

Business and Leadership Council Minutes

PROGRAM COMMITTEE NAME:		Amarillo College Criminal Justice Programs Business and Leadership Council			
CHAIRPERSON:	Dale Davis				
MEETING DATE:	03/25/26	MEETING TIME:	12:00 p.m.	MEETING PLACE:	First Responders Academy Rm 1070
RECORDER:	Janet Workman			PREVIOUS MEETING:	09/10/25

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

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			Other Guests		
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AGENDA ITEM	ACTION DISCUSSION INFORMATION	RESPONSIBILITY
Call to Order	Dale Davis called the ACCJP Business & Leadership Council to order at 12:33 pm. Dale Davis welcomed all members. He introduced himself as the Chair of the Advisory Board, a position he was previously appointed to by the chief administrator, Eric Wallace. All other members present provided introductions as well. We do have a quorum.	Dale Davis
Approval of Minutes	Kory Brown made a motion to approve the minutes from our last meeting held on 09/10/25 as written, and incorporate previously discussed agenda items from the PRLEA Advisory Board Meeting into the Criminal Justice Programs Business and Leadership Council Meeting. Morgan Hightower seconded the motion. All those in attendance voted to approve. Motion carried.	Dale Davis

Perkins Update	Jordan provided overall information about Perkins Grant Funding and information on upcoming Perkins activities and initiatives to recruit students to Amarillo College, including “Badges & Beyond: Careers that Make a Difference” which is a recruiting event scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2026, at the First Responders Academy and is open to high school students and community members across all first responder programs. Eric provided the following Perkins summary regarding the law enforcement academy: For FY26, Perkins Reallocation funds were used to purchase traffic cones for the driving track, a rifle simunition conversion kit for Patrol Skills, and a shot timer, tool kit, and tripod for firearms training. Looking ahead to FY27, the program intends to submit a JET grant for a second-floor Tactical Shoot House; this plan was deferred last year when a JET grant was redirected to replace failed equipment in another program. Using JET funding preserves Perkins dollars for other needs and programs. No action needed.	Jordan Ramos/Eric Wallace
PRLEA Update	Academy updates were provided as follows: Joe Cannon — Academy Updates - 132nd Academy: Graduated Feb 26 with 13 grads; 100% first-attempt TCOLE pass rate; all but 1 employed at graduation. Began with 16 (2 academic attritions, 1 voluntary withdrawal). Graduation announcements went out late; we will work with to ensure earlier delivery and also send out an email	Joe Cannon/Eric Wallace

reminder to everyone.

- 133rd Academy: Starts Apr 7; expected ~12 recruits (8 sponsored); graduation in early Aug. Applicant pipeline: 27 applied; 1 failed psych, 2 did not correct PHS discrepancies, 5 DQ (didn't meet TCOLE mins), 4 withdrew; others required PHS remediation. PRPC scholarship interviews completed; selections pending. Scholarship covers tuition/books minus \$350 co-pay; TPPOA typically awards one partial scholarship.
- 134th Academy: Applications open mid-Apr; cohort runs late Sept to late Feb/early Mar.
- General: We had hoped to add another full-time position to the law enforcement academy to support instruction and administrative tasks. We did conduct interviews for this position (panel: Kory Brown, Landon Swan, Lori Gunn); elected not to hire from that pool and will repost at a later date. TCOLE inspection/audit completed on 3-11-26: one applicant drug screen checkbox issue corrected on-site; otherwise no findings. Academy and test site both renewed for two years.

Eric Wallace - First Responders Academy Update

- No additional updates beyond the upcoming Badges & Beyond event.

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

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

Regarding Rules & Regulations Updates, Curriculum Updates, and Admissions Standards Updates, the following is offered for discussion and possible adoption:

For **Enrollment/Admissions Standards**, Eric provided the list of current PRLEA disqualifiers and recommendations for changes.

Currently, any type of lying is a permanent disqualifier. However, often on the PHS, some things are omitted or not included and have not necessarily been done so with full intentions of lying. Therefore, we are proposing a new bullet

	item under POSSIBLE disqualifiers as follows: <i>Any omission, discrepancy, misrepresentation, inconsistency, or lack of candor in academy application paperwork or the background process, depending on the nature and materiality of the information.</i> This provides us with more flexibility to help clear up some of the PHS issues we often see with new applicants. Landon Swan 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 and Specialized Training	Eric provided a handout of upcoming in-service and specialized training over the next several months, some requests we have already received and are looking into, as well as some other trainings not yet on the schedule but that will be, to include: Requests TBD: Hostage Negotiator, EFC Combatives DT, Another Basic Instructor In the Works: JAG Trainings, Mechanical Breaching, Another Advanced Instructor He also reminded everyone of the “live” online training calendar that is constantly updated and also asked if anyone from the advisory board had additional training requests. There was mention of the newly mandated PIO training (required by end of September 2026); Eric stated that we tried with more than one provider to host it, but earliest we could get on their schedule is February 2027. No other training requests made. Morgan Hightower made a motion to accept in-service training report. Todd Beckum seconded the motion. All those in attendance voted to approve and motion carried.	Eric Wallace
Intervention Programs	Raul stated Summer classes schedules will be ready end of April or early May. Raul gave an update on how the Hybrid DWI Intervention class has gone and also provided handouts with class information. Dale asked if there were any online Anger or Change Program options for students, and while there are not, Raul explained how the Home Study options provide students	Raul Dominquez

	with opportunities to take the classes without coming in person. Victoria Medley made a motion to accept the Intervention report. Bill McLean seconded the motion. All those in attendance voted to approve, and motion carried.	
Criminal Justice Academic Degrees	Sarah reported on the following: The new Badger Bound Scholarship—announced at the last meeting—will offer up to 45 hours of free college credit to students who complete at least 15 dual credit hours at AC; it launches for students entering AC in Fall 2026, and early eligibility interest is exceeding expectations. A handout outlining degree options and benefits for law enforcement officers was distributed. Enrollment remains strong: Spring Criminal Justice enrollment is up 24% over the five-year average, with another course block starting this week. Summer and Fall registration opens April 6. Law enforcement officers attend tuition-free, receive credit for academy hours, and may earn credit by experience for up to three classes—placing many halfway to the degree. Raul serves as advisor for the law enforcement associate degree; Tiffany Richardson advises non-law-enforcement students. Morgan Hightower made a motion to accept the Academic Update. Todd Beckum seconded the motion. All those in attendance voted to approve, and motion carried.	Sarah Uselding
Council Roundtable	Dale asked if anyone from the Business and Leadership Council had anything to share or if they had additional comments or questions. There were none.	Dale Davis
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 12:47 pm	Dale Davis
Date: 03/27/2026	Secretary Signature: Janet Workman 	Next Meeting: September 16, 2026