

PROGRAM COMMITTEE NAME:	Amarillo College Criminal Justice Programs Business and Leadership Council				
CHAIRPERSON:	Dale Davis				
MEETING DATE:	09/10/25	MEETING TIME:	1:00 pm	MEETING PLACE:	First Responders Academy Rm 1057
RECORDER:	Janet Workman			PREVIOUS MEETING:	03/20/25

MEMBERS PRESENT

List all members of the committee, then place an X in the box left of name if present

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AGENDA ITEM		ACTION DISCUSSION INFORMATION			RESPONSIBILITY
Call to Order		Dale Davis called the ACCJP Business & Leadership Council to order at 1:01 pm.			Dale Davis
Welcome & Introductions		Dale Davis welcomed all members.			
Approval of Minutes		<p>Landon Swan made a motion to approve the minutes from our last meeting held on 03/20/25 as written, and Richard Stump seconded the motion. All those in attendance voted to approve. Motion carried.</p> <p>Morgan Hightower made a motion to incorporate all agenda items/discussion/votes from the Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy Advisory Board meeting that took place immediately preceding this meeting into this Criminal Justice Programs Business & Leadership Council meeting, and Kory Brown seconded the motion. All those in attendance voted to approve. Motion passed.</p>			Dale Davis
Perkins/BLC Update		<p>Ryan Francis and Jordan Ramos noted Perkins support for program equipment and upcoming recruiting, including Badges and Beyond: Careers that Make a Difference at the First Responders Academy (FRA) on April 9, 2026. The event is open to high school students and community members, modeled after successful East and West campus programs, and will showcase our programs and new building.</p> <p>Eric Wallace reported on Perkins-related equipment requests:</p> <p>FY26 Requests: Tactical Shoot House Kit (patrol skills/related training), shock knives (Arrest and Control), and simunition conversion kits for rifles (Patrol Skills). None were funded due to limited Perkins funds and competing requests.</p> <p>Department/Grant Plans: Shock knives and simunition kits might be purchased with department funds. A JET (Jobs and Education for Texans) grant request will hopefully be submitted for the Shoot House Kit. Each college may submit one JET request per year; AC is submitting ours this year. In FY24, a JET grant funded the Virtual Reality Immersion Room and A/V system in the FRA Simulation wing.</p>			Jordan Ramos Ryan Francis Eric Wallace

	<p>Tutor: Perkins is funding a new full-time FRA tutor, Kyle McCall (started July). A former EMS student and part-time EMS tutor, his first year with EMS saw a 12% increase in EMT National Registry success. He met with Joe's students in the final weeks of the last academy for state test prep and will support the next academy from the start. He offers a flexible schedule (nights/weekends), individual or group sessions, in person or via Zoom.</p> <p>Appreciation was expressed to college leadership and the Perkins team for what they have been able to provide to our program. No action needed.</p>	
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PRLEA Update

Academy Updates were provided by Joe Cannon as follows:

Joe Cannon/Eric Wallace

- 131st Academy
 - 8 recruits graduated Aug 21; all passed TCOLE on first attempt. Began with 13; all sponsored and employed at graduation.
 - Attrition: 1 withdrew during police driving; 2 dismissed end of first semester for grades (eligible to return); 1 dismissed for failing defensive tactics skills after remediation (eligible to return); 1 withdrew during defensive tactics for personal reasons (decided law enforcement not for them).

- 132nd Academy
 - Runs Sept 30–early March; projected 18 recruits. Backgrounds completed for all but 1–2; a few pending psychological/drug tests. Nine sponsored; agencies may sponsor remaining. PRPC Scholarship Interviews: Sept 16.
 - 18 additional applicants did not enter: 4 no call/no show to interview; no response to follow-up; 5 withdrew applications (3 intend to attend Spring academy); 1 arrived without PHS; Facebook showed recent arrest for Discharge of a Firearm; stated currently on probation—disqualified; 1 previously permanently disqualified for lying on PHS—reaffirmed; 1 lied on PHS about reason for termination from Randall County (jailer); 1 lied on PHS (with Lubbock PD and with us) regarding drinking and driving, drug use, hunting-without-license citation, and 2024 TDCJ resignation (for failing a drug test); 1 lied on PHS about reason for leaving TDCJ, work reprimands, and a juvenile incident; 1 prior incidents: ramming neighbor’s car; physically picking up wife and putting

her outside; 1 questionable UOF at Gray County SO (jailer) leading to firing plus recent termination for horseplay at work; 1 failed to provide added info about a juvenile incident and use of a debit card not his; 1 interview performance well below expected standards.

