

VERMONT CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COUNCIL

October 21, 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
Silas Loomis, VT Constables Association
Anthony Facos, Proxy for Commissioner Wanda Minoli, Vermont Dept of Motor Vehicles

Absent

Erica Marthage, Bennington County State's Attorney

Other Attendance

Jacob Humbert, Assistant Attorney General
Captain Kevin Lane, Vermont State Police
Major Ingrid Jonas, Vermont State Police
Trevor Whipple, Vermont Leagues of Cities and Towns
Gwyenn Zakov, Vermont Leagues of Cities and Towns
Sheriff William Bohnyak, Chair LEAB
Cynthia Taylor-Patch, Vermont Police Academy
Gail Williams, Vermont Police Academy
Karen Carr, Dept of Public Safety

- 1. Call to order:** Chief Brickell called the meeting to order at 9:02
- 2. Approval of Prior Minutes:** Gary Moore made a motion to accept the prior minutes from the October 14th meeting. Second by Michael Major. All in favor.
- 3. Discussion with LEAB of S.124:** Commissioner Schirling spoke on the continued exploration of moving the operational components of the Police Academy into state government and Public Safety. Council members discussed and voiced concerns. Sheriff Anderson is concerned it would eliminate programs needed by Sheriffs departments. Cindy Taylor-Patch spoke on behalf of the Police Academy and stated the Academy supports a change in structure, in some way, as we have struggled for many years with funding and staffing, and would like to be included in the

discussion around what is needed. The Academy would also like to maintain its ability, within that new structure, to continue to treat all law enforcement agencies fairly whether they state, municipal, or county. Michael Major agreed DPS would be beneficial.

4. Executive session – E.D. Search: Major Jonas made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the personnel matter of the Executive Director position, to include Council Members and Jacob Humbert in the session.

- Executive Session 9:30 – 10:03
 - Major Jonas made a motion that we prepare a sole source waiver request to fill the Executive Director position on an interim basis. Second by Michael Major. All in favor. Motion passed.

Major Jonas made a motion to adjourn, second by Constable Loomis, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07