

Vermont Criminal Justice Council
Working Group for Act 56 review (per H.476)
Location: via Microsoft Teams
September 6, 2023

Members:

1. Christopher Louras, Chair
2. Sheriff Mark Anderson
3. Chris Brickell
4. Chief Jennifer Frank
5. Kim McManus
6. Mike O'Neil
7. Trevor Whipple
8. Lt. Col. James Whitcomb - Proxy for DPS Commissioner
9. Tucker Jones
10. Karen Tronsgard-Scott

Others:

1. Kevin Rushing, Director of OPR

1. Motion to approve 8/9/23 minutes by Anderson, seconded by O'Neil. Passed unanimously. 7-0-0 (McManus, Brickell, & Frank arrived after vote)

2. Agenda amended to add brief discussion to report back to the Criminal Justice Council on our status.

3. Discussion around questions presented by legal counsel (ref: code of conduct impact on category b.docx)
 - a. Mental intent – discussion ensued. Tabled
 - b. On-duty vs Off-Duty – discussion ensued around Code of Conduct (CoC) capturing all A & B conduct and recommending amended legislative language to replace Cat A&B conduct with a violation of the CoC. McManus wants time to cross-reference to make sure no current gaps but overall feels comfortable with where the draft currently sits. Anderson supported a CoC that provided better clarity to agency heads and personnel. Frank recommended contemplating tiers of progressive discipline through the Professional Regulation Subcommittee policies & procedures.

4. Next steps:
 - a. Report back to Council on October 4th, 2023

5. Motion to adjourn by Louras. Second by O'Neil. Passed unanimously.

Minutes record by: M. Anderson