- Some disqualifications are permanent due to dishonesty; others may reapply. Applicants are urged to fully disclose in the PHS; time is provided to update PHS forms during/after interviews to clean it up and provide any missing information.
- 133rd Academy
 - Applications open mid-October; starts early April 2026; graduates in August.
- General Academy Updates
 - Students receive information on regular financial aid and Workforce Solutions funding (tuition, books, uniforms, supplies; available to sponsored and non-sponsored students). Goal: minimize financial barriers.
 - Continued preference for sponsored/prospective appointees (per past advisory board guidance regarding admissions), but this has not resulted in turning away any applicants.
 - New Ford Police Interceptor received June 2025. Fleet: 7 training vehicles, all 2016 or newer (acquired new). Disposing of 2004 Crown Vic and 2007 Tahoe.
 - Hiring: Full-time position to assist with the Law Enforcement Academy and continuing education; posting this month.

First Responders Academy Update was provided by Eric Wallace as follows:

- In addition to supporting students with the new tutor, a Success Coach (Adam Aguayo) is assigned to FRA—on-site weekly; available by appointment; referrals accepted. Flyer provided.
- Two “First Responders Career Days” scheduled in October, promoted by College Recruiting. Previous collaboration with the Fire Academy led to record enrollment; this cycle will promote all first responder programs. Info to include college application, financial aid, TSI testing/tutoring, and a PHS workshop emphasizing honest, accurate completion.

Kory Brown made a motion to approve the Training Coordinator report, and Todd Beckum seconded the motion. All those in attendance voted to approve. Motion carried.

Rules & Regulations Updates, Curriculum Updates, and Admissions Standards Updates

Eric proposed the following Rules & Regulations Updates, Curriculum Updates, and Admissions Standards Updates:

***** Rules & Regulations Updates memo was provided and recommendations were made to update Title Changes from Director to Dean where referenced, and to allow for the Class Leader to be replaced when appropriate.**

*****Eric proposed and recommended the following Curriculum Updates:**

Change Family Violence/Sexual Assault from 20 hours to 16; TCOLE only requires 12. This topic is difficult to fit into just 12 hours, but Joe has worked with the instructor to pare down instruction to 16 hours from 20 hours. This change takes out some unnecessary information they were including, and also allows for better calendar layout.

*****Eric explained a planned Friday PT Hour:**

We want to include an hour of PT on Friday afternoons when the schedule permits. This hour will be used to practice Defensive Tactics or Patrol Skills to better prepare students for those sections of the curriculum. We really only have a handful of Fridays that are not already skills days, or a day when the

topic of instruction already extends past 8 hours, so these additional days are easily absorbed into our current PT hours and will not require any adjustment to our overall curriculum hours.

*****Eric explained and recommended *Admissions Standards Updates*:**

He provided a list of the PRLEA Disqualifiers and recommendations and made the proposals below.

Current: Discharge from the military with other than an Honorable Discharge.

Proposed: Discharge from the military with a Dishonorable Discharge.

And then add this statement at the bottom:

This list does not cover every situation. Other issues, or repeated problems, may also affect eligibility. Only the Dean of Public Service Programs may grant waivers for items not prohibited by law or TCOLE rule.

Here's an example situation: A person admits to selling one joint at some point in their life, because they are trying to be honest. Our rules as currently written would permanently disqualify this person. This is obviously different from a drug dealer. We need a mechanism to allow exceptions to get through, and this waiver would allow that.

Title IX Update – (Eric and Tammy Coats)

At the last meeting, the Rules & Regulations were updated to comply with federal Title IX requirements. Board members asked how unsubstantiated, substantiated, and potential criminal allegations are handled and what information from Title IX investigations is shared with the academy. David Hall agreed to follow up and, with Eric, met in July with Title IX Coordinator Tammy Coats. To address questions directly, Coats attended today's meeting and provided a brief overview of the Title IX process; no further questions were raised. Eric noted that a student dismissed from the college for a Title IX incident would also be dismissed from the academy; if not dismissed, the matter may proceed as an academy student conduct issue or nothing at all.

