

**ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND STANDARDS BOARD
4500 South 6th Street Road, Room 173, Springfield, IL 62703-6617**

**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
ILETSB Conference Room, Springfield, IL
April 18, 2017**

I. ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

The April 18, 2017 meeting of the Executive Committee was held in Springfield, Illinois, and was called to order by Chairman Hartshorn at 2:26 p.m. Roll was called by Ellen Petty and a quorum of Committee members was established.

Members in attendance:

Pat Hartshorn
Tim Gleason
Jan Noble
Richard Watson

Members absent:

Valerie Salmons
John Schlaf

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

Others in attendance:

None

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 7, 2016

Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Noble, and carried by all members present to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2016 Executive Committee meeting as presented.

Review of Closed Minutes from
September 1, 2010
December 8, 2011
June 6, 2012
September 12, 2012
December 5, 2012
March 11, 2013
December 11, 2013

April 3, 2014
June 4, 2014
August 27, 2014
February 3, 2015
December 7, 2016

Motion was made by Gleason, seconded by Watson, and carried by all members present via roll call vote to keep all previous closed minutes closed.

III. UPDATE ON BUFFETT PROJECT

Director Fisher reported that he and Deputy Director Pingolt recently had a conversation with Mr. Howard Buffet while attending the Sheriff's Conference in Peoria. In the course of the conversation, Mr. Buffet inquired as to the Board's long term training plans and uses of the training center being constructed at the Decatur Facility and invited the Board to prepare a list of items, particularly for correctional officers, that would be beneficial for training if further accommodations were made.

After consulting with the managers and staff, Director Fischer provided a list of items including the following: multiple classrooms large & small, large mat rooms, jail cell, court room, computer lab/telecomm center, training village with 2-story apartment/residential/business/garage doors to allow for inside traffic stop scenarios, concrete pad for drivers training and motorcycle patrol training, and possibly a pond for diving/recovery/water rescue. Additional housing could be considered if necessary.

Director Fischer explained that Mr. Buffet appreciated this response and noted that these may be considered after the completion of the basic training facility currently under construction in Decatur. Sheriff Watson then asked what the maintenance cost might be if these additions are built? Director Fischer explained that funds that are going to pay for facility space now would be available to put toward upkeep for this facility, as it would allow us to hold conferences and trainings there, freeing up the costly hotel fees we are paying currently. The Board could also charge a minimal fee to bring in officers for specialized training held at the facility to help cover the costs as well, bringing in officers not only from around the state but around the country. In addition, with the corrections component, the tuition reimbursement would help with the maintenance and upkeep as well, just as with the basic law enforcement training.

Watson stated that he thought the Committee should come up with some way to give Director Fischer some latitude to act on these matters.

Motion was made by Noble, seconded by Watson, and carried by all members present with a roll call vote to confirm that the Executive Committee is in agreement with the concept of expanding the Decatur Academy facility, approve of further discussions with the Buffett Foundation, and hereby authorize Executive Director Fischer to move forward as needed with negotiations and decisions on this project.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Temporary Suspension of Part-Time Academy

Fischer advised that the revisions required for the Part-Time Academy to be brought up to the new 560-hour curriculum are taking longer than originally anticipated, due to other projects currently being worked on by the Executive Institute, including the online training to meet the most recent mandated training guidelines and the new sexual assault guidelines and associated training. For this reason, and the fact that there cannot be two separate test banks in the system at the same time, he believes we need to at least consider temporarily suspending the Part-Time Basic Training through the MTUs until January 1, 2018, to allow the Executive Institute and Western IL University staff to complete and review the updates to the online training and prepare the new test bank. If we were to do this, we would allow an extension on their training deadline due to the delay in available training to meet those deadlines. We could also allow them to hire the new officers on at a full-time status, send them through the full-time academy with direct tuition, and then submit a Form E to the Board immediately following graduation, bringing them back down to a part-time status to begin working at the department.

The last of the current Part-Time Basic Training programs will end in late August 2017, which would mean a delay of only 4-5 months, and officers have a total of 18 months to complete their training from their date of hire.

The committee members agreed that a suspension until January 1, 2018 was reasonable but did not feel that a motion was needed to authorize it.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Gleason, and carried by all members present to adjourn the meeting at 2:57 p.m.

