

**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 ILLINOIS
LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING & STANDARDS BOARD
President Abraham Lincoln Springfield DoubleTree Hotel
701 E Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701
March 14, 2019**

I. CALL TO ORDER & PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The March 14, 2019 quarterly meeting of the Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chairman Gleason at the President Abraham Lincoln Springfield DoubleTree Hotel in Springfield. The public meeting announcement was read aloud by Ellen Petty.

II. PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Roll was called by Ellen Petty, and a quorum of Board members was established.

Members in attendance:

Tim Gleason
John Schlaf
Mary Melchor for Dorothy Brown
David Clague
Rob Copley
Marie Rangel for Thomas Dart
Brian Fengel
Pat Hartshorn
Kevin Johnson for Eddie Johnson
Akil Smith for Brendan Kelly
Timothy Nugent
J.W. Price
Cameron Eugenis for Kwame Raoul
Valerie Salmons
Richard Watson
Paul Williams

Members absent:

Timothy Becker

Staff in attendance:

Brent Fischer
John Keigher
Ellen Petty
Pat Connolly
Kelly Griffith
Jen Wooldridge
Pat Hahn

Denise Matthew
Laura Baker
Jill Wieland
Brenda Swires
Lya Ramos
Keith Wallace
Jan Noble
Kevin Baxter
Lee Ryker
Scott Schaefer

Others in attendance:

Robert Siron, MTU 8
Tom Reasoner, MTU 3
Tod Dowdy, MTU 9
Richard Fonck, MTU 16
Leonard Mendoza, MTU 4
Susan Nichols, Executive Institute
Tramell Devon Henderson, Chicago P.D.
Keith A. Calloway, Chicago P.D.
Matthew Giblin, SIU Carbondale
Meera Komarraju, SIU Carbondale
Benjamin Newman, SIU Carbondale
Jeff Grubbs, Carbondale P.D.
Jill Ward, MTU 9
Penny Abbott, MTU 9
Beth Pinter, MTU 5
Deborah Alms, MTU 2
Cara Dasher, MTU 10
Kenton Manning, IROCC
Bob Crouch, MTU 10
Jeffrey Chapman, Chicago P.D.
David Hayes, MTU 14
Van Muschler, Southwestern Illinois College Academy
Mike Oyer, MTU 7
Josh Ward, Illinois State Police Academy
Thomas Turek, Statewide DRE Coordinator
Bob Nichols, Suburban Law Enforcement Academy
Jim Volpe, Suburban Law Enforcement Academy
Mark Edwards, MTU 12
David Rednour, MTU 15
Timothy Tyler, Illinois State Police Academy
Vernon Foli, Chatham P.D.
Michael Missey, St. Clair County Corrections Academy
William Strayer, Sangamon County Sheriff's Dept.
Mike Schlosser, Police Training Institute
Joe Gallo, Police Training Institute
Brad Oyer, MTU 13

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Gleason led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR FALLEN OFFICERS

Chairman Gleason called for a moment of silence for fallen officers, having lost 4 already this year in Illinois.

V. FRIEND OF THE BOARD AWARD

State Representative Jehan Gordon-Booth

Director Fischer announced that he has presented Representative Booth with the Friend of the Board award, as a thanks for all of her help during the legislative session in 2018 with the Board's initiatives. Unfortunately, she was unable to attend today's meeting, but she sent her regrets.

Director Fischer also presented a badge for new Board member Kwame Raoul to his representative at the meeting, Cameron Eugenis.

VI. INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

Chairman Gleason asked the guests and visitors in the audience to rise and introduce themselves around the room.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Curriculum and School Standards Advisory Committee Meeting
November 14, 2018 & December 5, 2018
- B. Joint Meeting of the Executive Committee and
Finance and Legislative Committee
December 5, 2018
- C. Quarterly Board Meeting
December 6, 2018

Chairman Gleason called for a brief review and comments and/or approval of the meeting minutes from November and December.

Motion was made by Nugent, seconded by Clague, and carried by all members present to approve the minutes.

