

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

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT FINANCE/LEGISLATIVE &
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Decatur Conference Center
4191 US 36 West, Decatur, Illinois
June 5, 2019**

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

The June 5, 2019 meeting of the Joint Finance & Legislative and Executive Committee was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Finance/Legislative Committee Chairman John Schlaf. Roll was called by Ellen Petty, and a quorum of voting members was established.

Members in attendance:

John Schlaf
Tim Gleason
Timothy Becker
Dorothy Brown
Tim Nugent
Richard Watson

Members absent:

Pat Hartshorn
Kwame Raoul
Valerie Salmons

Staff in attendance:

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

Others in attendance:

Susie Nichols, Executive Institute
Derek Carle, Executive Institute
Tom Reasoner, MTU 3
Tom Turek, Statewide DRE Coordinator
Bob Crouch, MTU 10
Cara Dasher, MTU 10
Len Mendoza, MTU 4
Ron Skrip, Wicklander-Zulawski
Doug Fargher, MTU 1
Robert Siron, MTU 8
Paul Williams, Bloomington P.D.
Van Muschler, Southwestern Illinois College Academy
Tod Dowdy, MTU 9
Jill Ward, MTU 9
Penny Abbott, MTU 9
Beth Pinter, MTU 5
Deborah Alms, MTU 2
Brad Oyer, MTU 13
CD Stephen, MTU 13
Aaron G. Klima, MTU 16
Jeffrey Chapman, Chicago P.D.
Marie Rangel, Cook County Sheriff's Department
Chuck Doan, MTU 15
Allyson Clark Henson, Chicago P.D.
Rob Copley, Quincy P.D.
Mike Oyer, MTU 7
Michael Missey, St. Clair County Sheriff's Department

II. FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. Financial Items

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

Denise Matthew went over the fiscal information tables provided in Tab F of the Board book outlining receipts and balances in both the Traffic and Criminal Conviction Surcharge Fund and the Camera Grant Fund. Total revenues to date for FY19 were \$14,200,600.30 for the TACCSF, and \$1,964,424.57 for the Camera Grant Fund for a current CGF balance of \$3,045,106.62.

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

2. FY20 Budget
 - a. Approval of First 6 Months Budget

Discussion of this item was tabled to be presented and approved at the full Board meeting the following morning.

3. FY17-FY18 Audit Update

Matthew reported that the Auditor General's Office started the audit of FY17 & FY18 in January of this year, and they continue collecting information for the audit from Board staff. We are unsure how much longer the audit will take at this point.

She also reported that the Comptroller's office has advised that lapse period will be extended at least until September 30th, but it may be extended even further if they find it necessary. This gives the Board a bit longer to get all of the FY19 bills paid.

Dorothy Brown asked if it had been determined what effect the new fee bill will have on TACCSF receipts in the upcoming fiscal year. Director Fischer advised that we will be keeping a close eye on the receipts as they come in, but since the changes don't go into effect until July 1, 2019, we have no way of determining exactly how receipts will be affected. However, our initial estimations did indicate that receipts may drop once the bill went into effect.

B. Legislative and Litigation Update

John Keigher reported that the General Assembly wrapped its Spring session last week and it ended up being a very busy time for the Board. The cannabis reform bill, HB 1438, in addition to the decriminalization changes, allows drug enforcement canines to be trained on certain narcotics, but not necessarily all three imprints as required under current law. Unfortunately, funding for local law enforcement training was changed at the last moment to go directly to local governments instead of to the Board. While we were excited about the possibilities these funds would have brought, now we won't have to create special grant programs to use these funds as originally intended, nor will we have any control over how those funds are utilized. It will be interesting to see how this money is used, once it finally becomes available.

Several bills were filed to add additional mandates to police training and the Board was able to work with several sponsors to amend these with language that fits within our standard format. These include HB 2767 which added officer wellness to the list of tri-annual in-service training mandates. HB 2766 requires the BLE provision on officer wellness to address peer support options. SB 1778 added child abuse mandatory reporting to the BLE and tri-annual mandates. HB 51 added trauma informed care of a child when executing an arrest to the BLE. SB 1890 added human trafficking to the BLE and requires the Board to certify an in-service course on the subject. HB 2987 added the Board to a task force on responding to those in custody with disabilities.

