

## Advisory Committee Spring 2025 Agenda

### Police Academy

– Vernon College Skills Training Center, Multipurpose Room 400  
**Vernon College Law Enforcement Academy Advisory Board**

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## Vernon College LEA Advisory Board Meeting Agenda February 6, 2025 / 11:45am / Skills Training Center

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Bland LE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ambur Hale LE	<input type="checkbox"/> Brandon Anderson C	<input type="checkbox"/> Justin Bailey C
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walter Vermillion LE	<input type="checkbox"/> Ben Atkins C	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lauren Allen C	<input type="checkbox"/> David Duke
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bettye Hutchins xo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Hopper XO	<input type="checkbox"/> Shana Drury XO	<input type="checkbox"/> Sandi Stahr C
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrea Sanchez XO	<input type="checkbox"/> Holly Scheller XO	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zachary Nguyen-Moore xo

1. Call meeting to order / Roll call By Chair – 12:00p
2. Approval of Minutes From September 25, 2025 Chair ask for approval of Minutes, Ambur hail made a motion to approve the minutes. Mike Bland made a second. No further discussion, take vote – motion passes
  1. Training Coordinator Report (215.7 (i) (2)-(6)) Chair, asked Mike Hopper to give a Training coordinator report. Hopper advised that as of today, there is not a date set for the 2025 TCOLE Conference, but was advised that it will be in McAllen TX again. Hopper stated that the three-year pass rate was next on the agenda. He stated that we have a 98.39% pass rate for the last three years and that the way the test is not being counted that we should go back to 100%. Meaning that only count failure on the last attempt. The workforce development course was added as a prerequisite and that students have been having problems with the test on line. Andrea stated that the test would be going away next year; they will know have to be a resume. Hopper advised that he skipped over a couple of items. The coordinator report, he had already advised that the TCOLE conference did not have a date set for this year yet. He advised that he attend TCOLE conference in Oct 24 and that the conference was ok but they had construction all over the conference center and was hard getting around. He state that the next item was he attended and offered Large Truck/Bus training for TXdot and was a good course.
  2. TCOLE Coordinator Conference
    - a. As of January 28, 2025, dates have not been set.
    - b. It will be back in McAllen Texas
  3. Three Year Academy Pass Rate September 13, 2024
    - a. New rules – all three test count towards pass rate – counts as 1
    - b. Our three year pass rate is 98.39%
  4. Training Coordinator Report
    - a. No date on the TCOLE Conference
    - b. TCOLE Conference 10/28/2024 to 10/30/2024

5. Workforce Development with Critical Thinking 32 hours

a. Any Change

Chair asked for a motion to accept the training Coordinators report. Mike Bland made a motion to accept the training coordinators report. Seconded by

3. Training Needs / Training Courses (215.7 (i) (3); 215.7 (i) (4);) -

1. New Equipment

a. CPR Manikins - Perkins

b. Ford PV

i. Chicago Police Vehicles

1. Motion was made to start the process on a new Ford by advisory board 2023

c. Grant for Police Vehicle

d. 2004 Ford – need to sell – brakes went out during training

Chair asked Hopper to report on Training needs and Courses. Hopper advised that we got 8 adult and 8 children manikins that also come with 4 training AED's. He advised that we also got a new PBT to help with the SFST training. We just used it at the VCLEA- Vernon Class for their SFST and the instructors loved it. Hopper advised that Mike Bland is working on a grant to get a new 2025 Ford PV. This will replace our 2004 Ford PV that we took out of service. He also advised that the 2004 PV will be sold at an auction.

Hopper as advised that Chicago Police Vehicle was placed on the agenda for a use vehicle incase the grant is not approved. This is where WFISD has been buying their cars.

2. Types of Training needed

Courses

i. 1000736 Basic Peace Officer Course (BPOC) 09/08/2025

ii. ALERRT Training

iii. Law Update

Hopper advised that both WF and Vernon BPOC be under the new hours of 736 hours instead of the old 720 hours. The extra hours (16) are due to adding ALERRT 1 training. We are working with WCSO on providing the ALERRT training for both academies. ALERRT will replenish WCSO sims used for the training. Hopper stated that the class will run on Thursday, Friday nights and that Saturday will be 8 hours, and we will have the college to train in. We know that we will have a new law update to start teaching September 2025.

b. Professional Development

i. 29 Since 09/31/2024

Hopper advised that he has 29 training hours since 09-01-2025 but has 171 total hour for this cycle.

c. Training Calendar

i. On website

ii. Updated online & signupschedule.com



Hopper advised that the training have to be posted 30 days prior or be online. We post our classes online which is on our webpage along with links to WCSO and WFPD training calendars.