VIII. REPORT OF STANDING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Chairman Gleason explained that in the process of establishing and appointing the committee members for calendar year 2019, his initial plan was to make the committees larger in size, but it was discovered that the makeup of the Board committees is defined in the administrative rules, and that the committees were even smaller than they had been for years, especially the Curriculum committee. Following those guidelines, he and Vice Chair Schlaf tried to be fair in the appointments, taking into consideration time on the Board as well as including a variety of agencies and geography. It was surmised that the committees had grown in size over the years due to the difficulty in getting a quorum, and found yesterday that keeping the committees at the size in the guidelines makes in quite difficult to get a quorum of members present to conduct business. He stated that we want to follow the rules, but also recognize that the rules probably need to change so that we can meet the quorum.

A. Curriculum and School Standards Advisory Committee

1. March 13, 2019

Committee Chairman Paul Williams went over the business from the prior day's meeting, outlining all motions made for approval of classes for in-service and LHI, as well as the new High-Risk Custodial Escort class and a new CIT for Dispatch class. In addition, minor updates to the Use of Force Guidelines for both law enforcement and corrections were approved to be taught at the academy. Finally, minor changes to the Illinois Pursuit Guidelines were approved, having not been updated in at least a decade.

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

B. Finance and Legislative Committee

1. March 13, 2019

Vice Chairman Schlaf gave a brief report of the meetings of both the Finance and Legislative and the Executive meetings held the previous afternoon. He indicated that the business items from both of those meetings would be covered later on throughout the agenda for this meeting.

C. Executive Committee

1. March 13, 2019

Chairman Gleason stated that he would ask for motions to approve these reports later in the meeting, after the agenda items have been discussed.

D. SIU Project Advisory Committee Report

Schlaf reported on the work done since the December 6th 2018 meeting, by the SIU Project Advisory Committee. The members were Tim Becker, Keith Calloway, Cameron

Eugenis, Brian Fengel, Tim Gleason, and himself. He thanked the committee members and Board staff for their work and support on this project. The committee was tasked with reviewing the SIU proposal made at the December Board meeting. The committee exchanged nearly 200 emails internally, and communicated via phone and email with SIU representatives and others externally. The committee produced seven written updates used to solicit responses directly from the SIU representatives regarding the proposal. SIU was responsive to all requests for information and clarifications, and he thanks them for their work, specifically Chief Newman who served as the main point of contact during the project. The committee also did considerable research into historical records of the Board and other entities regarding pre-service and intern programs in Illinois and elsewhere. The committee met to go over all of the findings at the Board office in Springfield.

Chairman Gleason thanked Committee Chairman Schlaf for his considerable and thorough work on this project and commended him on his integrity. He asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. Valerie Salmons stated that she had a few comments but would hold them for the discussion later in the agenda.

IX. EXECUTIVE MATTERS

A. Financial Items

1. Fiscal Information
(Through February 28, 2019)
 - a. TACCSF Receipts
 - b. TACCSF Balance

Denise Matthew went over the Surcharge Fund and Camera Grant Fund receipts and current balance through February 28, 2019, as it was reported under Tab F in the Board book. TACCSF receipts over the 8 months so far of FY19 come to just under \$11.5M. Camera Grant Fund receipts come to just under \$1.6M. Camera Grant fund balance is currently a little over \$2.5M.

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

2. FY20 Budget

Matthew continued with the summary of the FY20 budget proposal to the Governor's office, which would be in effect July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Board headcount was submitted for 29 staff members and we were approved for 27 maximum – though we are not fully staffed at this time. Total budget proposed is \$24,704,900.00, which if approved, would be an increase of \$500,100.00 over FY19, most of which is under the grant and aid line item.

Chairman Gleason asked if the \$500,100.00 increase was acceptable to us and Director Fischer stated that yes, since some agencies have seen a considerable reduction, this increase is very favorable to the Board.

Director Fischer added that the Board's House appropriation hearing had originally been scheduled for that afternoon, but had been rescheduled for the following Wednesday, with the Senate appropriation hearing scheduled for April 11th. He also added that we are waiting to fill current headcount vacancies until we see what the new funding structure put in place by last year's fee bill affects the TACCSF receipts this coming year.

B. Personnel Update

Director Fischer reported that John Krein, the Board's former CFO of 30 years, retired at the end of December 2018. Denise Matthew has been hired into the position formerly held by Krein, and is doing a tremendous job. Mrs. Jill Wieland has now been hired into the position formerly held by Denise. Jill previously worked with the Department of Human Services and has a great deal of knowledge and experience from that position to bring to her position at the Board, enabling her to hit the ground running.

