

**BLET ADVISORY GROUP
MEETING MINUTES
September 3, 2021
Teleconference Meeting**

Jennifer Fisher called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and thanked everyone for attending the September 3, 2021, BLET Advisory Group meeting. Leann Supko conducted a formal roll call. A quorum was present. Jennifer Fisher recognized guests in attendance and asked that they introduce themselves.

Members Present:

Rick Barney, Craven Community College
Kelly Blackwelder, Town of Elon Police Department
Joseph Cotton, North Carolina State Highway Patrol
Jon Gregory, Wake Technical Community College
Billy Kelly, Rockingham Police Department
Kenneth Klamar, Sunset Beach Police Department
Richard Tullis, Asheville Police Department
Sammy Turner, Brunswick County Sheriffs' Office
Aaron Vassey, Cleveland Community College
Steve Warren, Western Piedmont Community College

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Autumn Hanna, Sheriffs' Standards Division

Ex-Officio Members Absent:

Jeffrey Smythe, Sheriffs' Standards Division
Michelle Schilling, Criminal Justice Standards Division
Diane Konopka, Sheriffs' Standards Division
Charminique Williams, Criminal Justice Standards Division

Staff Present:

Jennifer Fisher, North Carolina Justice Academy
Leann Supko, North Carolina Justice Academy
Stacy Holloman, North Carolina Justice Academy
Alex Gazaway, North Carolina Justice Academy

Guests Present:

Tracy McPherson, North Carolina Community Colleges
Steve Johnson, Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission

OLD BUSINESS

- Approval of June 6, 2021 meeting minutes
Members were afforded an opportunity to review the minutes from the June 6, 2021 meeting. Sammy Turner made a **motion** to accept the minutes. Rick Barney

seconded. As this was a teleconference meeting, Leann Supko conducted a formal roll call vote. **None opposed.** No further discussion. **Motion carried.**

➤ BLET Job Task Analysis (JTA) Revision Update—BLET 2023

Alex Gazaway provided the group with an update on the BLET 2023 revision. Mr. Gazaway stated there are 38 lesson plans. The curriculum is currently estimated to be 677 hours, though this is subject to change. Mr. Gazaway thanked the BLET Advisory Group for their feedback. Mrs. Fisher opened the floor for discussion. No discussion ensued and Mrs. Fisher thanked Mr. Gazaway for the update. Mrs. Fisher requested the group continue to provide feedback. When doing so, Mrs. Fisher encouraged the group to use a multifaceted approach to include input from the point of view of the student, instructor, and administrator is most helpful.

NEW BUSINESS

➤ Proposed Lesson Plan Revisions

Jennifer Fisher reiterated to the group that only critical revisions were being made, such as statutory changes or fixing incorrect information, until the BLET 2023 curriculum is complete. All new information is being channeled to the BLET 2023 revision.

Juvenile Law and Procedures

Mrs. Fisher stated updates to laws regarding Raise the Age has been changed. These will go into effect in December 2021. Mrs. Fisher opened the floor for discussion. No discussion ensued. Aaron Vassey made a **motion** to accept the proposed revisions. Billy Kelly **seconded.** As this was a teleconference meeting, Leann Supko conducted a formal roll call vote. None opposed. **Motion carried.**

Firearms

Mrs. Fisher stated the revisions to the Firearms lesson plan concerned language addressing the use of red dot site systems and mounted flashlights. Mrs. Fisher opened the floor for discussion. Alex Gazaway shared that feedback from the field expresses that flashlights mounted on weapons should be added to the lesson plan. Mrs. Fisher said that the intent is to keep this training at the basic level. Use of technology to enhance aim and accuracy is prohibited. Mrs. Fisher offered to discuss the revision with Mr. Gazaway after the meeting.

Steve Johnson stated that the number of agencies that use a dedicated light system is minimal. The theory for excluding red dot site systems is the same for light systems. If the light system fails, what is the backup? Mrs. Fisher stated that agencies could institute red dot site/light systems in their in-service training. Mr. Johnson expressed agreement that agencies can add to their training or curriculum, but BLET needs to be a basic level of training. No further discussion. Sammy Turner made a **motion** to accept the proposed revision. Kenneth Klamar **seconded.** As this was a teleconference meeting, Leann Supko conducted a formal roll call vote. None opposed. **Motion carried.**

Civil Process

Jennifer Fisher advised the group that information on magistrate summons was updated and reviewed by legal. Mrs. Fisher opened the floor for discussion. No discussion ensued. Kelly Blackwelder made a **motion** to accept the proposed revision. John Gregory **seconded**. As this was a teleconference meeting, Leann Supko conducted a formal roll call vote. None opposed. **Motion carried.**

OTHER BUSINESS

➤ Division Reports

North Carolina Criminal Justice Training and Standards Division Report

No report.

North Carolina Sheriff's Training and Standards Commission Division Report

No report.

North Carolina Department of Justice Division Report

No report.

➤ Open Discussion

Mrs. Fisher opened the floor for discussion. Michelle Schilling stated the School Directors Conference would be held in October 2021. No further discussion ensued. Mrs. Fisher thanked the group for their dedication to the BLET program.

ADJOURNMENT

Rick Barney made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Billy Kelly **seconded**. Leann Supko conducted a formal roll call vote. None opposed. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 10:33 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Leann Supko
Program Assistant
North Carolina Justice Academy

Date
October 27, 2021