March 28, 2022

2:30 AM

Teams Meeting

**Members in Attendance:**

Sheriff Mark Anderson

Cassandra Burdyshaw

Evan Meenan

Brian Searles

Bill Sorrell

**Members Absent:**

None

**Other Attendees:**

Heather Simons – Executive Director Vermont Police Academy

Christopher Brickell – Deputy Executive Director Vermont Police Academy

Lindsay Thivierge – Vermont Police Academy

Jacob Humbert – Assistant Attorney General

Chris Louras – Council Member

**Call to order:**

Meenan called the meeting to order at 2:34 PM

**Motion to Approve the Minutes:**

Burdyshaw moved to approve the minutes. Meenan seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Searles abstained. Sorrell was not present for the portion of the meeting where the minutes were approved.

**Update from Heather Simons about plans for reviewing certification/training requirements:**

Simons was not present for this portion of the meeting. Meenan provided an update on the Training Advisory Committee’s recommendations regarding Level II Officers, Simons’ idea of trying to obtain an appropriation to hire an outside consultant to conduct a review of the certification/training requirements, and the potential desire of the Racial Disparities Advisory Panel to make recommendations. Brickell said the Training Advisory Committee is going to present its recommendations to the full Council at its April 6, 2022 meeting. Brickell also said Councill staff may still pursue an appropriation in the legislature.

**Discuss how to proceed with proposed revisions to existing rules:**

The question was whether to move forward with the rules the Rules Committee have worked on thus far or wait for all of the substantive recommendations regarding certification and training, wherever thy may come from. Anderson wanted to move forward. Searles agreed and stated, as a member of TAC, that TAC still has more work to do regarding level II recommendations. Sorrell wanted to move forward. Burdyshaw did not have a strong preference. Meenan said for him the answer has depended on the timing of the substantive recommendations and deferred to the rest of the group. Thivierge and Brickell indicated a desire to move forward, but deferred to Simons who wanted to move forward. The decision was made to move recommend to the Council to move forward. The Committee is going to meet one more time to review and vote whether to recommend the latest draft update of the rules. Assuming the vote is to recommend, Meenan will try to put together a presentation for the Council’s May 4, 2022 meeting.

**Next meeting:**

April 7, 2022 at 9 a.m.

**Potential Future Agenda Items:**

Review and vote on whether to recommend the Council adopt the final draft update to rules.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:14 PM.