May 3, 2023

10:00 AM

Teams Meeting

**Members in Attendance Public Session:**

William Sorrell, Chair – Governor Appointed

Brian Searles – Governor Appointed

Christopher Louras – Governor Appointed

Shawn Pratt – Governor Appointed

Kevin Lane – Vice Chair, Proxy for Commissioner Michael Schirling, Public Safety

Glenn Boyde – Proxy for Nicholas Deml, Dept of Corrections

Chris Herrick – Commissioner, VT Fish & Wildlife

Justin Stedman – Proxy for Commissioner Herrick, VT Fish & Wildlife

Erin Jacobsen – Proxy for Attorney General Charity Clark

Xusana Davis –Executive Director, Office of Racial Equity

Trevor Whipple – VT League of Cities and Towns

Mark Anderson – VT Sheriff’s Association

Sadie Donovan – Proxy for Jennifer Poehlmann, Center for Crime Victim Services

Cassandra Burdyshaw – VT Human Rights Commission

Karen Tronsgard-Scott – Executive Director VT Network DOMV/Sexual Violence

**Other Attendees:**

Heather Simons – Vermont Criminal Justice Council

Christopher Brickell – Vermont Criminal Justice Council

Jamielee Bedard – Vermont Criminal Justice Council

Jennifer Firpo – Vermont Criminal Justice Council

Ken Hawkins – Vermont Criminal Justice Council

Dan Pennington – Vermont Criminal Justice Council

Lindsay Thivierge – Vermont Criminal Justice Council

Jennifer Hier – Vermont Criminal Justice Council

Kim McManus – Vermont Criminal Justice Council

Michael Thomas – Chief, Shelburne Police Department

Patrick Owens – Chief, Manchester Police Department

Robbie Blish – Chief, Woodstock Police Department

Barbara Kessler – Captain, Vermont State Police

Braedon Vail – Chief, Barre City Police Department

Jeff Burnham – Chief, Springfield Police Department

James Pontbriand – Chief, Berlin Police Department

David Fox – Sheriff, Rutland County Sheriff’s Department

Norma Hardy – Chief, Brattleboro Police Department

Michael Henry – Lt., Stowe Police Department

Brian Kilcullen – Chief, Rutland City Police Department

Matt Romei – Chief, Vermont Capitol Police

George Merkel –

Paul Talley – Cpl. St Albans Police Department

Michael Scruggs – Chief, Thetford Police Department

Matthew Sullivan – Chief, Swanton Village Police Department

James Whitcomb – Major, Vermont State Police

Derrick Tienken – Chief, Winhall Police Department

Nicole Dernier –

Skyler Genest –

**Call to Order:**  *Vermont Criminal Justice Council Chair, William Sorrell* 10:08.

**Additions or deletions to Agenda:**  None

**Minutes from April 5, 2023, meeting minutes**:

Motion to approve minutes from April 5, 2023, meeting by Brian Searles, second by Erin Jacobsen, no discussion on the motion, all in favor.

**Legislative Updates:**  *Vermont Criminal Justice Council Executive Director, Heather Simons, Vermont Criminal Justice Council Deputy Director Christopher Brickell, and Associate General Counsel Kim McManus*

H482 – Minimum training standards on anti-bias training and moved the hourly requirement and the language has changed to competency–based training. Report on or before Jan 15, 2024, that the council will report to house and senate gov ops to tell how competency is bring measured and metrics. Governors recommended appropriations for the Council to include two fair and impartial policing positions and the first year out of a three-year accreditation process, and technology upgrades.

**Professional Regulation Subcommittee Update:**  *Vermont League of Cities and Towns, Professional Regulation Subcommittee Chair, Trevor Whipple*

Proposal from the Department of Public Safety to update the use of force policy because the current policy misstates the law.

**Director Updates:**  *Vermont Criminal Justice Council, Executive Director, Heather Simons*

* Today is a short meeting, we wanted to make sure we had the opportunity to discuss the vote this morning.

**General Discussion:** *Bill Sorrell –* The rules committee brought the full proposed rules changes to the full council, suggestions were reviewed, and some changes were made. Kim McManus will be shepherding what the Council approves of through the next stages.

Motion to adjourn made by Brian Searles and seconded by Kevin Lane, all in favor.

Meeting Adjourned 11:05.