

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

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING**

**President Abraham Lincoln Springfield DoubleTree Hotel
701 E Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701
March 13, 2019**

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

The March 13, 2019 meeting of the Finance & Legislative Committee was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chairman Schlaf at the President Abraham Lincoln Springfield DoubleTree Hotel in Springfield. Roll was called by Ellen Petty, but no quorum of committee members could be established. However, the committee proceeded with discussion of the subject matter on the agenda.

Members in attendance:

John Schlaf
Tim Nugent
Mary Melchor for Dorothy Brown
Cameron Eugenis for Kwame Raoul

Members absent:

Timothy Becker

Staff in attendance:

Brent Fischer
John Keigher
Ellen Petty
Pat Connolly
Kelly Griffith
Jen Wooldridge
Denise Matthew
Laura Baker
Jill Wieland
Brenda Swires
Lya Ramos
Dan Sluga
Keith Wallace
Jan Noble
Kevin Baxter
Lee Ryker
Scott Schaefer

Others in attendance:

Jeffrey Chapman, Chicago Police Department
Michael Missey, St. Clair County Corrections Academy
Rick Watson, St. Clair County Sheriff

Patrick Hartshorn, Vermilion County Sheriff
David Hayes, MTU 14
Van Muschler, Southwestern Illinois College Academy
Bob Crouch, MTU 10
Cara Dasher, MTU 10
Mike Oyer, MTU 7
Brad Oyer, MTU 13
Jeff Grubbs, Carbondale Police Department
Doug Fargher, MTU 1
Mike Schlosser, Police Training Institute
Joe Gallo, Police Training Institute
Richard Fonck, MTU 16
Leonard Mendoza, MTU 4
Beth Pinter, MTU 5
Deb Alms, MTU 2
Tom Turek, Statewide DRE Coordinator
Eric Arnold, Executive Institute
Susan Nichols, Executive Institute
Derek Carle, Executive Institute
Mark Edwards, MTU 12
Tod Dowdy, MTU 9
Jill Ward, MTU 9
Penny Abbott, MTU 9
Robert Siron, MTU 8
Marie Rangel, Cook County Sheriff's Academy
David Rednour, MTU 15
David Clague, Knox County Sheriff
Brian Fengel, Bartonville Police Department Chief
Rob Copley, Quincy Police Department Chief
Valerie Salmons, Village of Bartlett retired Village Manager

II. FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. Financial Items

1. Fiscal Information
 - 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.

There was no motion made due to the lack of a quorum.

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. 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.

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.

Chairman Schlaf commented that he appreciated the change in the fiscal report graphs over past meetings, as they were easier on the eyes. Matthew commented that any additional changes to the report were desired, to just let her know.

B. Legislative and Litigation Update

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.

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.

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

III. 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. Forty of those applications are complete and there are currently just over 1,000 cameras requested – half are body cameras and half are dash cameras. The plan is to start making initial awards while the grant period remains open to operate as more of a rolling grant. These 40 complete applications come to just under \$2M in requests. 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 \$2.1M and tomorrow the Board will be requested to 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.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

