

**MINUTES  
NORTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS  
COMMISSION**

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMITTEE**

**February 20, 2014**

The Education and Training Committee of the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission met in Room 1826 of the Public Safety Training Center, Wake Technical Community College, Raleigh, NC. Chairperson Wrenn Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Those in attendance were:

- \*Chief Wrenn Johnson, NC Police Executives Association
- \*Lee Farnsworth, NC Law Enforcement Officers' Association
- \*Corporal Melissa Hinnant, NC Law Enforcement Women's Association
- \*Chief Bill Hollingsed, NC Police Executives Association
- \*Steve Johnson, Appointment by the General Assembly – Speaker of the House
- \*Tracy McPherson, Dept. of Community Colleges
- \*Gwen Norville, Appointment by the Governor - Correctional Officer – OSDT
- \*Robin Pendergraft, Attorney General of the State of North Carolina – Ex-Officio Member
- \*Dr. Bob Ruth, NC Criminal Justice Association
- \*Lt. Yolanda Sparrow, North State Law Enforcement Officers' Association

**Visitors**

Erica Dees, NC Criminal Justice Training and Standards Division  
Michael Kudrick, Training Manager, NC Justice Academy  
Lt. Col. John Spivey, 16<sup>th</sup> MP BDE, Fort Bragg  
Joyce Ruth, Wife of Commissioner Bob Ruth

**Staff**

Wayne Ayers, NC Justice Academy  
Steven Combs, Director, Criminal Justice Standards Division  
Gary Dudley, NC Justice Academy  
Jennifer Fisher, NC Justice Academy  
Stacy Holloman, NC Justice Academy  
Darlene Jackson, NC Justice Academy  
Tim Pressley, NC Criminal Justice Standards Division  
Mark Strickland, NC Justice Academy

\*Committee Members

**WELCOME/ROLL CALL**

Chairperson Wrenn Johnson welcomed members and guests. The meeting was called to order and the roll was called. A quorum was present.

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Commissioner Lee Farnsworth proposed a **motion** to accept the minutes of the November 21, 2013 meeting with a **second** from Commissioner Melissa Hinnant. **Motion carried.**

## **2015 LAW ENFORCEMENT IN-SERVICE TRAINING OBJECTIVES**

On behalf of the Joint In-Service Training Committee, Mr. Gary Dudley, NC Justice Academy, presented the approved recommended training objectives for the 2015 In-Service Training Topics. Mr. Dudley requested that the Education and Training Committee approve the training objectives as presented.

After reviewing the proposed objectives, Commissioner Lee Farnsworth proposed a **motion** to accept the training objectives as presented with a **second** from Commissioner Bill Hollingsed. **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Steve Johnson thanked the North Carolina Justice Academy for their work in getting the in-service training topics and objectives together and continuing on with the formulation of the lesson plan.

## **SCHOOL ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the School Accreditation Subcommittee, Commissioner Tracy McPherson proposed a **motion** that the following institutions be reaccredited for a period of 5 years in accordance with 12 NCAC 09B.0200 and 12 NCAC 09C.041 for the delivery of the Commission regulated training.:

- Renewal – Lenoir Community College, Kinston, NC – BLET and SMI
- Renewal – Wayne Community College, Goldsboro, NC – BLET and SMI
- Renewal – Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, Hudson, NC – BLET
- Renewal – Western Piedmont Community College, Morganton, NC – BLET, SMI and General Instructor Training
- Renewal – Wilkes Community College, Wilkesboro, NC – BLET, SMI and General Instructor Training

Commissioner McPherson further proposed a **motion** that pursuant to 12 NCAC 09B.0200 and 12 NCAC 09C.0401 and 0402 that Wayne Community College, Goldsboro, NC, be accredited for a period of 5 years for the delivery of the Commission accredited course (General Instructor Training) with a **second** from Commissioner Bob Ruth. **Motion carried.**

