

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

**MINUTES OF THE  
JOINT FINANCE, LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams, Springfield, IL  
March 21, 2018**

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

The March 21, 2018 meeting of the Joint Finance, Legislative, and Executive Committee was held in Springfield, Illinois, and was called to order by Committee Chairman Tim Gleason at 3:04 p.m. Roll was called by Ellen Petty and a quorum of committee members was established.

Members in attendance:

Pat Hartshorn  
Tim Gleason  
Valerie Salmons  
John Schlaf  
Richard Watson  
Cordelia Coppelson for Lisa Madigan

Members absent:

Dorothy Brown

Staff in attendance:

Brent Fischer  
John Keigher  
Ellen Petty  
Eric Pingolt  
Pat Connolly  
Pat Hahn  
John Krein  
Jennifer Wooldridge  
Scott Schaefer  
Kelly Griffith  
Laura Baker  
Jan Allen  
Denise Matthew  
Dan Sluga  
Jan Noble  
Kevin Baxter  
Lee Ryker

Others in attendance:

David Oliver, Police Law Institute  
Brian Fengel, Bartonville P.D.  
Marie Rangel, Cook County Sheriffs Academy

Rob Copley, Quincy P.D.  
Jim Kaitschuk, Illinois Sheriffs' Association  
Van Muschler, Southwest Illinois College Police Academy  
Tod Dowdy, MTU 9  
Doug Fargher, MTU 1  
Bob Crouch, MTU 10  
Mike McFadden, IL Department of Corrections  
Vernon Foli, Chatham P.D.  
Tad Williams, Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center  
Michael Missey, St. Clair County Sheriff's Academy  
Mark Edwards, MTU 12  
Derek Carle, ILETSB Executive Institute  
David Hayes, MTU 14  
Len Mendoza, MTU 4  
Amber Shaffer, MTU 4  
William Petentler, MTU 4  
Chuck Doan, MTU 15  
Terri Newbill, MTU 13  
Bob Nicholas, Suburban Law Enforcement Academy  
Tom Reasoner, MTU 3  
April Morris, MTU 3  
Robert Siron, MTU 8  
Mike Oyer, MTU 7  
Jeffrey Chapman, Chicago P.D.  
Tom Turek, ILETSB DRE Coordinator  
Richard Fonck, MTU 16  
John Bennett, MTU 13  
Susan Nichols, ILETSB Executive Institute  
Deb Alms, MTU 2  
Beth Pinter, MTU 5  
Dan Ryan, MTU 10  
Kenton Manning, IROCC/MTU 10  
Keith Wallace, MTU 10

## **II. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **A. Financial Items**

- 1. Fiscal Information**
  - a. TACCSF Receipts**
  - b. TACCSF Balance**

John Krein went over the FY18 quarterly fiscal information contained in Tab F of the Board books, noting that FY18 receipts should be approximately \$18.4M, a \$700K increase over FY17. Current balance in the fund was \$4.3M. There have been increased enrollments at all academies, and projected expenditures for basic law enforcement training for FY18 are up by \$700K, with a \$150K increase for basic corrections training. ILETSB has \$7K on the monthly debt transparency report, which is one single

reimbursement claim that was sent to Court of Claims due to late submission. Outside of that, the Board has no reportable debt.

**Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Schlaf, and carried by all members present to approve the fiscal report.**

## 2. FY19 Budget

Krein went on to report that the FY19 budget provides funding to continue current activities and increase the end of FY19 headcount to the highest level since the Ryan administration, along with an additional \$140K to begin the project of scanning the Board's paper records that date back to the Board's creation. While this will not completely fund the project, it will allow us to get started.

### B. Legislative and Litigation Update

John Keigher reported that Board has received notice of a summary judgment dismissal of the Heinrichs case involving Cook and DuPage correctional officers seeking entry into the IROCC program, essentially upholding the Board's position.

He went on to report on several pieces of pending legislation, to include the following:

HB 5492 introduced by G. Harris. This would require special firearm components of the annual chiefs training.

HB 5663 introduced by Hernandez. This would allow DCFS investigators to have peace officer status, carry firearms in certain instances, and be required to attend the CIT course. We are currently working with the sponsor and staff to see if we can clarify her intentions and address her concerns outside of the Police Training Act.

HB 4488 introduced by Cabello. This one requires the Board to create a pursuit-driving course and issue a model policy concerning pursuit-driving instruction.

