



# Vermont Criminal Justice Council

## RULES COMMITTEE: Minutes

June 24, 2021

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9:00 AM

Zoom Meeting

**Members in Attendance:**

Bill Sorrell, Chair  
Sheriff Mark Anderson  
Evan Meenan

**Members Absent:**

Lindsay Thivierge  
Brian Searles  
Cassandra Burdyshaw

**Other Attendees:**

Heather Simons – Executive Director Vermont Police Academy  
Cindy Taylor Patch – Vermont Police Academy  
Jacob Humbert – Assistant Attorney General  
Kevin Roder – Attorney General’s Office Intern

**Call to order:**

Chair Sorrell called the meeting to order shortly after 9:00 AM

**Motion to Approve the Minutes:**

No minutes to approve,

**Appointment of New Chair:**

Chair Sorrell appointed Meenan to Chair the Committee until July 1, 2022.

**Selection of Standing Meeting Date and Time:**

Present members of the Committee unanimously agreed that the Committee would hold standing meetings at 9 a.m. on Thursdays.

**Rule 13:**

Taylor-Patch provided an overview of Rule 13.

Sorrell indicated that at the next meeting of the full Criminal Justice Training Council the Department of Public Safety/Vermont State Police may give a presentation concerning the existing training requirements and the present shortage of Vermont State Police Troopers.

**Rule 18:**

Taylor-Patch provided and overview of Rule 18.



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The Council gets between 5-6 waiver requests per year on average. Usually the requests are for officers relocating to Vermont.

The Committee discussed with Humbert whether 20 V.S.A. § 2355(a)(12) limits the length of waivers that the Council can grant or that the Executive Director can grant.

Anderson noted that some injuries make 60-day waivers insufficient.

Anderson and Taylor-Patch indicated that out-of-state waivers are the most labor intensive and the Waiver Committee's purpose is to add experience to the review.

Taylor-Patch indicated that right now they notify those requesting waivers that staff decisions are appealable to the full Council.

Present members of the Committee agreed to add this topic to the agenda for the next meeting.

### **ACT 56/ Professional Regulation:**

Due to time limitations, the Committee did not reach this topic. Present members of the Committee decided to add it to the agenda for the next meeting.

### **Agenda for Next Meeting:**

Present members of the Committee unanimously agreed the agenda for the next meeting should include the discussion of Act 56/Professional Regulation and Rule 18.

### **Motion to Adjourn:**

Sorrell adjourned the meeting around 10:15 a.m.