

**ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND STANDARDS BOARD
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**MINUTES OF THE JOINT EXECUTIVE AND
FINANCE AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
President Abraham Lincoln Springfield Hotel, Springfield, IL 62701
September 21, 2016**

I. Roll Call – Establishment of Quorum

The September 21, 2016 meeting of the Joint Executive and Finance and Legislative Committee was held in Springfield, Illinois, and was called to order by Chairman Hartshorn at 4:00 p.m. Roll was called by Ellen Petty and a quorum of Committee members was established.

Members in attendance:

Valerie Salmons
Pat Hartshorn
Tim Gleason
Jan Noble
John Schlaf
Richard Watson
Cameron Eugenis for Lisa Madigan

Members absent:

Dorothy Brown

Staff in attendance:

Brent Fischer, Executive Director
Eric Pingolt, Deputy Director
John Keigher, Chief Counsel
Kelly Griffith, General Counsel
Ellen Petty, Personal Assistant to Executive Director
Laura Baker, Administrative Assistant
Denise Matthew, Grant Accountant
Jon Elder, Applications Development Coordinator
John Krein, Fiscal Officer
Jan Allen, Part-Time Training Coordinator
Scott Schaefer, Field Representative
Jennifer Wooldridge, Manager of Operations & Special Projects
Pat Hahn, Manager of In-Service Training
Keith Wallace, IT Intern
Dan Sluga, Information Technology Manager

Others in attendance:

Lazaro Perez, Acting Director of Suburban Law Enforcement Academy
Van Muschler, Director of Southwestern Illinois College Police Academy
Tom Reasoner, Director of Mobile Team Unit #3
Mike Oyer, Director of Mobile Team Unit #7
Heather Grove, Mobile Team Unit #7
Jeffrey Fritz, ILETSB Executive Institute
Jeffrey Chapman, Chicago Police Department Education & Training
Bob Brislan, Wicklander-Zulawski & Associates
Len Mendoza, Director of Mobile Team Unit #4
Mike Norrington, Director of Mobile Team Unit #15
Ellen Todroff, Mobile Team Unit #15
David Hayes, Director of Mobile Team Unit #14
Mark Edwards, Director of Mobile Team Unit #12
Michael Missey, St. Clair County Sheriff's Department
Doug Fargher, Director of Mobile Team Unit #1
Jill Marr, Mobile Team Unit #16
Richard Fonck, Director of Mobile Team Unit #16
Tod Dowdy, Director of Mobile Team Unit #9
Jill Ward, Mobile Team Unit #9
Penny Abbott, Mobile Team Unit #9
Julie Smith, Mobile Team Unit #2
Deborah Alms, Director of Mobile Team Unit #2
Donald Gladden, Mobile Team Unit #2
Beth Pinter, Director of Mobile Team Unit #5
Terri Newbill, Director of Mobile Team Unit #13
Robert Siron, Director of Mobile Team Unit #8
Susan Nichols, Director of ILETSB Executive Institute
Jill Jolene Myers, Director of WIU School of Law Enforcement

II. Financial Matters

A. Financial Items

1. Fiscal Information
(Through August 31, 2016)
 - a. TACCSF Receipts
 - b. TACCSF Balance
 - c. Projected Academy Enrollments

Board members received a handout with the financial statements. John Krein gave a verbal report on fiscal matters from March through August, 2016, encompassing the end of FY16 and beginning of FY17.

Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Salmons, and carried by all members present to approve the financial report.

2. FY17 Budget Summary

Krein continued with his verbal report, stating that it is traditional at this meeting for this Committee and the Board to approve full year funding for the Mobile Training Units and direct training contracts for the Executive Institute, Crisis Intervention Training, Computer Crime Institute, and professional associations. This year's budget contains a sizeable increase for the Mobile Training Units, the first real increase for training in many years.

Motion was made by Schlaf, seconded by Watson, and carried by all members present to approve the full FY17 funding as presented for the Mobile Team Units, Executive Institute, Crisis Intervention Training, Computer Crime Institute, and professional associations.

