

State of Arizona
CONSTABLE ETHICS,
STANDARDS & TRAINING BOARD

MINUTES

June 15, 2016

A subcommittee meeting of the Constable Ethics, Standards and Training Board (CESTB) was called to order by Constable David Lester at 9:35 a.m. on June 15, 2016. The meeting was held in the Capitol Consulting office located at 818 North First Street, Phoenix AZ 85004. Members participating were Constable Mike Cobb, Constable David Lester. Members participating via teleconference included Constable Scott Tipton and Constable Brandon Schmoll. Also present was staff Tracy Unmacht. Members of the public present included Mr. William Rucker.

The following matters were discussed, considered and decided at the meeting:

Call to the Public

No statements were made.

Discussion & Possible Recommendation for Open Investigation

CNA178-2016 – Lee, CNA181-2016 – Duarte & CNA182-2016 Velasquez: These three complaints were initiated by the CESTB against the constables for training deficiencies during the calendar year 2015. Constable Tipton made a motion to issue a letter of warning to all three constables and Constable Schmoll seconded the motion. Discussion – going forward staff will conduct an audit of training hours prior to the end of the calendar year to allow time for constables to make up any deficiencies before year end. The motion carried unanimously without further discussion.

CNA183-2016 – Lee: Constable Lester outlined the complaint to the subcommittee. Constable Schmoll stated the complaint by the city of St Johns was regarding issues outside the scope of the constable’s job and made a motion to dismiss the complaint. The motion died for lack of a second. Constable Tipton opined that Constable Lee was acting as if she is above the law by ignoring the warrant issued against her. Constable Schmoll questioned whether she had time to respond. Constable Lee was issued a citation on January 19th. When it was ignored, an arrest warrant was issued and delivered on February 16th, giving her until February 20th to respond. Consensus was this was plenty of time to respond. Constable Tipton made a motion to recommend the CESTB board issue a warning to Constable Lee for conduct unbecoming an officer of the court and Constable Cobb seconded. Motion passed 3-1.

Adjournment

There being no further business the subcommittee adjourned at 10:00 a.m.