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MINUTES

STATE MARSHAL COMMISSION MEETING,

January 23, 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; Tyler Mack. Members not present: Michael Desmond, Jackson Schipke. Ex-officio (non-voting) members present 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).

Commissioner Esposito welcomed the new commissioners to the State Marshal Commission. He thanked departed commissioners Shirley Skyers-Thomas, Bryan Cafferelli, John Vamos and Alfredo Olivier for their service.

Topics:

1. Minutes of the November 21, 2024, Regular Meeting: Commissioner Diana made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 21, 2024, regular State Marshal Commission meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Vitrano. Commissioner Esposito asked if there was any discussion, there was none. Commissioners Esposito, Diana, Vitrano, Vamos, and Dykas voted to approve the minutes. Commissioner Mack abstained as he was not present at the November 21, 2024 meeting.

2. Administrative Updates: Director of Operations Valenti reported that there were 380 applications for an appointment as a state marshal, but only 300 of those met the qualifications to be appointed a state marshal. Applicants were required to submit documentation, and 138 applicants completed that process correctly and will be invited to take the written test. The written test will be administered by PSI, which did the testing last time. They have testing centers across the state. The testing window is anticipated to begin March 1st. The primary focus of hiring will be Fairfield County. 43 applicants in Fairfield County are eligible to take the test. Director Valenti will work with the State Marshal Advisory Board on how many new state marshals are needed in Fairfield County.

3. Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Esposito asked if there was a motion to go into executive session to discuss personCommissioner Vitrano made a motion that members enter executive session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Diana 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 Mack. Commissioner Esposito asked

if there was any discussion, there was none. The motion passed unanimously. Executive Session began at 5:42 p.m. and ended at 6:40 p.m.

4. Probable Cause Determination:

Commissioner Esposito asked if a motion was being made to make a finding of probable cause in, ***In Re Eric Nikola, File No. 24-21*** that probable cause be found. A motion was made by Commissioner Mack which was seconded by Commissioner Vitrano. 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 no probable cause in, ***Prentice v. Cipriano File No. 24-24*** that the matter be dismissed. 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.

Commissioner Esposito asked if a motion was being made to make a finding of no probable cause in, ***Rodriguez v. Hobart, File No. 24-25*** that the matter be dismissed. A motion was made by Commissioner Diana which was seconded by Commissioner Mack. 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 Minutelli, File No. 24-26*** that probable cause be found. A motion was made by Commissioner Mack which was seconded by Commissioner Dykas. 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 global settlement agreement in ***24-08 Griffin v. Miller, 24-12 Blake v. Miller, 24-14 In Re Miller, 24-17 In Re Miller, 24-23 In Re Miller***. He summarized the settlement agreement that State Marshal Miller will receive 15-day suspensions in each file in File Nos. 24-08 Griffin v. Miller and 24-12 Blake v. Miller which do not have to run consecutively. File No. 24-14 *In Re Miller* is dismissed. A six-month suspension will be held in abeyance for three years in File Nos. 24-17 and 24-23 if State Marshal Miller cooperated with an audit every year for the next three years. If he fails to cooperate with the audits, the six-month suspension will be begin being served. The first year the audit will be for corrective action and will not result in any complaints filed against State Marshal Miller for any issues found by the auditor. If issues found by the auditor in the first audit are not corrected complaints could be filed. The agreement resolves all outstanding complaints against State Marshal Miller which were disputed. There is no admission of unlawful conduct on the part of State Marshal Miller under this settlement. A motion was made by Commissioner Diana, which as seconded by Commissioner Mack. Commissioner Esposito asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Retirement:

Commission Esposito stated that Fairfield County State Marshal Gerald Broderick had submitted an affidavit to retire on January 21, 2025, effective immediately. He completed all his civil process work on 12/31/24 and has no work that requires a successor marshal. He is not seeking a retirement badge or identification card. He asked if he had a motion to approve the retirement of State Marshal Gerald

Broderick. A motion was made by Commissioner Mack, which was seconded by Commissioner Diana. Commissioner Esposito asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Esposito thanked State Marshal Broderick for his years of service to the State of Connecticut and wished him well in retirement.

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

Meeting adjourned.