



Vermont Criminal Justice Council

RULES COMMITTEE: Minutes

December 2, 2021

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9:00 AM

Teams Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Sheriff Mark Anderson

Evan Meenan

Brian Searles

Bill Sorrell

Members Absent:

Cassandra Burdyshaw

Other Attendees:

Jacob Humbert – Assistant Attorney General

Cindy Taylor-Patch – Vermont Police Academy

Lindsay Thivierge – Vermont Police Academy

Call to order:

Meenan called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM

Motion to Approve the Minutes:

Sorrell pointed out a typo in the minutes and moved to approve the minutes as amended. Anderson seconded the motion. Searles did not vote because he was not present during this portion of the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of comprehensive rewrite of rules:

The review resumed with a discussion of the Waiver Committee's third recommendation regarding the waiver rules. The Rules Committee decided to adopt the third recommendation.

Meenan summarized the discussion he and Humbert had regarding the general waiver standard. The Committee elected not to recommend a change to the standard, which should meet the minimum requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act.

Regarding proposed Rule 10 pertaining to fee schedules, the Committee agreed to make the deadlines for setting base tuition rates and other fees more flexible. Taylor-Patch clarified that the Council does not presently charge a base tuition rate. Searles flagged that there may be circumstances in which the Council may want to in the future, such as Academy attendees who are not sponsored by a law enforcement agency. It was decided that Meenan, Searles, and Taylor-Patch would meet to discuss the remaining portions of the rule and compare it with what is required by statute.



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Regarding proposed Rule 11, the Committee decided to delete the firearms specific requirements because the rule does not include other specific requirements that will be included in the certification curriculum outside the rules. The Committee needs to finish its discussion of the appeal provisions in proposed Rule 11 after considering the other two rules (12 and 13(c)) that contain specific appeals provisions.

Agenda for December 16 Meeting:

Continue to review the comprehensive rewrite of the rules.

Potential Future Agenda Items:

Continue to review the comprehensive rewrite of the rules.

Motion to Adjourn:

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.