



Vermont Criminal Justice Council

RULES COMMITTEE: Minutes

September 2, 2021

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9:00 AM

Teams Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Sheriff Mark Anderson

Cassandra Burdyshaw

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 9:04 AM

Motion to Approve the Minutes:

Sorrell moved to approve the minutes. Burdyshaw seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Anderson was not present during this portion of the meeting and did not vote.

Overview of the Academy Curriculum by Taylor-Patch:

Taylor-Patch delivered a PowerPoint presentation. The Committee discussed the degree to which Level II officers receive de-escalation training compared to Level III officers. Sorrell mentioned the Training Advisory Committee can also examine the content of the training for each certification level, but suggested the Rules Committee also consider the issue. Taylor-Patch said that the Training Advisory Committee was going to meet twice this month. There was some discussion about whether it would be useful for the Council to study the number of Level II officers in the state and how law enforcement agencies are using them. Anderson suggested incorporating minimum training standards for various ranks within law enforcement, such as some form of executive or leadership training. He also suggested incorporating "scope of authority" concepts into the rules whereunder officers would only be able to practice up to the scope of their training. Simons suggested reconsidering the hours that are spent on each type of training. The Committee decided to discuss in two weeks the overlap of the Committee's work and the work of the Training Advisory Committee.



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Presentation by Meenan of the requirements in the Administrative Procedure Act for contested cases:
There was not enough time to address this agenda item.

Agenda for September 9 Meeting:

Discussion of timeframe for this Committee's work.

Presentation by Meenan of the requirements in the Administrative Procedures Act for contested cases.

Potential Future Agenda Items:

Discuss overlap of the work by the Rules Committee and the Training Advisory Committee.

Motion to Adjourn:

Sorrell moved to adjourn the meeting. Searles seconded the motion. Meenan, Sorrell, Searles, and Burdyslaw voted to adjourn. Anderson was absent for the vote due to having to leave to attend to another commitment.

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.