



Committee On Training

Patrick Henry Building
East Reading Room
1111 E. Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219

MINUTES

May 9, 2024

Members Present

Superintendent William Smith (Chair)
(Vice Chair)-Vacant
Sheriff C. O. Balderson
Ms. Mary Biggs
Mr. Lamont Carrington
Ms. Ebony Clark (via Zoom)
Chief Maggie DeBoard
Officer Bennie Evans, Jr.
Mr. Tim Coyne *(proxy for Maria Jankowski)*
Mr. Jagdish Katyal
Captain Clifford Kincaid
Mr. Edward Macon *(proxy for Karl R. Hade)*
Mr. D. Bradley Marshall
Ms. Renee Maxey
Mr. Bryan Porter
The Honorable Anthony C. Williams

Members Absent

Sheriff Michael Chapman
Ms. Robin Deulio
Dr. Sesha Joi Moon
Ms. Ashley Waddell

1. Call to Order.

Superintendent William Smith called the Committee on Training (COT) meeting to order at 10:07 A.M.

2. Selection and Vote for Vice Chair from COT Membership

Due to the retirement of Chief Katz, Chairman Smith called for a nomination for the position of Vice-Chair. Mr. Anthony Williams nominated Ms. Renee Maxey. Ms. Renee Maxey nominated Mr. D. Bradley Marshall. Mr. D. Bradley Marshall seconded Ms. Renee Maxey's nomination. Mr. Anthony Williams seconded, Mr. D. Bradley Marshall's nomination. Ms. Mary Biggs made a motion for the COT to have two Co-Vice Chairs. This was seconded by Chief DeBoard. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of past minutes.

A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Mr. D. Bradley Marshall and seconded by Ms. Mary Biggs. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Division Update.

Mr. Harvey Powers, Director, DCJS Division of Law Enforcement, provided updates to the Committee regarding the Law Enforcement Division and training updates.

-Since our last meeting the division has attended and participated in the Academy Director's Conference for all Virginia criminal justice academies. Several staff members to include Director Miller, attended. There were a series of discussions that DCJS hopes to build on and play a larger with hopes of increasing attendance by more academies in the future.

-As of Mid-March, the new Standards of Conduct have completed the regulatory process and are now in effect. Last year there were 116 decertifications and as of now, for 2024, there have been 61 submissions, with 32 decertifications. SB88 will change some of the factors in this process and after working through some of the changes alongside the Executive Committee, DCJS will present an implantation plan to the Board.

-DCJS has 15 regulatory actions open that encompasses 19 of our 25 current regulations. New Basic Law-Enforcement training objectives are at the Governor's Office awaiting action. The new training objectives for Jail, Courtroom Security and Civil Process training are at the Secretary's Office.

-Uniform Lesson Plan Project: HB1369 was passed and changes Uniform Lesson Plans to Model Lesson Plans and gives criminal justice academies some flexibility in the use of these plans. We are working through what the implantation of that looks like as well.

-Report concluded.

4. Old Business

Superintendent Smith reported that there was no old business.

5. New Business

a. Certified Crime Prevention Community Re-Certification

Tina Sumpter, DCJS, requested the City of Hampton be re-certified as a Certified Crime Prevention Community after having met all the required objectives for re-certification. A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Mr. Anthony Williams, seconded by Ms. Mary Biggs. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Transition of Department of Corrections Officers to Jail Officers in Virginia

William Smith, Superintendent, WTRJ asked the Board for a review of the one-time transition allowed by DCJS for correctional officers to become jail officers due to the closing of several state correctional facilities. After a lengthy discussion of the pros and cons, Director Miller suggested the conversation continue over the next few weeks with jail superintendents and reminded the Committee that the COT is an advisory board and any votes here would not codify anything. Per code, any waiving of instructions can only be signed by the Director of DCJS.

Tony Heflin, Deputy Superintendent, Middle Peninsula Regional Jail was allotted 3 minutes for comment.

Derek Almarode, Acting Superintendent, Rockbridge Regional Jail, was allotted 3 minutes for comment.

Andrew McNally, Executive Director, Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy, was allotted 3 minutes for comment.

6. Public Comment

Mary Ottinot, Member of the Public, was allotted 3 minutes for comment.

Ms. Mary Biggs made a motion to meet with Jail representatives and report back to the committee, regarding the transition of DOC officers, seconded by Mr. Anthony Williams.

7. Next Meeting.

June 13, 2024 @ 10:00 A.M.

8. Adjournment

Superintendent Smith asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting which was made by Ms. Chief Maggie DeBoard, seconded by Mr. D. Bradley Marshall. The meeting was concluded at 11:06 A.M.

Approved: _____ Date: _____
Chair