

MINUTES

North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission

Planning and Standards Committee

May 19, 2021

The Planning & Standards (P&S) Committee of the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards (CJETTS) Commission met at Wake Technical Community College Public Safety Center on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at 10:04 AM.

Committee Members Present

Commissioner Leslie Cooley-Dismukes (Chair), Commissioner Robert Hassell (Vice-Chair), Commissioner Richard Epley, Commissioner Andrew Hendry, Commissioner Billy Gartin, Commissioner Andrew Gregson, Commissioner Stan Hicks, Commissioner Theresa Jardon, Commissioner Frederick Sellers.

Guests Present

Mickey Biggs, NCCC, Commissioner Steve Johnson, Brenda Rivera, Legal Staff, Thomas Forrest, Pitt Community College, Director Trevor Allen, NCJA, Commissioner Stephanie Freeman, OSDT, Commissioner Chris Blue, Melanie Thomas, NC Sheriffs Association, Commissioner Tracy McPherson, Director Rhonda Raney, Raleigh Police Department, Nelson Freeman, FMRT, Commissioner Eddie Caldwell, Kim Quintus, NC DPS/JJ, Peter Kuhns, NC DPS/JJ.

CJ Standards Staff Present

Interim Director Richard Squires, Deputy Director Michelle Schilling, Charminique Williams, Bob Overton, Jason McIntyre, and Alex Radford.

Call to Order

Committee Chair Leslie Cooley-Dismukes called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and read the ethics statement. The Chair requested a roll call and declared a quorum. The Committee then welcomed and swore in a new Committee member Mr. Frederick Sellers.

Approval of Minutes

A **Motion** to approve the February 24, 2021 committee minutes was made by Commissioner Robert Hassell, seconded by Commissioner Richard Epley. **Motion carried.**

Requests for Rulemaking Authority

There were no requests for Rulemaking Authority at this time.

Rulemaking Hearing

The Committee conducted a public rulemaking hearing on eight (8) rules. The Committee considered the following rules:

12 NCAC 09A .0206 & 12 NCAC 09G.0506 (Summary Suspensions) – sister rules

- The Committee considered revisions to this rule to ensure that instructors comply with both their instructor certification and Commission certification while they are teaching classes. The Committee voted to recommend the adoption of the proposed changes to the rule as set out in the packet.

A motion to adopt the above changes was made by Commissioner Theresa Jardon and seconded by Commissioner Stan Hicks. The Motion carried.

12 NCAC 09B .0313 (Certification and Training for SROs)

- The Committee considered revisions to this rule to include refresher language and make this rule consistent with all other instructor rules. The Committee voted to recommend adoption of the proposed changes to the rule as set out in the packet.

A motion to adopt the above changes was made by Commissioner Robert Hassell and seconded by Commissioner Theresa Jardon. The Motion carried.

12 NCAC 09B .0404 (Trainee Attendance)

- The Committee considered proposed changes to this rule to make the waiver language consistent with all other general and specialized instructor waivers. The Committee voted to recommend adoption of the proposed changes to the rule as set out in the packet.

A motion to adopt the above changes was made by Commissioner Robert Hassell and seconded by Commissioner Stan Hicks. The Motion carried.

12 NCAC 09G .0206 (Moral Character) & 12 NCAC 09G .0504 (Suspension: Revocation: or Denial of Certification)

- The Committee considered revisions to these rules at the request of DPS Deputy Secretary Moose to bring PPOs more in line with LEOs in terms of which misdemeanors to consider for certification/decertification purposes. The

Committee voted to recommend adoption of the proposed changes to the rule as set out in the packet.

A motion to adopt the above changes was made by Commissioner Robert Hassell and seconded by Commissioner Billy Gartin. The Motion carried.

12 NCAC 09B .0101 (Minimum Standards for Criminal Justice Officers) & 12 NCAC 09G .0205 (Physical and Mental Standards) – sister rules

- The Committee considered revisions to this rule to clarify the type of psychological screening and evaluation necessary for different categories of criminal justice officers. The Committee took public comment and objections. The Committee voted to recommend adoption of the proposed changes to the rule as set out in the packet.

A motion to adopt the above changes was made by Commissioner Andrew Hendry and seconded by Commissioner Theresa Jardon. The Motion carried.

Committee Item:

- Changes to Commission Forms
 - Staff presented several Commission Forms in need of revision to ensure consistency with the NCAC, make them more user-friendly, and begin gathering data in response to recent public sentiment and the Governor’s Task Force for Racial Equity in Criminal Justice recommendations.
 - Changes were approved to the following forms:
 - Orientation Roster & F3 – adding drop-down boxes for demographics. A motion to adopt the above changes were made by Commissioner Robert Hassell and seconded by Commissioner Richard Epley.
 - Student Course Completion Form – added a reason for termination/withdrawal and demographic information. A motion to adopt the above changes was made by Commissioner Robert Hassell and seconded by Commissioner Richard Epley.
 - Request for BLET Limited Enrollment – added drop-down menus, physical fitness date added. A motion to adopt the above changes was made by

Commissioner Richard Epley and seconded by Commissioner Robert Hassell.

- CCH Instructor Forms – 3 forms combined into 1 to make it easier for instructors and staff to gather needed information, added electronic payment option. A motion to adopt the above changes was made by Commissioner Richard Epley and seconded by Commissioner Stan Hicks.
- Criminal Justice Instructor Evaluation Form – added instructor and evaluator number to make it easier to track. A motion to adopt the above changes was made by Commissioner Theresa Jardon and seconded by Commissioner Frederick Sellers.
- F5B – moved signature location for agency head, added notice to officers of hearing options upon separation, staff will simplify language from that in packet. A motion to adopt the above changes was made by Commissioner Richard Epley and seconded by Commissioner Robert Hassell.

- 10th System Plan

- The Committee discussed the need for the Commission to complete the next system plan in time for a vote at the November 2021 meeting.
 - Ideas for the System Plan should be submitted to Charminique Williams before the August Commission meeting so that the Planning and Standards Committee can start working on a draft.
 - Commissioner Epley suggested considering goals surrounding community policing and hiring officers with emotional intelligence and training in those areas.
 - Commissioner Dismukes suggested considering some of the recommendations made to the Commission by the Governor’s Task Force for Racial Equity in Criminal Justice.
- Presentation of Recommendations to the Commission by the Task Force for Racial Equity (TREC) in Criminal Justice by Commissioner Dismukes.
 - Commissioner Dismukes presented the TREC recommendations relevant to the Commission and asked the Committee to move forward in considering how the Commission might implement some of these recommendations. Several Committee members volunteered to help in this effort.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Committee will be on August 11, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 12:52 PM