There were also two of the Board's own initiatives that were drafted, filed and passed this session. SB 2148 allows the Board to expand the existing intern program to correctional officers. It also requires us to establish a form of veteran's preference for anyone applying to the intern program. Unfortunately, a provision allowing the Board to establish a donation fund was cut from the bill in the final weeks. We may revisit that

idea next session. Additionally, HB 2591 removes the long-standing prohibition on an agency that fails to train a recruit within the statutory time frame. Now, an agency must wait only 1 year from the training expiration date to rehire the individual. It also allows for decertification when an officer pleads guilty to a felony, even when there is no resulting conviction of record. Finally, this bill clarifies that the Board's investigators have independent authority throughout the state. Board staff are very happy that this bill brings some very helpful updates to the Police Training Act and will help the Board better focus on identifying and responding to problem officers.

Watson commented that training mandates are becoming overwhelming for agencies to keep up with, both regarding manpower and budgets.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Personnel Matters

Director Fischer introduced Keith Calloway as the Board's newest employee, in the position of his personal assistant in the Chicago area. He has an office up in the Bilandic building, and will be available to handle any issues up in that area.

B. Update on HGB Foundation Projects

Director Fischer informed the committee that the Bolek 30,000 square foot training facility built by Buffett has now been leased by the Board and will be available for use starting July 1st. There is a tour of the facility planned for after the meeting for all Board members at 4:30. The facility will be a training resource for the MCLETC Academy for BLE & BCO, the Department of Natural Resources has contracted for its use, and the MTUs will be allowed access, as well. 1095 Rotary Way is the address of the campus for those others who would like to attend the tour.

C. Camera Grant Update

Keigher advised that the Spring 2019 camera grant period is in full swing, with approximately 75 agencies applying so far, which is down from last year's application numbers, but the amounts being applied for are higher, so that the overall dollar amount is on par with last year's at about \$3M. Unfortunately, the law requires that the agencies awarded grants must be in compliance with all training mandates, and unlike last year, since the 3-year in-service training mandates are now all due, the Board has had to notify those agencies who were not in compliance with their training mandates that they must be caught up on their compliance before their grants can be approved. In addition, there are quite a few agencies that still have GATA requirements pending, which must be worked out before the awards can be made. Currently there are about 4 or 5 agencies that are ready to go, but we are working with the remainder to help get them where they need to be. In addition, one of the requirements for every agency that receives a camera grant is to submit an annual report to the Board with certain required information for the previous year's usage, no later than May 1st of each year. While some agencies have forgotten about this requirement, we have worked with them by providing a spreadsheet, available on our website, making the report submission as easy

as possible. The first year, we received only 25 of these reports, the next year we received 40, and this year we are at 100 reports, so more and more agencies are coming into compliance with this reporting requirement. Once those reports are submitted to ILETSB, we create an overall annual report to submit to the Governor's office and the General Assembly.

Elgie Sims has asked the Board for a list of possible problems and changes we would like to see in the legislation governing the use of body cameras. Keigher has been compiling a list of suggestions and would welcome any suggestions those on the Board may have, so that he can include them in his list for Senator Sims.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Addition of Committee Members

Chairman Gleason explained the changes made to the makeup of the Board's committees for 2019, and the process through which those changes had happened. He originally wanted to make the committees larger in number, but upon research, it was discovered that the exact size of each committee was spelled out in JCAR, and that in order to be in compliance, the committees actually needed to be made smaller. As we discovered at our March meeting, these smaller committee sizes make getting a quorum considerably more difficult. Therefore now, he is working with Board legal staff on having the JCAR rules updated to set a minimum number on each committee, but no maximum cap on members. Once that process has been completed and new rules are in place, additional committee members will be appointed. We hope that it will be an agenda item for the September meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Nugent, and carried by all members present to adjourn the meeting at 3:24 p.m.

