

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

**MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE JOINT FINANCE &
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center Quad Cities, Moline, Illinois
June 20, 2018**

I. ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

The June 20, 2018 meeting of the Joint Finance & Legislative Committee was held in Moline, Illinois, and was called to order by Committee Chairman Tim Gleason at 3:00 p.m. Roll was called by Ellen Petty and a quorum of committee members was established.

Members in attendance:

Tim Gleason
John Schlaf
Richard Watson
Cameron Eugenis for Lisa Madigan

Members absent:

Pat Hartshorn
Valerie Salmons
Dorothy Brown

Staff in attendance:

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

Others in attendance:

Robert Siron, MTU 8
Richard Fonck, MTU 16
Jill Ward, MTU 9
Penny Abbot, MTU 9
David Hayes, MTU 14

Mike Oyer, MTU 7
Doug Fargher, MTU 1
Susie Nichols, Executive Institute
Michael Missey, St. Clair County Corrections Academy
Tom Turek, Statewide DRE Coordinator
Derek Carle, Executive Institute
Amber Shaffer, MTU 4
Len Mendoza, MTU 4
Jeffrey Chapman, Chicago P.D.
Tramell D. Henderson, Chicago P.D.
Tad Williams, MCLETC Academy
Chuck Doan, MTU 15
Tod Dowdy, MTU 9
Mark Edwards, MTU 12
Van Muschler, SWIC Academy
Bob Nicholas, SLEA
Beth Pinter, MTU 5
Tom Reasoner, MTU 3
Deborah L. Alms, MTU 2
David Clague, Knox County Sheriff
J.W. Price, El Paso/Board Member
Bob Crouch, MTU 10
Rob Copley, Quincy P.D.
Marie Rangel, Cook County Sheriff

II. FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. Financial Items

1. Fiscal Information (Through May 31, 2018)
 - a. TACCSF Receipts
 - b. TACCSF Balance
 - c. Projected Academy Enrollments

John Krein reported the receipts for the last 4 fiscal years and the first 11 months of FY18. Based on the first 11 months, FY18 receipts are expected to reach \$18.0M, a \$300K increase over FY17. Krein went on to report the fund balances since FY13, with the balance on May 31st at \$3.7M. While the change to the 560-hour BLE curriculum has increased costs, it has also reduced the number of academy classes each academy can offer each fiscal year. Since December 2017, BLE has increased by \$700K, nearly all of which is from the Chicago P.D., which had one extra class and higher enrollment than projected. BLE has increased \$150K, with higher enrollment at all academies.

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

2. FY19 Budget
 - a. Approval of First 6 Months Budget

Krein reported that the Board's budget for the upcoming fiscal year is not set by the date of the June Board meeting, and sometimes not by the September meeting. Therefore, in the past the Board has authorized, contingent upon appropriations, funding for the first half of the fiscal year for the MTUs and other direct contracts with ongoing expenses, during the June meeting. Recommended half-year funding is as follows: MTUs - \$3M; Executive Institute - \$500K; Crisis Intervention Training - \$400K; Chicago P.D. In-Service - \$200K; Illinois Computer Crime Institute located at the Attorney General's office - \$122.5K; Professional Associations - \$50K; for a total half-year total of \$4,272,500.00, with total full year amounts anticipated to be set at the September meeting.

Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Schlaf, and carried by all members present to approve the first 6 months budget for MTUs, Executive Institute, and law enforcement associations at the recommended amounts.

B. Legislative and Litigation Update

John Keigher began his verbal report with the new case of Yates v. Chicago & ILETSB. Last year, the City of Chicago determined that employees of the Department of Aviation's security division were not law enforcement officers, after several years of consideration. With this, the Board took steps to inactivate the agency while preserving the records of all previously certified officers. Now, a handful of these officers have filed suit against the City to restore their status. The case, filed in late April 2018, is in its early stages and the Board's role in the underlying cause of action was minimal, if any. Therefore, the Attorney General's office is preparing a response and the standard motions to dismiss. We will keep the Board advised as this matter moves forward.

Conor's Law, passed last year, charged the Board with developing a model policy for officers and agencies who detain intoxicated minors. The Board conducted research and consulted stakeholders and invited public comment in the drafting of the model policy which is now posted on the Board's website in the new "model policy" section.

On the matter of Arson Investigators, Representative Cabello filed legislation earlier in the year addressing the training elements and requirements of Arson Investigators and how that relates to the Board, and while that didn't go very far, we have had some subsequent discussions with Rep. Cabello and made a commitment that we would work with the Fire Marshal's Office to come up with some kind of plan to make sure that the Fire Arson Investigators have the same opportunities for training as the Police Arson Investigators. We are fleshing out the details of that as we move forward and will keep everyone up to date.

