

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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE PTI PROJECT**

President Abraham Lincoln Springfield Hotel, 701 E Adams Street, Springfield, IL  
**March 15, 2017**

**I. ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

The March 15, 2017 meeting of the Special Committee on the PTI Project was held in Springfield, Illinois, and was called to order at 2:04 p.m. by Chairman John Schlaf. Roll was called by Ellen Petty, and a quorum was established.

Members Present:

John Schlaf  
Tim Gleason  
Pat Hartshorn  
Jan Noble

Members Absent:

Laurel Lunt Prussing

Staff Present:

Brent Fischer, Executive Director  
Eric Pingolt, Deputy Director  
John Keigher, Chief Counsel  
Kelly Griffith, General Counsel  
Ellen Petty, Personal Assistant to the Executive Director  
Jennifer Wooldridge, Manager of Operations and Special Projects  
Dan Sluga, Chief Information Technology Manager  
Cora Beem, Manager of Mandated Training  
Pat Hahn, Manager of In-Service Training (ASSIST Program)  
John Krein, Chief Fiscal Officer  
Denise Matthew, Grant Accountant  
Lennora Burnom, Program Manager & Curriculum Liaison  
Laura Baker, Administrative Assistant & Certification Exam Coordinator  
Kevin Baxter, Field Representative  
Lee Ryker, Field Representative  
Scott Schaefer, Field Representative  
Keith Wallace, IT Intern

Guests:

Chuck Doan, Mobile Team Unit 15  
Van Muschler, Southwestern Illinois College Academy  
Vicki Munson, Mobile Team Unit 4  
Deborah Alms, Mobile Team Unit 2  
David Hayes, Mobile Team Unit 14

Thomas Fleming, Cook County Sheriff's Office Academy  
Chris Campbell, Illinois State Police Academy  
Robert Brislan, Wicklander-Zulawski  
Mike Oyer, Mobile Team Unit 7  
Joanne Kurt-Hilditch, ILETSB Executive Institute  
Rick Watson, St. Clair County Sheriff  
Bob Crouch, Mobile Team Unit 10  
Ray Cordell, Suburban Law Enforcement Academy  
Mike Norrington, Mobile Team Unit 15  
Richard Fonck, Mobile Team Unit 16  
Len Mendoza, Mobile Team Unit 4  
Susan Nichols, ILETSB Executive Institute

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. December 7, 2016

**Motion was made by Gleason, seconded by Noble, and carried by all members present to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2016 meeting.**

## **III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Update on Construction Project in Decatur

John Schlaf gave a brief verbal update on the Decatur construction project, referencing the slide show running during the meeting. Construction is ahead of schedule, with a completion date expected in August or September of this year. Fischer went on to explain what buildings are being shown in each of the slides on the screen. He also indicated that the September Quarterly Board meeting is scheduled to be held in Decatur so that the Board members can get a tour of the facility when it is complete.

B. Preliminary Agreement with Western Illinois University

John Keigher reported that progress has been made in discussions with WIU on the functionality and management of the Decatur facility. Susie Nichols gave a brief summation on the progress at WIU on the management of the new training site, indicating that they have been working on curriculum development and personnel as well as associated costs.

C. Update on PTI at University of Illinois

Director Fischer updated the committee on progress made since the last meeting regarding PTI at University of Illinois making the transition to the Decatur facility managed by Western Illinois University. He has maintained contact with the University, as well as several legislators who have been involved in the process, Rose, Tracy and Bennett, most notably. Negotiations have gone very well. Changing the Police Training Institute Act was one topic that has been discussed at length. The University felt that they were obligated to continue providing police training if the Act

were not changed. There is currently a shell form of a bill to change the Act but it has not yet been introduced. The Senators all agreed that the law enforcement training research arm of PTI at the University should continue, while the law enforcement basic training portion would go to Decatur. The Senators, during most recent discussions, have suggested that the PTI name could remain at the University and that the Act would not necessarily need to be changed, as it does not specify law enforcement basic training, just law enforcement training. Therefore, the basic training function going to Decatur would not necessarily require a change be made to the Act, as PTI would still be involved in specialized law enforcement training, possibly certified through the MTUs, based upon the University's research projects. There has been no push-back from the University or the legislators on moving the basic training to Decatur.

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to discuss.

#### **V. PUBLIC INPUT**

There was no public input expressed from those present in the audience.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion was made by Hartshorn, seconded by Gleason, and carried by all members present to adjourn the meeting at 2:17 p.m.**

