

Colorado Rangers ("CLER") Board of Governors Meeting Minutes

10:00 AM, Friday, April 14, 2023

CLER Headquarters

330 Park Avenue

Ft. Lupton, CO 80621

Attendance – Board of Directors: Senator Kent Lambert, Senator John Cooke, Chief Stephen Hasler and Chief John Fryar (via video teleconference), Chief Ronald Abramson (in person).

Attendance – CLER Command Staff & Support Staff: Deputy Chief Robert Pabst and CLER Controller & CPA, Ranger Norm Townley (in person), Support Division Chief Robert Gray and Board Secretary Ranger Carl Luppens (via video conference). No members of the public were present.

At 10:03 Chairman Lambert called the meeting to order and took roll. Chairman Lambert declared a quorum and the meeting began.

Chief Abramson moved for the approval of the minutes of the December 2, 2022 CLER Board of Director's meeting as presented, Senator Lambert seconded the motion, and the minutes were adopted unanimously.

Chairman Lambert invited Chief Abramson to give his report.

Chief's Report - Chief Abramson announced that Academy 10 was promising due to very strong recruiting. The academy would be shifting from Adams County/Flatrock to Aurora Community College, Arapahoe Community College or other options under consideration.

A few cost & location options were discussed. The pending POST curriculum updates and method of instruction changes were also discussed.

The Rangers have worked hard to enhance the organization and retention of continuing education and training requirements tracking. The demands are critical and complex but the system is now comprehensive and reliable.

Support & Financial Update:

Support Division Chief Gray asked Ranger Townley to report on the financial status of the Rangers. The detailed financial statements had been previously circulated to the Board members. There is approximately \$186,500 in the operating account and approximately \$64,000 in the training account.

The badge reserve liability is \$28,000. The Rangers have had \$54,328 in income in the first quarter of 2023 and \$22,461 in expenses in the same period.

Chief Hasler moved for the approval of the financials as presented, Chief Fryar seconded the motion, and the financials were adopted unanimously.

Administrative Ratifications:

The email vote of March 11th, 2023, approved by a majority vote of Senator Lambert, Chief Hasler and Chief Abramson to OPT OUT of FAMLI, was unanimously ratified and will hereby be recorded in the minutes of this meeting.

The Adobe Sign vote of March 20, 2023, approved by a majority vote of Senator Lambert, Chief Hasler, and Chief Abramson to File the Colorado Rangers Exemption From Audit with the Colorado State Auditor was unanimously ratified and be recorded in the minutes of this meeting.

Chief Hasler moved for approval of all the acts of the Chief of CLER, and any persons acting on behalf of CLER, which are consistent with the authority granted by the Board in the December 2017 Organizational Meeting, and by the Intergovernmental Agreement establishing CLER, as well as Board policies and the CLER Policies and Procedures manual. This motion was seconded by Chief Fryar and was unanimously ratified and approved.

Chief Abramson explained that the Senior Command team is incredible, with deep appreciation for Deputy Chief Pabst & Operations Division Chief Morgan & Support Division Chief Gray. The Captains are, likewise, outstanding and the line Rangers are the highest quality the agency has ever had.

Chairman Lambert opened the meeting for new business.

Public Comments:

There were no public questions or comments.

Schedule for Next Meeting:

The Board determined that three (3) meetings is the appropriate number for 2023 in light of the new flexibility in the number of Governors meetings. If any additional meetings are needed, the Chairman has full authority to authorize Special Meetings. The next Board of Governor's Meeting was scheduled for Friday September 15th, 2023 at 10:00am, in Fort Lupton with a teleconferencing option for Governors to attend.

Closing Comments:

Chief Abramson emphasized that he asks a lot from the individual Rangers and Ranger leadership, not just service hours but high ethics and professionalism and the team meets and often exceeds these high expectations.

Adjournment of Meeting:

It was moved by Senator Cooke and seconded by Chief Hasler to adjourn the meeting and it was adjourned at 11:05 AM by unanimous vote.