

LEAB
Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2021
0930 hours

Board Attendees: Vice-Chair Thomas Hanley - Chief MPD, Matthew Romei – Chief Capital Police, George Merkel - Chief VPD, Jason Batcheldor – VT Fish and Wildlife, Chris Brickell - BPD, Kraig LaPorte – US Att Office, Gwynn Zakov - VLCT, John Fedirico – Dept. of Motor Vehicles, Matthew Valerio – Office of Public Defender

Other attendees: William Sheets - Acting Director, VT Police Academy, Trevor Whipple - VLCT, Jennifer Morrison - Special Assistant to Commissioner Schirling.

Thomas H called meeting to order at 0933hours
GZ moved the motion
MV 2nd the motion

TH asked for any additions or subtractions --- None

TH asked for acceptance of January 25, 2021 minutes
JF moved the motion
MV 2nd the motion
Minutes from January 25, 2021 were accepted

Agenda:

1. JM offered the review of BWC policy completed by subcommittee after a 2nd revision and feedback from LEAB:
2. BWC reviewed. Motion to adopt the recommendation as drafted.
GM moved the motion.
JF 2nd the motion
TH - Policy is Adopted

WS – Who from LEAB could be a spokesperson to council working group which begins March 17th. Suggested TH or GZ from VLCT. ** Later in the meeting, Jason Batcheldor agreed to this role.

JM to provide cleaned documents to WS and LEAB Chair Bill Bohnyak

MR – Asked if LEAB adoption of BWC will be statewide policy going forward? Discussion: Yes, this is the updated policy. This will be through council by 1-1-2022.

Next meeting is 3-29-21 at 0930hrs MS Teams online

JM requested that there be an agenda to discuss Guidance Topic, S.124, which requires LEAB recommended guidelines and suggestions for promotions and hiring. Recommendation is 80% complete and has included Vermont League of Cities and Towns, Department of Public Safety and Legal. The goal is to keep guidelines generic enough to cover the entire state.

TH asked for any agenda items for next meeting;
GZ suggested a timely review of and general legislation updates

TH: No other business, motion to close meeting