



Vermont Criminal Justice Council

RULES COMMITTEE: Minutes

September 23, 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

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 9:02 AM

Motion to Approve the Minutes:

Anderson noted that he did vote in favor of the minutes from the prior meeting. That change was made to the draft minutes. Sorrell moved to approve the minutes as amended. Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

Discuss overlap of the work by the Rules Committee and the Training Advisory Committee, with a presentation from Searles who also serves on the Training Advisory Committee:

Searles said that TAC has met once this month and was planning on meeting again this afternoon. Consequently, it might be too soon to provide an update on TAC's work. TAC is going to be looking at the issue of waivers for chiefs and other higher ranked police officials; for example new police chiefs hired from outside Vermont. That work might impact Rule 18.

Humbert flagged that the Council could address all basic training requirements like those for Level III officers in Rule 9, which takes a very general approach and requires that the Council post specifics on its website. Meenan flagged that some might like to see the minimum-training-related rules become more rather than less prescriptive. The Committee discussed the existing rules and minimum training requirements. The Committee agreed that it would like to know TAC's plan for reviewing the minimum training requirements before considering rule changes. Searles will relay to TAC the Committee's request for information and recommendations from TAC.



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Discuss rule language drafted by Meenan re contested cases:

There was insufficient time to address this agenda item.

Discuss proposed timeframe for the Rules Committee's remaining work:

Meenan outlined the following aspirational timeline and flagged that the ability to meet it might depend on TAC's work:

1. Cover Rules 1-6 at the September 30, 2021 meeting.
2. Cover Rules 14, 15, 20, and 21 at the October 7, 2021 meeting.
3. Address Rules 7a-11 and TAC's recommendations during the last three weeks of October and first three weeks of November.
4. Have a draft rewrite of the rules by Thanksgiving or the middle of December

Agenda for September 30 Meeting:

Discuss rule language drafted by Meenan re contested cases.

Discuss Rules 1-6.

Potential Future Agenda Items:

Discuss Rules 14, 15, 20, and 21.

Discuss the work of the Training Advisory Committee and Rules 7a-11.

Motion to Adjourn:

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.