



## Vermont Criminal Justice Council Waiver Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2021

1:00 PM

Microsoft Teams Meeting

### **Members in Attendance:**

Brian Searles, Chair – Governor Appointed

Col. Jason Batchelder – proxy for Commissioner Louis Porter, Vermont Fish & Wildlife

Sgt. Erin Hodges - Vermont Troopers Association

Sheriff Mark Anderson – Vermont Sheriffs' Association

Chief Travis Bingham – Newport Police Department

### **Other Attendees:**

Cindy Taylor-Patch - Vermont Police Academy

Lindsay Thivierge - Vermont Police Academy

Kenneth Hawkins – Vermont Police Academy

**Call to Order:** Chair Brian Searles 13:02

**Chair Searles:** Opened the meeting with introductions by all present.

**Waiver Process Update:** Cindy Taylor-Patch, Lindsay Thivierge, and Kenneth Hawkins: Advised the committee on the waiver process in its current state. Information was given about potential improvements to process that are currently being initiated, and how the Waiver committee can work most efficiently with the Academy.

- Subcommittee potentially serves as a sounding board, an appeals process, review out of the ordinary cases.

### **Open Discussion:**

Discussion on an established database on curriculum and what other state processes are like. Director Taylor-Patch elaborated on the complexities of the waiver process, the infrequency of requests and what could potentially be directed to the subcommittee.

**Meeting Frequency:** Meeting frequency was decided for Quarterly or annually with regularity with the knowledge that meetings in between would be as needed to review waiver cases.



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**Waiver Process Discussion:** Discussion on process about instituting a call from our Academy to another to verify and possibly move into a cross-check system with the Professional-Regulation subcommittee.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion was made by Brian Searles, seconded by Mark Anderson and Moved by Travis Bingham. All in favor, motion passed.

**Adjourn:** 13:52

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