



Vermont Criminal Justice Council

RULES COMMITTEE: Minutes

July 1, 2021

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9:00 AM
Zoom Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Sheriff Mark Anderson
Cassandra Burdyslaw
Evan Meenan
Brian Searles
Bill Sorrell

Members Absent:

None

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 9:07 AM

Motion to Approve the Minutes:

Sorrell moved to approve the minutes. Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
Humbert provided an overview of what information minutes must contain pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 312.

Rule 18:

Meenan summarized the discussion from the Committee's June 24, 2021 meeting.
Searles noted that the Waiver Committee's discussions on its role have focused on how it can be most helpful to the Council, its staff, and Simons.
Meenan agreed to draft some revisions to Rule 18 that address the role of the Waiver Committee, appeals of waiver decision, and the duration of waivers.

ACT 56/ Professional Regulation:

Humbert outlined his dueling roles as the Council's attorney and the prosecuting attorney in professional regulation proceedings.
The Committee discussed the potential need for another attorney to advise it when it starts drafting rules for how professional regulation proceedings should occur.
Thivierge confirmed that the Council's contract with outside counsel is valid for another year.



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Simons and Thivierge provided an update on the Council's efforts to hire a staff attorney, which may alleviate the need for outside counsel.

Humbert provided an overview of some of the issues that might need to be addressed. He said the Professional Regulation Committee was working on an outline of its existing process that should be ready by the next full Council meeting. Committee members expressed a desire to receive a presentation of that outline before deciding what rules should be promulgated and/or amended.

Agenda for July 8 Meeting:

Discussion of draft revisions to Rule 18.

Presentation from Academy staff on Rule 13 with a specific focus on what is going well and what, if anything, could use some alterations and/or improvements.

Draft Agenda for July 15 Meeting:

Subject to confirmation at the July 8 Meeting:

Presentation from Humbert on the current professional regulation process.

Presentation from Humbert on what, by statute, the Council's rules are required to cover.

Discussion/review of the overall structure and content of the Council's rules.

Motion to Adjourn:

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.