B. Legislative and Litigation Update

John Keigher gave an update on recent legislation and litigation to include the following:

SB 2047 (PA 99-524) Although referred to as the "stopgap" budget we were happy to see that the General Assembly provided the Board with full FY17 funding and even included certain amounts for FY16 expenditures while other agencies received only partial funding.

As far as other bills passed during this past legislative session:

SB 3096 requires the Board to work with the Attorney General's office and Illinois State Police to develop special training for sexual assault investigators and updates for general officers and recruits. Staff have participated in several meetings already, and appear to be on track with the mandates of the legislation.

HB 5538 requires the Board to revise its basic and in-service training on domestic violence to address psychological issues as well. Much of what this bill requires is already in place and the objectives of the new 560 course have been updated to ensure that these elements are included.

HR 1410 is a recently filed resolution encouraging changes in the manner in which police officers are trained so that there is a greater focus on de-escalation, cultural sensitivity, and community engagement. We will reach out to the sponsor if this measure gains traction in the legislative cycle.

Henrichs v. Board: This is the IROCC case filed by members of Cook County's "Court Services" division. Plaintiffs have recently amended their complaint to incorporate the ruling of a recent case from the DC circuit that they believe helpful. Nevertheless, the AG's attorneys representing the Board have filed a motion to dismiss and we expect a ruling next month.

Fields v. Dart: This is an age discrimination case in which the Board was listed as a defendant but cannot be sued in this capacity as it was not the plaintiff's employer. A motion to dismiss has been filed and we expect a ruling soon.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. PTI Update

Director Fischer reported that talks have been taking place between the Board and the University of Illinois about transitioning the academy to the new Macon County facility over the coming year. There have been a number of conversations with the administration and Chancellor's office, as well as with Senators Rose, Bennett and Representative Ammons. These have all been positive and productive conversations. They can all see the benefit of what the Buffett Foundation is allowing. However, they do want the opportunity to continue with the research component, and that is what we are going to continue to do. Things have been going very well with the University.

B. Howard Buffett Foundation Update

John Schlaf gave an update on this project, going over the topics discussed in that special committee meeting earlier that day. The agreement required extensive work from legal counsel to bring a viable agreement together. The agreement was signed on August 31st. There will be additional details presented at the full Board meeting.

John Keigher commented that both Board staff and Buffett Foundation staff worked together to meet the State's requirements and come up with an agreement agreeable to everyone involved.

Director Fischer recognized the efforts of John Keigher and his work on this agreement. In addition, he complimented John Schlaf on his tireless efforts to make this project a success.

C. Coroners Update

Director Fischer advised the committee that the Coroners have now created their own Board and have appointed five members of the board. They still have some work to do to get up and operational as a governmental board. Board staff has been working with them to help them along in this endeavor. In addition, this is an election year for them and they have a number of new coroners that need training sooner, rather than later. Keigher has been working with them on an Intergovernmental Agreement which will allow the Board to certify and approve their basic coroner's course, as well as some additional training they are working on to help get them established and on their feet.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Director Fischer reported that Board staff has been very busy with a number of projects with the budget, legislation, and other matters. Even so, we have more projects knocking on our door. Susie Nichols from Executive Institute brought to his attention a group that is wanting to get an 80 hour telecommunicator training course certified and mandated in the state. They would like for the Board to be the lead agency in that project and we welcome that opportunity. Also, we've been working with the Governor's Public Safety Director Rodger Heaton on some partnerships with some of the other law enforcement agencies to certify and conduct some active shooter training around the state. Board staff has a meeting set with Matt Hoffman from the FBI and Leo Schmitz from the State Police, as well as representatives from the Secretary of State Police and ILEAS to look at potential curriculum and funding. Board staff has also been coordinating with other agencies on use of force training, and the Chiefs' Association has some courses coming up for which they have approached the Board for some guidance and leadership.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Salmons, and carried by all members present to adjourn the meeting at 4:19 p.m.