SB 2925 introduced by Lightford. This establishes the official classification of a School Resource Officer and requires the Board to create a training program based off the national model. This is similar to SB 2856, introduced by Connelly, which also creates an SRO program with additional training requirements for school administrators. I am happy to report that we are working with both sponsors and several other stakeholders to develop agreeable language that can be rolled out easily throughout the state.

HB 4594 introduced by Anderson. This is a fee bill (same as SB 2590 introduced by Mulroe). Like last year, this bill radically transforms the manner in which funds are collected in the Surcharge Fund, but no longer has the study and reporting period that was agreed to earlier. These changes, combined with recent reforms to the bail rules make this proposal even less predictable. Because the circuit clerks and sponsors have refused to provide any useable data and make any reliable projections, we have no option but to oppose this bill. We have been in discussion with some of the other stakeholders and the Senate sponsor, who appears to be receptive to our concerns. We hope that if this does continue to move forward, we have the opportunity to add certain

assurances that funding levels will remain at or near current levels. The law enforcement community's response to our call to action was widely noted by several legislators and has allowed us to continue fighting for these funds while others have come to merely assume the risks. We will keep everyone advised, as further action may be requested later this session.

Finally, SB 3266 introduced by Sims. This bill lowers the overweight fees for trucks and commercial vehicles. While we understand that Senator Sims had made a promise to explore this issue on behalf of the farm bureau, we did not expect this concept to gain much traction. As before, if it becomes a viable concern we will reach out for a show in opposition.

In addition, we are watching several IROCC related bills. These are:

HB 4662 – McDermed

HB 4780 – Olsen

HB 4896 – Cabello

SB 1300 – N. Anderson

SB 2287 – McConchie

HB 4185 – Reis

HB 4313 – Bennet

### **III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **A. Body Camera Grant Update**

Keigher reported that the grant availability has been posted on the website since the first of March, and there are currently almost 70 applications for funding for body and dash cameras that have been submitted and 22 of those are complete. April 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for this first round of grant request submissions. There will be a second round next fiscal year. As a reminder, there is a new state clearinghouse for all grant funds, known as GATA, which can be fairly complicated, so we have a staff member designated to assist agencies with this process required of grant applications. So far, there has been \$900K worth of reimbursements requested. Chicago has not yet submitted theirs, which we anticipate will be a large amount. The largest department that has submitted a request so far is Rockford P.D. So far, it's been going very smoothly with few complications.

#### **B. Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center Academy Update**

Director Fischer reported on several activities going on at the Macon County facility. The Board recently signed the direct tuition agreement with Richland Community College for the academy they are running in the facility. They are currently in week 11 of their first BLE academy class, which started on January 8<sup>th</sup>. There are 54 recruits in the class. He has visited quite a few times since the class began and reports that it is an interactive class with quality students and instructors. Other activities include tours for Chiefs, Sheriffs and other law enforcement officials, as well as a Board of Trustees meeting. Future activities include a Drug Recognition Expert class starting on April 13<sup>th</sup> and running for two weeks, IADLEST regional meeting, K9 training at "the farm", which

is currently being operated by another entity, but working in partnership with the academy and handlers are being housed in the dorm. IL Department of Natural Resources and State Police, as well as Department of Corrections have all been working with the staff and Commander Williams in terms of holding classes there and working together on future projects. The second BLE class will begin toward the end of April, and then a BCO class will begin in August before a third BLE class begins in October.

There is another building Howard Buffett is having constructed on the site and meetings have continued with him to discuss ideas for its use in the future.

Director Fischer went on to report that the newly developed PTI Advisory Board met on January 31, 2018 in Champaign, to discuss financial matters, class sizes, and plans for their facilities in the future. The committee members are Mike DeLorenzo, who is a senior associate chancellor, Chris Hughes, a clinical associate professor of anthropology, Sheriff Hartshorn and Brent Fischer from the Board, and the fifth member was agreed to by both sides, Parkland Community College President Tom Ramage. Director Schlosser also attended and went over their receipts and expenditures and budget information, class sizes and calculations relative to that topic, and long-term and short-term capital improvements and updates at the Fourth Street facility, firing range, and Quonset huts. The plan is to continue meeting quarterly, or as closely to that as everyone's schedules allow.

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

Director Fischer reported on the special Board meeting and facility tour of Touch of Nature at SIU in Carbondale on February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. He advised that a list of the questions that arose from that tour and meeting had been distributed among the committee and would be handed out at the meeting the following morning for review and discussion before they are submitted to SIU.

#### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Hartshorn, and carried by all members present to adjourn the meeting at 3:28 p.m.**

