



VCJC Entrance Test Working Group Meeting Minutes February 7, 2023 (12:30-1:30)

Meeting Date and Time: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 12:30PM – 1:30PM

Meeting Location: This meeting was via Microsoft Teams

Members Present: Wilda White, Roger Marcoux, Justin Stedman, Jon Murad

Others in Attendance: Lindsay Thivierge, Ken Hawkins, Christopher Brickell

Call to Order 12:35 PM

Additions or deletion to the agenda—None

Meeting Minutes—Minutes will be pushed to the next meeting.

Written Entrance Test

Current status of the written entrance test was presented to the working group:

- Vendor feedback was reviewed
- Options for path forward were discussed

Concern was expressed over the vendor wanting to change standard contract language.

Discussed what would happen if we did not continue negotiations with the vendor.

- Through the accreditation process we would build and develop a test that aligns with exit standards for the Academy.
 - Through discussion it was determined that although that was something to be considered, the time frame would be too long to go without a test.
- Agencies could do more and provide tests to candidates that they submit to the academy as part of their packet.
- The old entrance test could be used as a litmus for candidates to collect data on aptitude and success.

Through discussion the working group decided to continue negotiations with the vendor and provide some more parameters in the language that the vendor would only have to defend the test for ten years.

Chances for being sued are low but the fee would still be nominal if the lawsuit were successful.

PT Test

There was initial trepidation that including a run in the PT entrance test would disqualify a wide pool of applicants. The data shows that there is a wide threshold that candidates have to achieve.

Motion to adjourn , all in favor.

Meeting adjourned