

Law Enforcement Advisory Board

January 24th, 2022 – Minutes

1. Call to Order – 0935 hours

Members present included Shawn Burke, Matthew Romei, Anthony Facos, Jennifer Harlow, Jason Batchelder, Matt Valerio, Heather Simons, Gwynn Zakov, Dominica Padula, and George Merkel.

The Law Enforcement Advisory Board meeting was held via the Microsoft Teams application due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The in-person option for this meeting was held in the Robert Miller Community Room – 19 Gregory Drive South Burlington, Vermont.

2. Agenda Additions

None

3. November 15th, 2021 Minutes

Chief Romei asked that “Capital” be changed to “Capitol” in his title under number 7. Sherriff Harlow made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Director Facos – no further discussion.

4. Body Worn Camera Policy Update

Director Simons provided an update on the Council’s recent process of approving and publishing an updated BWC policy.

Stakeholders, law enforcement and one NGO partner, have expressed interest in developing the policy. The question of which entity, the Council or this board, should serve as the entity to take future testimony was discussed.

The board members present agreed that this policy work would be in the purview of the LEAB and would be an effective way to offer suggested edits to the Council. Representatives of the LEAB were asked to engage their constituents who would like to offer perspective on this policy.

5. Proxy membership question

The question of proxy members and their ability to vote was briefly discussed. The board members present agreed that this was a non-issue and should be removed from future agendas.

6. Next meeting date

April 25th, 2022 at 0930 hours – Teams / In person at 19 Gregory Drive South Burlington, VT

7. Meeting adjourned