

MINUTES
North Carolina Criminal Justice
Education and Training Standards Commission

Planning and Standards Committee
November 9, 2010

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 November 9, 2010 at 1:00 pm.

Members Present

Commissioner Stephanie Freeman, Chairperson
Commissioner Kevin Wallace
Commissioner Scott Cunningham
Commissioner Brent Herron
Commissioner Frank Rogers
Commissioner John Manley

Visitors

Julia Lohman, Sheriffs' Training Standards Division
Major Jennifer Harris, NC State Highway Patrol
Dr. John Wilkinson, Gaston County PD

Staff

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

I. Call to Order

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

II. Rule-Making Hearing

Chairperson Freeman called the hearing to order and stated that the purpose of the rule-making hearing was to allow input from those persons interested in commenting on the proposed amendments to the Commission's Administrative Rules.

Chairperson Freeman advised that she would read the proposed new rules and amendments and, if needed, these amendments would be explained by her or a staff member. She also noted that no written comments were received by the Rule-Making Coordinator. Chairperson Freeman then proceeded to read a summary of the new rules and amendments. She noted there were no visitors present for the hearing.

<p><u>Motion</u> was made by Commissioner Scott Cunningham, that the Planning and Standards Committee approve the filing of these rules as proposed. 12 NCAC 09B .0203(b); 12 NCAC 09B .0205(b)(4)(f); 12 NCAC 09B .0304; 12 NCAC 09E .0102; and 12 NCAC 9E .0105; <u>seconded</u> by Commissioner Frank Rogers. <u>Motion carried</u> unanimously.</p>
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III. Approval of August 26, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes was made by Commissioner Kevin Wallace and **seconded** by Commissioner Cunningham. **Motion carried** unanimously.

IV. Tactical Physician Presentation

Dr. John Wilkinson, a tactical physician who volunteers with the Gaston County Police Department Emergency Response Team, appeared before the Committee and made a presentation concerning physicians who deploy and operate with a tactical team. He proposed that he and other volunteers in similar positions be allowed to become sworn officers without completion of BLET. He believes this would allow him to better serve in his volunteer capacity.

Committee members concluded that additional research is necessary before proceeding and asked Ms. Teresa Marrella to research how other departments and other states are handling similar physician volunteers.

V. Proposed Amendment to Interpretive Rule

Commissioner Frank Rogers presented a request for changes to the Commission's Interpretive Rule that would add or delete Department of Correction job classifications/positions from the certification list.

He proposed that the following positions be added to the rule:

1. Correctional Officer Trainee
2. Probation/Parole Officer Trainee
3. Probation/Parole Officer I
4. Probation/Parole Officer II Trainee

He also proposed the following positions be removed from the rule:

1. Judicial Unit Supervisor
2. Probation/Parole Administrative Case Officer
3. Probation/Parole Intensive Officer

Motion to accept these amendments and present them to the full Commission for adoption was made by Commissioner Wallace and **seconded** by Commissioner John Manley. **Motion carried** unanimously.

VI. Proposed Amendment to 12 NCAC 09B .0106

Ms. Marrella presented a proposed rule amendment concerning documentation of educational requirements for certification as a criminal justice officer. The scoring method for the General Educational Development (GED) Test has changed over the years and is expected to change again in 2012. The current rule cites specific numerical scores. To prevent future amendments each time the GED scoring changes, she recommended that the rule be amended to remove the reference to numerical scores. The recommended wording is consistent with that published in 9G. 0204(d)(2).

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

VII. 7th Edition System Plan

In response to feedback and guidance from the Executive Committee, the Planning & Standards Committee reduced the number of goals included in the System Plan. A current working copy of the Plan including all recommendations made by the Executive Committee was provided for review. A copy of a revised draft of the Plan (with changes and deletions) as summarized by Ms. Marrella was also presented for review.

Motion to accept the proposed changes concentrating on five (5) goals to present to the full Commission was made by Commissioner Wallace and **seconded** by Commissioner Manley. **Motion carried** unanimously.

Upon approval by the full Commission, a final draft will be provided to each Commission member for ranking and a final draft of the System Plan will be presented at the February 2011 Commission meeting.

VIII. Election of Committee Vice-Chair

Motion to nominate and elect Commissioner Scott Cunningham as Committee Vice-Chair was made by Commissioner Wallace and **seconded** by Commissioner Brent Heron. **Motion carried** unanimously.

IX. Other Business

Chairperson Freeman welcomed new Committee member Commissioner John Manley.

X. Date of Next Meeting

Chairperson Freeman stated that the next scheduled meeting of the Planning & Standards Committee will be on Thursday, February 17th at 1:00p.m. at the Department of Correction Office of Staff Development and Training in Apex.

XI. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Wallace and **seconded** by Commissioner Cunningham. **Motion carried** unanimously.