



# Vermont Criminal Justice Council

## RULES COMMITTEE: Minutes

December 16, 2021

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9:00 AM

Teams Meeting

### **Members in Attendance:**

Sheriff Mark Anderson

Cassandra Burdyslaw

Evan Meenan

Brian Searles

Bill Sorrell

### **Members Absent:**

### **Other Attendees:**

Heather Simons – 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:**

Sorrell moved to approve the minutes. Searles seconded the motion. Burdyslaw abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Review of comprehensive rewrite of rules:**

The review resumed with a discussion of proposed Rule 10 (existing Rule 15) regarding fees. Meenan identified that the rule would have to be amended if the Council wanted to start admitting individuals to the academy who were not employed by a law enforcement agency and wanted to charge those individuals tuition. The Committee elected not to recommend a change at this time, but will remain open to considering necessary rule amendments should a proposal be presented that warrants it.

Regarding proposed Rule 11 (existing Rule 10), the Committee decided to include language stating that training equipment and facilities must meet the requirements of any procedures approved by the Council. The Committee looked at the existing appeal language in proposed Rules 11 (existing Rule 10), 12 (existing Rule 11), and 13(c) (existing Rule 16) and decided to create a general appeal rule. In that general rule, the Committee decided to include a 30-day appeal period as a placeholder, but not a deadline for the Council to issue a decision. Even though appeal language only appears in three rules, the Committee decided to make the general appeal rule applicable to all decisions from a Council Committee or Executive Director.



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Regarding proposed Rule 12 (existing Rule 11), the Committee tentatively decided that Simons, Taylor, and the Training Advisory Committee should review the rule and make recommendations, but wanted input from Humbert about what needs to be included in rule by statute.

Regarding proposed Rule 13 (existing Rule 16), the Committee decided to have the Entrance Testing Committee review the rule and make recommendations, but wanted input from Humbert about what needs to be included in rule by statute.

### **Agenda for December 23 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 9:58 a.m.