

State of Arizona
CONSTABLE ETHICS,
STANDARDS & TRAINING BOARD

MINUTES

October 14, 2015

A subcommittee committee meeting of the Constable Ethics, Standards and Training Board (CESTB) was called to order by Constable Scott Tipton at 1:15 p.m. on October 14, 2015. The meeting was held in the Capitol Consulting office located at 818 North First Street, Phoenix AZ 85004. Members participating in the meeting included Constable Scott Tipton. Participating via teleconference were Constable Mike Cobb and Judge Barbara Brown. Also present was staff Tracy Unmacht and members of the public Doug Clark, Letty Villalobos, and Ernie Villalobos.

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

Discussion & Possible Recommendation for Open Investigation

CNA145-2015 – Clark, CNA146-2015 – Clark, CNA155-2015 – Clark, CNA157-2015 - Clark: Constable Tipton reported on the process of hiring the firm of Lochmoor Investigations to provide an objective investigation into these complaints. After reviewing the complete investigative report, all members of the committee concurred with the analysis that Constable Clark did nothing wrong. Constable Cobb made a motion to recommend to the CESTB board all four complaints be dismissed, Judge Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously without further discussion.

CNA154-2015 - Spurlock: Constable Tipton outlined the complaint to the members of the committee with discussion from all members. Constable Spurlock relied on another constable to submit 11 hours of training records for him, but the CESTB never received them or any verification that he completed any training during 2014. The constable did not respond to the complaint. Judge Brown made a motion to recommend to the CESTB board that a reprimand be issued to Constable Spurlock, Constable Cobb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with no further discussion.

CNA160-2015 – Munoz Constable Tipton outlined the complaint to the members of the committee with discussion from all members. The constable originally responded to this complaint stating he needed more specific information from the complainant in order to address her concerns. CESTB sent letters of request on two occasions to the complainant, who did not respond to the request. Constable Cobb made a motion to recommend to the CESTB board that this complaint be dismissed, Judge Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with no further discussion.

CNA169-2016 - McCloskey: Constable Tipton outlined the complaint to the members of the committee with discussion from all members. Constable Cobb questioned why this was not addressed during the election. Constable Tipton commented on the lack of evidence and details provided by the complainant. Committee members also agreed the constable did not provide enough information in response and decided to request both the complainant and the constable provide the CESTB with more specific information.

CNA170-2016 – C. Hazlett: Constable Tipton outlined the complaint to the members of the committee. Constable Hazlett has not submitted his logs as required by law since December of 2014. The constable did not respond to the complaint against him. Committee members discussed the fact that Constable Hazlett has a history of not following the rules, citing training deficiencies, previous complaints and having to take new constable training a second time. Constable Cobb made a motion to recommend the CESTB board refer the complaint to the presiding superior court judge, Judge Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with no further discussion.

Call to the Public

No members of the public made comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business Judge Brown made the motion to adjourn and Constable Cobb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously the subcommittee adjourned at 2:05 p.m.