

VERMONT CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COUNCIL

October 14, 2020

PITTSFORD, VERMONT

9:00 AM Teams Meeting

Members in Attendance

Chief Christopher Brickell, Chair, Vermont Association of Chiefs of Police
Heather Simons, Vice Chair, Proxy for Interim Commissioner James
Baker, Vermont Department of Corrections
Sergeant Timothy Gould, Vermont Trooper's Association
David Scherr, Proxy for Attorney General TJ Donovan, Vermont Attorney General's Office
Gary Moore, Public Seat
Mark Anderson, Vermont Sheriff's Association
Commissioner Michael Schirling, Vermont Dept of Public Safety
Michael Major, Vermont Police Association
Jason Batchelder, Proxy for Commissioner Louis Porter, VT Dept of Fish &
Wildlife
Erica Marthage, Bennington County State's Attorney

Absent

Anthony Facos, Proxy for Commissioner Wanda Minoli, Vermont Dept of Motor Vehicles
Silas Loomis, VT Constables Association

Other Attendance

Jacob Humbert, Assistant Attorney General
Major Ingrid Jonas, Vermont State Police
Trevor Whipple, Vermont Leagues of Cities and Towns
Gail Williams, Vermont Police Academy
Xusana Davis
Sara Jewett
Etan Nasreddin-Longo
Karen Carr
Karen Tronsgard-Scott
Tabitha Poole-Moore
Curtis Reed

- 1. Call to order:** Chief Brickell called the meeting to order at 9:03
- 2. Approval of Prior Minutes:** Gary Moore made a motion to accept the prior minutes from the June 17th, June 23rd, August 10th, and September 29th meeting. Second by Mike Major. All in favor.
- 3. Impacts of S.119 and S.124 legislation:**
 - S.119 - Commissioner Schirling gave a brief overview of S.119 becoming a law without the Governor's signature and pointed out areas of concern. Trevor Whipple let

the Council know that the Vermont League also expressed concerns in a letter they sent to the Governor.

- S.124 – Chief Brickell spoke about the bill, the burden it places on the Criminal Justice Council, the addition from 12 to 23 Council Members from a wide range of groups. It was asked of Jacob Humbert what will be done if the Council is not appointed by the December 1st deadline and if anything has been put into place for the new Council Chair or should the existing Council go on as they have been, at this time Jacob has nothing to offer.

4. Executive session – Personnel matter (employee recruitment): Erica Marthage made a motion to go into the first Executive Session, second by Ingrid Jonas.

- Executive Session 9:20 – 10:00
 - No action taken on the discussion during the Executive Session.

5. Executive Session – Personnel Matter/Legal Advice (employee recruitment): Major Jonas made a motion to go into a second Executive Session to discuss an attorney client privileged document and to seek legal advice about which public disclosure would put the Council at a substantial disadvantage, to include Jacob Humbert.

- Executive Session 10:04 – 10:59
 - Heather Simons made a motion that the Council vote to rescind the conditional offer letter drafted in consultation with the DHR to ensure compliance with all applicable state personnel requirements. Second by Erica Marthage. All in favor. Motion passed.

6. Executive Session – Legal Advice (attorney/client privileged information): Major Jonas made a motion to go into a second Executive Session to discuss an attorney client privileged document and to seek legal advice about which public disclosure would put the Council at a substantial disadvantage, to include Jacob Humbert. Second by Heather Simons. All in favor.

- Executive Session 11:02 – 11:10
 - Heather Simons made a motion to post the Troidle report on it's website, and the report to be reviewed by the management team in consult with legal counsel to determine whether any redaction such as those related to personal medical information or whistle blower identity are appropriate under the Vermont Public Records Act. Second by Major Jonas. All in favor. Motion passed.

Gary Moore made a motion to adjourn, second by Sheriff Anderson, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:18