C. Law Enforcement/Corrections/Court Security Waiver Disposition Quarterly Report

Chairman Gleason asked for approval of the waiver report.

Motion was made by Fengel, seconded by Salmons, and carried by all members present to approve the waiver disposition quarterly report.

D. Legislative and Litigation Update

There is no litigation involving the Board pending at this time.

John Keigher reported that the Board has seen a large volume of bills filed already this session and he is happy to report that we are working with the sponsors and interested parties in many instances to come up with acceptable proposals.

On the issue of mental health mandates and officer suicide prevention, HB 2766 and 2767 would require some restrictive trainings. However, staff is working with Rep. Fran Hurley and the Chicago FOP to revise these into legislation that will likely add an officer wellness component to the tri-annual mandates and require the Board to develop a course that teaches officers to recognize and respond to the concerns of their partners and provide outlets for peer support.

A number of bills would add training requirements to the Police Training Act. HB 56, which we oppose, would require 20 hours of race relations and use of force training each officer, every year. HB 3466 would require a specific course to prohibit profiling motorcycle riders, and HB 2031 would require new courses to cover purist driving methods. We currently oppose HB 2110 which would significantly change the definitions for allowable use of force and require the Board to modify numerous training programs accordingly, as well as SB 1619 which would require all officers (*not just specialized sexual assault investigators*) to receive the specialized 16-hour sexual assault investigation course.

HB 2591 would remove the longstanding prohibition of the Police Training Act and allow recruits to return to an agency that failed to train them after waiting a year. In these cases, we are reaching out to the sponsors to discuss our concerns and would be willing to explore alternatives.

SB 2148 is the Board's initiative to expand the Intern program to include Correctional officers, in addition to Law Enforcement officers, and to allow the Board to hold donated monetary contributions in a non-appropriated account.

One other item that the Board is exploring, but has not yet filed, would allow decertification in instances where an officer pleads guilty to an otherwise decertifiable offenses. This would prohibit officers from taking advantage of recent loopholes that allow for suspended sentences and probation for certain crimes. We continue to discuss this idea with the relevant parties and if the opportunity arises, we may file this as an amendment before May.

Finally, he addressed the proposals that would deregulate recreational marijuana possession in Illinois. Board staff has had discussions with the bill's sponsors and are happy to report that they are very receptive to the Board's concerns regarding drug recognition canines. We have specifically addressed changes that would accommodate the requests of several agencies that wish to no longer train their dogs on marijuana, while preserving the option for those that do. There are a few bills addressing this issue independently and we are in discussions with those sponsors, as well.

X. PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORTS AND CONCEPTS

- A. Illinois Law Enforcement Executive Institute
 - 1. Executive Institute
 - a. Curricular Activities
 - b. Web-based Learning
 - c. Publications
 - d. Special Projects & Programs
 - e. Technical Assistance, Research, & Grants
 - f. Calendar
 - 2. Federal Homeland Security Grant/Illinois Terrorism Task Force
 - a. Funding
 - b. ITTF & Training Committee Meetings
 - c. 2018 Annual Report
 - d. 2019 Initiatives

Susie Nichols reported that a number of core curriculum courses have been rolled out and are being very well received thus far. Her staff has been working closely with Jennifer Wooldridge of Board staff on the statewide CIT Conference to be held in June in Naperville. The Women in Criminal Justice Conference is scheduled for the 2nd week in April and registration is being closed at 300 people, their max capacity. They applied for and received an ICIJIA grant for a first line supervisor's course, and updates to the domestic violence protocol online training. The Online Learning Network has

blossomed with the legal mandates. Since July 2018, nearly 20,000 have been completed in the OLN. There are currently 13,000 active users in the system.

