



# Vermont Criminal Justice Council

## RULES COMMITTEE: Minutes

October 7, 2021

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9:00 AM

Teams Meeting

### **Members in Attendance:**

Sheriff Mark Anderson

Cassandra Burdyshaw

Evan Meenan

Brian Searles

### **Members Absent:**

Bill Sorrell

### **Other Attendees:**

Jacob Humbert – Assistant Attorney General

Heather Simons – Executive Director Vermont Police Academy

Cindy Taylor-Patch – Vermont Police Academy

Lindsay Thivierge – Vermont Police Academy

### **Call to order:**

Meenan called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM

### **Motion to Approve the Minutes:**

Searles moved to approve the minutes as amended. Anderson seconded the motion. Burdyshaw abstained because she was not present for the meeting. The motion passes unanimously.

### **Discuss rule language re contested cases:**

Meenan reviewed the draft rule language that he put together. There were no suggested changes to the language.

### **Discuss Rules 1-6:**

Meenan reviewed the draft rule language that he put together. Humbert suggested adding a definition of “criminal justice training” per 20 V.S.A. § 2355(a)(10). Meenan suggested defining it as “that training that is required or permitted by the rules.” Humbert said the quorum should consist of 13 members. Anderson flagged that the Council now has two vice chairs, one who is law enforcement and one who is not law enforcement. Humbert flagged that the chair is appointed by the governor. The Committee agreed to refer to the full Council the question of whether to follow Robert’s Rules of Order.

### **Discuss Rules 14, 15, 20, and 21:**

Humbert and Meenan suggested that Rule 14(b) should simply refer to “standards of conduct” instead of “standardized rules of conduct.” Searles wondered whether the language was a vestige of an era



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when the Council's authority to approve training offered by others was less solidified. Humbert said Rule 15 is largely derived from statute. Taylor-Patch is going to look at Rule 15 and see whether it needs to be updated.

### **Agenda for October 14 Meeting:**

Discuss the work of the Training Advisory Committee and Rules 7a-11.  
Start to review comprehensive rewrite of rules.

### **Potential Future Agenda Items:**

To be determined.

### **Motion to Adjourn:**

Burdyslaw moved to adjourn the meeting. Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.