SB 2529 – School Resource Officers: This bill establishes a school resource officer designation and requires a course of training to be completed before an officer can serve in this role, coming up in about 2 years. The Board is charged with developing a curriculum and standards for attaining this designation in a manner similar to that of lead homicide officers. The Board worked closely with the sponsors and other stakeholders to ensure that a waiver system was included and that any mandates could be reasonably implemented.

HB 4100 – Hospital Safety: This bill establishes some safety precautions for hospital and medical staff when an individual within police or correctional custody is treated. Specifically, the Board is charged with developing a model curriculum to instruct officers on these issues of custodial transport of an individual for medical care. This will require specific instruction on restraints, self-defense in the process of transportation, assessing threats within the medical setting, and other custodial considerations outside of the traditional environment. Again, we will work with the sponsoring entities and stakeholders to incorporate best practices into this program.

HB 5203 – Sexual Assault Training: This bill makes some minor changes to the sexual assault training program that went into effect a few years ago. It now requires us to establish special training considerations addressing children under the age of 13. We worked with the sponsor and the AG’s office to make sure that the language was agreeable, and something we could implement fairly quickly.

SB 1758 – ILETSB Modifications: We are happy to report that a bill clarifying the Board’s ability own and lease property has been passed that will allow us to better manage and use the donated training facility in Decatur. While the Board has always been free to “accept donations” the changes of this bill came at the suggestion of CMS and our procurement officer to ensure that we can enter into agreements with private organizations for the intended purpose. This bill also incorporates the agreement we made with the University of Illinois to remove the PTI Director from the Board membership. This will place all academy directors at the same table and allow us to work with the University on a more level playing field.

HB 4594 – Fee Reform: We’ve mentioned this bill at the past few meetings and we are a bit disappointed to let everyone know that it has passed both chambers and will soon be sent to the Governor. As in previous versions, all sliding criminal fees and fines are wiped off the books and replaced with straight collections. While the surcharge fund was initially repealed, we worked with the sponsors to ensure that funding for police training was maintained. In its final form, filed in May, the Board’s portion for felonies was increased, but our portion for traffic violations, namely mail-in fees, was decreased dramatically. Furthermore, a significant error was discovered in the sponsor’s calculated projections. We made a last minute attempt to push for an amendment that restored our expected fees and satisfied the concerns of other stakeholders who had been left out of the process. While this measure had a great deal of support from law enforcement, it failed to win over the sponsors and was passed without change. Nevertheless, Sen. Mulroe was very receptive to our concerns and suggestions and is considering a trailer bill to address them. Throughout this process, the House and Senate sponsors have assured us that the Board’s funding levels will remain the same and that if any problems result, they will take steps to fix them.

On a final note, Keigher thanked the MTUs and people present who responded to the Board’s calls for legislative support during the month of May and submitted witness slips when asked to do so. It was the tremendous outpouring of law enforcement voices that allowed us to weather the tricky legislative season and come out ahead on a couple of issues.

John Schlaf wondered if there was anything the Board members could do, over and above what was expressed earlier, as far as supporting or opposing particular issues as it relates to the trailer bill and other issues just addressed.

Director Fischer said that he felt that through this process, we were able to meet with other legislators and issue our concerns about this bill, and we were able to get their attention and they seem concerned about it as well. One of the things about this bill, regardless of the funding issues, was the fact that it was the Courts that wanted a simplified schedule for collection of fees. In the end, we explained to them that we are not against the concept, but it's critical that we be made whole, since for most of the groups affected, this was not their sole source of funding, as it is for the Board. We will continue reaching out and making more connections with the legislators and continue educating them about what we do and how we are funded, and how changes to our funding would affect all of the training mandates they keep putting on law enforcement. Relationship-building will help us to accomplish our goals in this matter.

Schlaf suggested that perhaps having some talking points prepared and made available for the Board members to refer back to in the event they have the opportunity to engage someone who has an interest in this, so that they can accurately depict what our issues are.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Body Camera Grant Update

Keigher reported that we are still in the process of working through the camera grant process, but are making great headway. After the last meeting, we have received applications from about 130 agencies for both body and dash cameras. Due to the technicalities of the GATA program, we have lost a few along the way. At this point, the awards have been set, at about \$3.1M to 100 different agencies. More than half of those are getting the full amount they requested. Some of the larger requests had to be limited somewhat, but for the first round, we were very happy to see how this has turned out. We do hope to do a second round in the fall or next spring, depending upon how quickly the camera grant fund balance grows. Most agencies requesting body cameras were new to the use of the cameras. About half of the requests were for body cameras and half were for dash cams.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Schlaf, and carried by all members present to adjourn the meeting at 3:19 p.m.