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING: BASIC TRAINING FOR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS**

Ms. Anna Alston, Central Regional Training Manager (NC Department of Public Safety), appeared before the Committee to request approval for the reallocation of hours in the Basic Correctional Officer Course in the following blocks:

- *“Management and Supervision of Inmates”* reduced from 12 hours to 10 hours
- *“Understanding Inmate Behavior”* reduced from 12 hours to 10 hours
- *“Controls, Restraints, and Defensive Techniques”* increased from 18 hours to 20 hours
- *“Edged Weapons Defense”* increased from 2 hours to 3 hours
- *“Tactical Handcuffing”* increased from 2 hours to 3 hours

Commissioner Gwen Norville proposed a **motion** to approve the request as presented with a **second** from Commissioner Robin Pendergraft. **Motion carried.**

## **NC JUSTICE ACADEMY: SPECIALIZED INSTRUCTOR PREQUALIFICATION UPDATE**

Wayne Ayers, Deputy Director, NC Justice Academy, briefed the committee of the current pilot status, which began in 2011, of the Specialized Instructor Prequalification process. The overall intent of the process was to reduce the number of skills prerequisite failures of the first day of the specialized instructor courses and increase the numbers of qualified students in each course delivery. Overall, the process is working and meeting the intent. Mr. Ayers requested that the pilot status be released and make this change into a more permanent form.

Mr. Ayers reported that the Firearms Prequalification average pass rate is 84 percent; Physical Fitness is 90 percent; Subject Control/Arrest Techniques (SCAT) is 94 percent; and Driver Instructor is 33 percent. The NC Justice Academy offers a practice day before the prequalification for the Specialized Driver's Instructor Course in order to allow students to practice on day one, with the test being on day two.

Chairperson Wrenn Johnson inquired as to why the driver instructor prequalification rate had not improved since they have a practice day. Commissioner Steve Johnson stated that even though practice day is being offered, not everyone may be taking advantage of using it. Chairperson Wrenn Johnson expressed concerns that students are not able to pass the driving test and lives are lost due to poor driving skills. She stated there are a lot of firearms instructors, but not enough driving instructors. Mr. Ayers noted that those who graduate from the course have demonstrated that they have the necessary skills to be good trainers for law enforcement. Commissioner Robin Pendergraft stated she felt, as with firearms training, officers should practice driver's training every year, to include safe off road recovery. Commissioner Lee Farnsworth stated that we need better facilities, such as those of the Highway Patrol, and more training. Mr. Mark Strickland commented that some do well on practice day, but do not do well on the test because of the pressure to pass.

After discussion, Commissioner Steve Johnson proposed a **motion** to accept the request to release the pilot status with a **second** from Commissioner Bill Hollingsed. **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Steve Johnson stated that at the last meeting there was a motion to notify all agency heads with a list of their certified radar instructors. Staff was asked to notify every agency with a list of certified operators so they could compare information on the lists. Mr. Tim Pressley noted that this has been done, with a date range of 2010 to 2018.

Commissioner Robin Pendergraft expressed her thanks to the NC Justice Academy staff and other committee members for assisting with the Specialized Law Enforcement Instructor Certification survey. Information and feedback received from this survey will be invaluable. The survey will remain open until at least the next committee meeting.

Chairperson Wrenn Johnson introduced LT Col John Spivey from the 16<sup>th</sup> Military Police BDE, Fort Bragg. Lt Col. Spivey appeared before the committee to discuss incorporating the model of the Education and Training Standards to pursue in-service training for Military Police, possibly at the NC Justice Academy. Two of the issues to be addressed are: how to become more professional as an Military Police; and how can they better prepare the transition of Military Police after the military or deployment.

Mr. Mark Strickland introduced his new Administrative Assistant, Darlene Jackson, who began employment with the NC Justice Academy on January 2, 2014. This position was previously held by Malia Hollingsworth, who retired in December 2013.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.