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W. Martyn Philpot, Jr., Esq.
Chairperson

Jeffrey Beckham
Staff Director

Minutes
STATE MARSHAL COMMISSION MEETING
June 23, 2016

Members present: Chairperson W. Martyn Philpot, Jr., Esq., Sarah Fryxell, Esq. (via teleconference call), Robert P. LaTorraca (via teleconference call), Mildred Torres-Ferguson (via teleconference call), Tracy L. Dayton, Esq. (via teleconference call), and Michael Desmond. Commissioner LaTorraca was present starting just prior to the vote to enter executive session. Also present were Ex-Officios Lisa Stevenson and Thomas Burke (non-voting members), Staff Director Jeffrey Beckham and Staff Attorney Jennifer Y. Montgomery. Vice Chairperson Michael Cronin, Esq. and Honorable Elizabeth A. Bozzuto were not present.

Chairperson W. Martyn Philpot, Jr., Esq. called the meeting to order at 4:46 p.m.

First Business

1. Minutes

The Commission, after a motion by Michael Desmond, seconded by Sarah Fryxell, Esq., voted 3-0 to adopt the minutes from the May 26, 2016 meeting. Mildred Torres-Ferguson and Tracy L. Dayton, Esq. abstained from the vote as they were not present at that meeting.

Old Business

2. Update Richard Grimaldi Request

Jeffrey Beckham provided an update regarding Richard Grimaldi's request for training. He advised that, pursuant to the Commission's request at the May meeting, he contacted Attorney Owen Eagen who had provided the previous training. He indicated that he would be willing to provide training to Mr. Grimaldi at the Commission's pleasure. He is not available until the fall. Attorney Eagan indicated that he would expect to be compensated and mentioned that he would consider offering a discount. Attorney Beckham and Attorney Eagan did not discuss numbers. W. Martyn Philpot, Jr., Esq. suggested that, in light of DAS Commissioner Currey's letter to the Commissioners regarding this issue, Mr. Grimaldi's training would be appropriately conducted during the next scheduled training for new marshal appointees.

New Business

3. Training

Jeffrey Beckham provided an update regarding the pending capias training being held at Manchester Community College. DAS provided $14,000 for the mandatory capias training which is held every three years. The training this year included a new module provided by Child Support Enforcement which gave significant insight into how the Judicial Branch operates. Attorney Beckham advised that the Commission office looks forward to facilitating ongoing meetings between the marshals and the Judicial Branch.

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At this juncture, Robert P. LaTorraca joined the meeting via teleconference call.

The Commission, after a motion by Michael Desmond, seconded by Tracy L. Dayton, Esq. voted 6-0 to add the following state marshal to agenda item 6.

Name	County
Alex Rodriguez	Hartford

The Commission, after a motion by Michael Desmond, seconded by Mildred Torres-Ferguson voted 6-0 to enter executive session.

The Commission, after a motion by Mildred Torres-Ferguson, seconded by Michael Desmond voted 6-0 to exit executive session. No votes were taken during executive session.

4. Complaints

The Commission, after a motion by Tracy L. Dayton, Esq., seconded by Michael Desmond voted 6-0 to dismiss the following files:

File No.	Name
15-15	Talent/Fiorillo
15-17	Holliday/Marino
15-29	In Re LaBranche
15-14	Olmo/Barber
15-18	Skinner/Barber
15-28	In Re Cappiello Jr.

The Commission, after a motion by Michael Desmond, seconded by Robert P. LaTorraca voted 6-0 to find probable cause for a hearing for the following files:

File No.	Name
15-27	In Re DiFiore
15-92	Reyes/Cappiello, Jr.

5. Retirement/Resignation

The Commission, after a motion by Mildred Torres-Ferguson, seconded by Michael Desmond voted 6-0 to approve the resignations of and provide retirement badges to the following marshals effective on June 30, 2016:

Name	County
James Barber	Litchfield
Francis Ragonese	Hartford

6. Non-Capias Firearms Request

The Commission, after a motion by Mildred Torres-Ferguson, seconded by Michael Desmond voted 6-0 to approve the request of the following state marshals to carry a firearm during their non-capias state marshal work, subject to his submission of the requisite insurance, inspection, and training certifications.

Name	County
Patrick Moynihan	Middlesex
Alex Rodriguez	Hartford

The Commission, after a motion by Robert P. LaTorraca, seconded by Mildred Torres-Ferguson voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

Minutes were approved by the Commission on July 28, 2016.

W. Martyn Philpot, Jr., Esquire-Chairperson