissioner Cafferelli made a motion to adopt the proposed final resolutions of the Oversight Committee and issue letters of reprimand to the following individuals for their failure to pay the statutory annual state marshal fee in a timely manner: Terry Brown, Fausto Carusone, Grant Carragher, Thomas Russo, and Robert Davis, with said letters to be removed and destroyed after three years provided the individual has no further instances of a similar nature. Seconded by Commissioner Vamos, the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Vamos made a motion to dismiss the following cases for lack of probable cause: 20-13 (House v. Carlson); 20-15 (Rogers v. Davis); and 20-26 (Odell v. Rice). Seconded by Commissioner Cafferelli, the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cafferelli made a motion to find probable cause in complaint case 20-23 (Alegre v. Baker), and refer the matter for an oversight committee hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Vamos, the motion passed unanimously.

4. Retirement/Resignation/Inactive Updates

State Marshal Dominic F. Balletto, Jr. of Fairfield County, has been appointed by the governor as a Commissioner of the Liquor Control Commission, and submitted an affidavit to the State Marshal Commission requesting he be placed on inactive status. Following a discussion, Commissioner Vamos made a motion to approve Marshal Balletto's inactive status for a period of one year; seconded by Commissioner Cafferelli, the motion passed unanimously.

5. Freedom of Information Commission Hearing

Staff Attorney Sousa provided an update on the pending Freedom of Information Commission hearing (in the matter of Camara v. Raimo, *et al*). The hearing has been postponed, and Attorney Sousa will seek to have the commission dismissed as a party.

6. Restraining Orders

Ex-Officio Stevenson reported on a recent round table discussion with representatives from the Judicial Branch and stakeholders from other agencies and organizations. The roundtable was very positive and productive. Following the roundtable, it was learned that a proposed Senate Bill 6 contained problematic language regarding the service of electronic restraining order documents, and process delivered to state marshals via email. Yesterday state marshals testified against the proposed bill.

State Marshal Burke opined that the existing procedures have worked well, and emphasized the importance of restraining orders being delivered to state marshals through the courthouse clerks.

Hon. Commissioner Connors stated her concern with the issue raised by Marshal Quinn, where the same restraining order was sent to more than one state marshal for service.

A general discussion then took place regarding various concerns voiced over the proposed language of proposed Senate Bill 6, and its potential adverse impact on state marshal procedures.

The Commission, after a motion by Commissioner Cafferelli, seconded by Commissioner Vamos, unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Skyers-Thomas at 5:43 p.m.