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Sedgwick County Sheriff's Civil Service Board
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SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2023

Members: Julia Craft, Chair
Sheryl Wohlford, Vice Chair
Jessica Beck - absent
Alma Ann Jones
Roosevelt DeShazer

Also Present: Milo Unruh, Board Attorney
Sheriff Jeff Easter
Laura Oblinger, Sheriff's Attorney
Colonel Brian White
Captain Keith Allen
Detective Sarah Stephens-Clark, Grievant
Ariann Cooper, Employee Relations Specialist
Lynda Baker, County Manager's Office

I. Call Meeting to Order.

The March 2, 2023 meeting of the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Civil Service Board was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Julia Craft, Chair.

II. Approve Minutes of January 18, 2023.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Sheryl Wohlford, seconded by Roosevelt DeShazer. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Grievance Hearing for Detective Sarah Stephens-Clark.

Detective Sarah Stephens-Clark, the Grievant, represented herself and gave an opening statement. Laura Oblinger, representing the Sheriff's Office, gave an opening statement. The grievant testified on her own behalf and admitted into evidence Exhibit 1, the July 10, 2022 Incident Narrative Report; Exhibit 2, the January 23, 2023 Deputy's Report from Captain Keith Allen regarding Deputy Johnson; and the joint Exhibit 5, dash cam video from the vehicle driven by the Grievant. She had no other witnesses. Laura Oblinger, Sheriff's Attorney, called Captain Keith Allen and Sheriff Jeff Easter as witnesses. Ms. Oblinger submitted into evidence Exhibit 3, General Order 41.2-Patrol; Exhibit 4, General Order 26.3-Administrative Investigation; and used Exhibit 5, dash cam video from the vehicle driven by the Grievant. The Board went into Executive Session at 12:02 p.m. and returned at 12:12pm.

The Board upheld the Sheriff's decision of suspension without pay for one shift by a unanimous vote, noting the technical violation of 26.3.3 where a written extension was not issued; however, this did not constitute a basis for finding that the Sheriff acted unfair or unreasonably.

IV. Other business.

V. Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting:

April 19, 2023

9:00 A.M.

Ark Valley Conference Room

615 N. Main

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