

MINUTES
North Carolina Criminal Justice
Education and Training Standards Commission

Planning and Standards Committee
February 17, 2011

The Planning and Standards Committee of the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission met in Room 229 of the Department of Correction Office of Staff Development and Training in Apex, on February 17, 2011 at 1:00 pm.

Members Present

Commissioner Stephanie Freeman, Chairperson
Commissioner Frank Rogers
Commissioner Michael Gilchrist
Commissioner Scott Cunningham
Commissioner Brent Herron
Commissioner Frank Rogers
Commissioner John Manley

Visitors

Julia Lohman, Sheriffs' Training Standards Division

Staff

Teresa Marrella, Criminal Justice Standards Division
Dawn Suffel, Criminal Justice Standards Division
Sharon Witherspoon, Criminal Justice Standards Division

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Freeman called the meeting to order, welcomed those present and declared a quorum.

II. Approval of November 9, 2010 Rulemaking Hearing Minutes

Motion to approve rule amendments was made by Commissioner Scott Cunningham and **seconded** by Commissioner John Manley. **Motion carried** unanimously.

III. Approval of November 9, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes was made by Commissioner John Manley and **seconded** by Commissioner Scott Cunningham. **Motion carried** unanimously.

IV. Proposed Amendment to 12 NCAC 09G .0206 Moral Character

Commissioner Frank Rogers proposed an amendment to bring this rule into compliance with the NC Felony Firearms Law and Lautenberg Amendment that prohibits convicted felons or persons convicted of certain domestic violence related crimes from possessing firearms.

Motion to approve proposed amendment and request rule-making authority from the full Commission was made by Commissioner John Manley and **seconded** by Commissioner Scott Cunningham. **Motion carried** unanimously.

V. Proposed Amendment to 12 NCAC 09D .0102 and .0202 General Provisions

Ms. Teresa Marrella, on behalf of a request by the Executive Committee and the Director of CJ Standards Division, presented a proposed amendment concerning eligibility of criminal justice and law enforcement professional awards. The proposed amendment to both rules would prevent an officer under suspension or

revocation proceedings, or under investigation for possible decertification action by the Commission, the Company and Campus Police Program, or the NC Sheriffs' Standards Commission from being eligible for professional awards pending outcome.

Motion to approve proposal and request rule-making authority from the full Commission was made by Commissioner Scott Cunningham and **seconded** by Commissioner Frank Rogers. **Motion carried** unanimously.

VI. 7th Edition System Plan

Motion to approve system goals as ranked in order of importance (per the document provided) and to present for approval by the full Commission was made by Commissioner John Manley and **seconded** by Commissioner Scott Cunningham. **Motion carried** unanimously.

Chairperson Stephanie Freeman conveyed that there still may be an issue concerning Recruitment and Retention, goal 2, item (g), which reads "*seek legislative support and funding to maintain tuition-free job related training at community colleges for certified personnel.*" Ms. Freeman shared copies of a recent legislative report that evaluated community college tuition waivers. After brief review of this document the committee concluded to share this report with the Executive Committee and to discuss the language and specificity of this objective as it relates to tuition waivers.

A brief discussion suggested the committee begin work first on Goal 1 concerning professional standards requirements in the completion of applicant forms. Chairperson Freeman proposed that a subcommittee comprised jointly of CJ Standards and Sheriffs' Standards be formed to review and identify inconsistencies amongst various forms.

VII. Discussion of Tactical Physician Issues

Staff member Teresa Marrella shared results of her recent research concerning other states' standards for tactical emergency medical support personnel. In circumstances where tactical medics are allowed to carry weapons, most required completion of Basic Law Enforcement Training. Ms. Marrella advised she spoke with the president of the NC Tactical Medical Association which supports tactical medics carrying weapons. She also stated that the president of the association expressed an interest in making a future presentation to the Committee as it continues its consideration of the proposed policy. The committee agreed to continue to look at the issue.

VIII. Other Business

None.

IX. Date of Next Meeting

Chairperson Stephanie Freeman stated that the next scheduled meeting of the Planning & Standards Committee will be on Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 1:00 at the Department of Correction OSDT in Apex.

X. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Frank Rogers and **seconded** by Commissioner John Manley. **Motion carried** unanimously.