B. A Statewide System of In-Service Training (ASSIST) Program

Pat Hahn went over the report in Tab J of the Board book, specifically the Conditions of Award for the MTUs for FY2020. He explained the reasoning behind the change made to COA #22 with regard to the makeup of the voting members of an MTU Advisory Board. This will prevent out of state law enforcement agencies from being voting members of an MTU Board, but will still allow them to serve as non-voting, or associate Board members. While Illinois officers training closely with out of state officers of closely neighboring jurisdictions makes a great deal of sense, those out of state agencies should not have a vote in how Illinois law enforcement training funds are spent, as they do not contribute to the TACCSF, from which those funds are appropriated. This also applies to agencies that do not fall under the Board's umbrella of law enforcement agencies the Board is required to train under statute. This would take effect July 1, 2019.

C. CIT Training Update

Jennifer Wooldridge stated that she had nothing to add to the report included in the Board book.

D. Part-Time Basic Training Program Update

Pat Connolly briefly went over his report on the PTBLE, stating that the program is smooth sailing.

E. Information Technology Program Update

Written report by Dan Sluga is included in the Board book.

F. Professional Conduct Database Report

Written report by Eric Pingolt is included in the Board book.

G. Narcotic Detection Canine Certification Program Update

Pat Connolly went over the update on Phase I of the two phase update to the narcotic detection canine certification program. The new requalification procedures began in January 2019. Over 300 of the 400 canine teams have already registered for the online scheduling system and 48 have requalified during the first two months of 2019. This annual requalification is provided at no cost to the officer or agency. Phase II, which involves initial canine training and certification, is currently underway with considerable research and data being compiled by Fred Kientzle, who is working closely with Board staff on all areas of the canine certification program.

Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Nugent, and carried by all members present to approve all of the program quarterly reports.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Body Camera Grant Update

Keigher reported that Round 2 of the revised camera grant program is in full swing, with the grant period opening in February and over 100 applicants on file as of the date of this meeting. The plan is to start making initial awards while the grant period remains open to operate as more of a rolling grant. At the December meeting, the Board approved \$1M in grant awards to be issued from the fund for this year. The fund currently sits at \$2.5M and so he would like to request that the Board increase the allocation from \$1M to \$3M for this fiscal year, as we still have over a quarter of the year to collect additional receipts into that fund.

Motion was made by Nugent, seconded by Watson, and carried by all members present to approve an additional \$2M for Body Camera Grant awards for a total of \$3M for FY19.

B. SIU Intern Academy Project

Schlaf reported that based on concerns expressed by Board members at the last meeting, it was the committee's consensus that the Board should not pursue the SIU proposal further. But, in the event that SIU remains interested in the pursuit of an enhanced pre-service pilot program, which would utilize existing academy training facilities and program structure, the committee recommends that the Board should collaborate in every reasonable manner with SIU and any other relevant persons or institutions in direct support of that effort.

Chairman Gleason asked for any questions or comments from the Board on the report and recommendation of the SIU Project Advisory Committee. Salmons thanked the committee for working on the project and bringing it to a conclusion after it has been hanging out there for so long. She is glad that we have been able to provide SIU with some finality.

Schlaf responded that the recommendation is a clear "no" to the project as it has been outlined by SIU. But he felt it important to share with the Board that if the Board and SIU, working together, can come to a mutual understanding where the SIU program uses an existing academy, alleviating the committee's and the Board's concerns regarding oversight. Director Fischer went on to say that as a previous Board member and now as the Director, the concept of the Intern Program can still be looked at down the road, just not in the way proposed at this time.

Motion was made by Schlaf, seconded by Salmons, and carried by all members present that the Board should not pursue the SIU Intern Academy Proposal further.

Chairman Gleason asked for motions to approve the Finance & Legislative and the Executive Committee meeting reports from earlier in the meeting.

Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Fengel, and carried by all members present to approve the Finance & Legislative committee report.

Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Johnson, and carried by all members present to approve the Executive committee report.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

XIII. PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Gleason read the following statement, “We will now open up the floor for public comment. The Board asks that these comments remain under three minutes each, be relevant to the meeting, and remain respectful to all.”

There were no public comments.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. **CIT Statewide Conference**
June 3-4, 2019, Naperville, IL
- B. **Curriculum and School Standards Advisory Committee Meeting**
June 5, 2019, Decatur, IL
- C. **Joint Finance and Legislative and Executive Committee Meeting**
June 5, 2019, Decatur, IL
- D. **Quarterly Board Meeting**
June 6, 2019, Decatur, IL

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Price, and carried by all members present to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