Morgan Hightower made a motion to approve the Rules & Regulations Updates, Curriculum Updates, and Admissions Standards Updates and proposed changes, and Richard Stump seconded the motion. All those in attendance voted to approve. Motion carried.

In-Service Training

Eric advised that PRPC funding for law enforcement training has been cut by approximately \$7,000 in this fiscal year, so if we run out of funds, we can still offer courses, but they will be self-pay.
We have some in-service training coming up; Eric provided a handout and read through those. Eric asked for any requests for additional in-service training; there were none. Eric reminded everyone that our training calendar is updated regularly as new trainings are scheduled.

Todd Beckum made a motion to accept in-service training report. Kory Brown seconded the motion. All those in attendance voted to approve and motion carried.

Eric Wallace

Specialized Training

Due to the funding cut mentioned, we will not be able to offer as much specialized training that is PRPC funded, but we can still offer courses that are either free or that students self-pay for.

We have several specialized trainings coming up; Eric provided a handout and read through these.

In the works: SIG Armorer training, New JAG trainings, Crime Prevention Specialist Training, Tall Cop Training, 100 Club Trainings, Possibly Mechanical Breaching Course.

Eric asked for any requests for additional specialized training; there were none. Eric reminded everyone that our training calendar is updated regularly as new trainings are scheduled.

Chase Overbeeke made a motion to approve the specialized training report. Morgan Hightower seconded the motion. All those in attendance voted to approve and motion carried.

Eric Wallace

Intervention Programs Report


Raul Dominguez presented an update on Intervention Programs, covering the following topics:

- Fall class schedules have been distributed and posted to the program website. Minor price increases were implemented for DWI classes, marking the first adjustment in over ten years for the program's highest-cost courses.
- The Alcohol Education for Minors class continues to be offered in a live online format. A hybrid delivery model is being piloted for the DWI Repeat Offender class this fall, requiring in-person attendance only for the first and final sessions, with the remaining thirteen sessions conducted via live Zoom.
- No issues have been reported with conducting classes at the First Responders Academy location.
- Home study courses remain popular, with significant enrollment from parole and probation referrals, particularly for Anger Management and the Cognitive Behavioral Change Program.
- An increasing number of judges are mandating in-person attendance for defensive driving courses rather than online completion, particularly for younger participants.
- The Freedom from Tobacco class continues to show strong attendance. Through the partnership with Tobacco Free Amarillo, students receive the course at no cost and are provided with free nicotine replacement therapy products upon successful completion.

Richard Stump made a motion to accept the Intervention Programs report. Natalie White seconded the motion. All those in attendance voted to approve, and motion carried.

Raul Dominguez

Academic Programs Update	<p>Sarah Uselding presented the Academic Programs Report, covering the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The AC Board of Regents approved the Badger Bound Scholarship, a new initiative to expand college access and affordability for area students. The scholarship provides up to 45 hours of free college credit to students who complete at least 15 dual credit hours at AC during high school. The program will be available to students entering AC in Fall 2026.- BLC members received a marketing flyer developed by the AC Marketing Team illustrating the academic pathway from the law enforcement certificate through Major Course Options to a full degree. The flyer also displays median wages for various law enforcement positions in the Panhandle and will be utilized at recruiting events and student meetings.- All criminal justice class sections transitioned to online delivery this fall, as previously reported. Enrollment has increased approximately 7% compared to last fall. Online student enrollment has grown progressively over the past three fall semesters from 70% to 73% to 82%, supporting the decision to move all sections online to serve more students. Course success rates in online classes have been significantly higher, with expectations that this change will improve student retention and completion moving forward.- Fall II classes beginning October 27 remain open for enrollment. Spring class enrollment opens November 3. Law enforcement officers seeking degree completion are encouraged to contact the program for assistance with tuition exemptions, academy credit transfer, or credit by experience for up to three courses. Raul Dominguez provides advising for all First Responder Programs and students in the law enforcement associate's degree. Tiffany Richardson has joined the Washington Campus as the new criminal justice advisor. <p>Morgan Hightower made a motion to accept the Academic Update. Chase Overbeeke seconded the motion. All those in attendance voted to approve, and motion carried.</p>	Sarah Uselding
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Council Roundtable	Dale asked for council members to share any news or reports they would like.	Dale Davis
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 1:14 pm	Dale Davis
Date: 10/14/2025	Secretary Signature: Janet Workman 	Next Meeting: March 25, 2026