3. Other

- a. TDCJ officers trained 24 -25 First Half
  - i. 177 officers trained
  - ii. 12232 training hours
- b. TCOLE training
  - i. 19 officers Trained
  - ii. 124 training hours

Hopper advised since 09/01/2024 we have trained 177 TDCJ officers with 12232 hours and has trained 19 officers with 124 hours. Hopper advised that we worked with WCSO and WFPD to make sure we do put on duplicate classes.

William Rutledge asked the committee for a motion to approve the Training Needs / Training Courses.

Walter Vermillion made a motion to approve

Eric Wisch seconded the motion

The committee voted all aye to approve the Training Needs / Training Courses.

4. Training Policy/Procedures (215.7 (i) (2); 215.7 (i) (5); 215.7 (i) (6)

William Rutledge asked Mike Hopper to review the following information regarding Training Policy / Procedures.

- a. Training Packet
  - i. Packet
  - ii. Entrance Exam 80%
  - iii. TCOLE Test – Vernon College Century City Testing center

Mike Hopper informed the committee that depending on updates received at the next TCOLE conference, there could be some necessary changes to the training packet. He also advised that last meeting we changed the entrance exam to 80% to keep getting quality cadets. Mike Hopper informed the committee that the TCOLE testing at the VC CCC Test Center have been running successfully.

- b. Policies
  - i. Academy Rules
    - 1. Review current rules
  - ii. Advisory Board Rules
    - 1. Review Current rules

Hopper advised that we have no rules that we need to go over but wanted the advisory board that anytime they had question or wanted to suggest something that we would be glad to bring it up at our advisory meeting. He also told the advisory committee that TCOLE change the L-2 and L-3, which we are in compliance with.

- c. Academy Size
  - i. 20 Students Wichita Falls
    - 1. 2 Females
    - 2. 16 Males typo 18

ii. 10 Students Vernon Class

1. 1 Female

2. 9 males

We have 20 students in WF class and 10 in Vernon Class. We have had several recruiter come and talking to the class. Hopper thinks about 60 to 70% of both classes have jobs if they pass the class.

Mike Hopper discussed the need for new computers, as the current models are not compatible with necessary software updates. The Wi-Fi at STC is also in need of repair / update; Andrea Sanchez committed to following up on the Wi-Fi needs with the VC VP of Information Systems and Technology.

d. Academy Renewal

i. March 31, 2026

Hopper advised that our academy renewal is March 31, 2026. Hopper advised that he will start working on that in July. He also stated that he was hoping to be retired by then, but has changed his retirement until the end of 2026.

William Rutledge asked the committee for a motion to approve the Training Policy / Procedures.

Eric Wisch made a motion to approve

Walter Vermillion seconded the motion

The committee voted all aye to approve the Training Policy / Procedures.

5. 2025- 2026 Academy – 50<sup>th</sup> Academy Class

William Rutledge asked Mike Hopper to review the following information regarding the 50th Academy class celebration.

a. Awards

b. Food

c. Invites all officers that attend Vernon College Academy

Hopper advised that the next Academy will be the 50<sup>th</sup> academy class. He is hoping to make a big deal about the academy and would like to have food and awards. He would like to invite all the past students.

William Rutledge asked the committee for a motion to approve the Miscellaneous section.

Mike Bland made a motion to approve

Eric Wisch seconded the motion

The committee voted all aye to approve the Miscellaneous section.

6. Closing Comments / Schedule Next Meeting

a. Next meeting Fall 2025

b. Thanks for everyone's hard work

William Rutledge asked Mike Hopper for any additional discussion and/or closing comments. Mike Hopper asked each committee member what job growth/opportunities were anticipated for the entities they each represent

7. Adjourn meeting - Chair with take a motion to adjourn (don't need a second)

*William Rutledge asked the committee for a motion to adjourn.*

*Lauren Allen made a motion to adjourn.*

*William Rutledge adjourned the meeting at 12:41pm.*

Amburville Hale      03/20/2025  
Recorder/Secretary      Date