

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

**MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE ILLINOIS
LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND STANDARDS BOARD
Springfield, IL – WebEx Video Conferencing due to COVID-19
June 11, 2020**

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

The June 11, 2020 quarterly meeting of the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Chairman Gleason. Roll was called by Ellen Petty, and a quorum of voting members was established. The public meeting announcement was read aloud by Petty.

Members in Attendance:

Tim Gleason
John Schlaf
Elvia Williams
Dorothy Brown
Mitchell Davis
LaDon Reynolds
Ricardo Pagan
Brendan Kelly
Timothy Nugent
J.W. Price
Ghida Neukirch
Richard Watson
Paul Williams

Designees in Attendance:

Marie Rangel for Thomas Dart
Jeffrey Chapman for David Brown
John Carroll for Kwame Raoul
Pat Connolly for Rob Jeffreys

Members Absent:

David Clague

Staff in Attendance:

Brent Fischer
John Keigher
Denise Matthew
Ellen Petty

Guests in Attendance:

Due to WebEx format, there is no available listing of all guests listening in on the meeting.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Gleason led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR FALLEN OFFICERS

Chairman Gleason called for a moment of silence for fallen officers.

IV. INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

Introductions of guests and visitors was skipped due to the WebEx format of the meeting, but the list of participants showed a total of 69 individuals logged in via web or phone.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Gleason called for approval of the minutes from the March meetings.

- A. Curriculum and School Standards Advisory Committee Meeting
March 11, 2020
- B. Joint Meeting of the Executive Committee and
Finance and Legislative Committee
March 11, 2020
- C. Quarterly Board Meeting
March 12, 2020

Motion was made by Schlaf, seconded by Watson, and carried by all members present via roll call vote to approve all 3 sets of minutes from March 2020.

VI. REPORT OF STANDING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES

- A. Curriculum and School Standards Advisory Committee
(Paul Williams, Committee Chair)
 - 1. June 11, 2020

Chairman Paul Williams reported on the action taken during the committee meeting from the earlier that morning, where they approved six new courses from Chicago P.D., the list of March through May in-service training courses and the list of new lead homicide investigator continuing education courses for certification.

Motion was made by Price, seconded by Schlaf, and carried by all members present via roll call vote to approve the committee report.

- B. Executive Committee
 - 1. April 1, 2020

2. April 8, 2020

Chairman Gleason reported that he called two special executive committee meetings via conference call on April 1st & April 8th to discuss COVID-19 issues with regard to the closure of the academies in response to the Governor's Executive Orders, and getting those 150 recruits through the academy with the implementation of special safety guidelines. In addition, there was discussion on how to safely conduct training required on an annual basis throughout the state, including firearms qualifications. Gleason indicated he would go into a bit more detail in the Chairman's Remarks section of the agenda.

Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Nugent, and carried by all members present via roll call vote to approve the committee report.

VII. EXECUTIVE MATTERS

A. Financial Items

1. Fiscal Information (through May 12, 2020)
 - a. TACCSF Receipts
 - b. TACCSF Balance
 - c. Projected Academy Enrollments

Denise Matthew reported on the TACCSF receipts so far for FY20, which are \$10,328,322.96. This total is \$5,637,580.08 less than the receipts on this date for FY19. Cameral Grant fund receipts for FY20 total \$1,392,898.32, which is \$746,915.04 less than FY19 receipts. No deposits have been made during the month of May or to this point in the month of June. The \$1M that was borrowed from the Cameral Grant fund earlier this year has not yet been paid back.

Director Fischer mentioned that he had discussed with GOMB staff the possibility of transferring funds from the Camera Grant Fund to the Surcharge Fund as GOMB had done previously, since our receipts were down so significantly. Denise was advised that this could not be done, as it would require legislation to allow this. A week later, we received word that the Comptroller had borrowed \$1M from the Camera Grant fund.

Denise went on to give estimated final academy enrollment figures for FY20 which was listed at 700 basic county corrections recruits and 2,317 basic law enforcement recruits, requiring an approximated \$9,767,658 in tuition reimbursements and/or direct academy payments for the fiscal year. In addition, 191 part-time basic law enforcement recruits will have been trained, requiring an additional \$382,000 in tuition reimbursements to departments.

Denise also reported that the lapse period is expected to be extended into September for FY20 payments. \$3M of GRF funds were appropriated for FY20 and an additional \$3M included in the budget for FY21 to try to help offset some of the drop in receipts to the TACCSF, but those funds can only be used for training expenses, not for operational expenses, and only with approval of the Governor.

Fischer went on to explain that we have been working with the legislators to address the nearly \$6M shortfall compared to last year's funds collected, and explained for the new Board members, that the reason we've seen the significant drop in our revenues is that back in 2018, legislation was passed changing the fee bill and those changes included changes to the formula previously used to determine what amount of fines and fees collected were deposited into the surcharge fund, which has been the Board's sole source of funding since 1983. The Board fought those changes in 2018, as we could see that it would negatively affect our collections and put our funding source in jeopardy. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in our efforts and the legislation passed in spite of our protests. Those changes took effect July 1 of 2019, and by October of that year, we saw a significant drop in our revenues. During the second half of FY20, we saw an even more substantial drop off in collections partially due to inactivity during COVID, but also due to the waiver ability of judges to waive fines and fees, as well as cash bond, which means limited payments being submitted. Senator Manar sponsored a bill for a \$5M transfer from the GRF to the TACCSF to help us pay the academies and agencies the significant amount we owe to them, as well as to keep our office operating. When the budget was done during the limited session, we ended up with \$3M from the GRF instead, which is the amount submitted by GOMB. We will pay what we can with the \$3M, but it will only go about halfway toward paying what we owe the academies, the MTUs, the Executive Institute, and reimbursements for basic training tuition to departments across the state.

Denise added that we don't know, at this point, how we are going to be able to pay the remainder of what we owe, and just hope that the future deposits through the end of the lapse period will be enough to cover the expenses for the operation of the office and payroll.

Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Price, and carried by all members present via roll call vote to approve the financial report.

2. FY21 Budget
 - a. Approval of First Quarter Funding

Denise asked for approval for FY21 first quarter funding for the MTUs and other direct contracts with ongoing expenses as follows:

Mobile Team Units	\$1,500,000
Executive Institute	\$ 250,000
Crisis Intervention Team Training	\$ 200,000
Chicago P.D. In-Service Training	\$ 100,000
Illinois Computer Crime Institute (through the AG's office)	\$ 61,250
Professional Association Training	\$ 25,000
Total first quarter of FY21 funding:	\$2,136,250

She explained that with this year's funding emergency as well as the COVID delay in fund deposits, rather than the traditional half year of funding, we are asking for only funding for the first quarter, noting that additional funds may be awarded at future

Board meetings based upon the availability of existing revenue supplies and appropriated balances.

Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Nugent, and carried by all members present via roll call vote to approve the first quarter funding for the MTUs and other direct training contracts.

Fischer wanted to explain at this point, for the new Board members, that the Board's appropriated budget of \$24M (not including the \$3M allowable from GRF with Governor's approval) is what we request through the budget process. Then we just have to hope that the surcharge fund will bring in that appropriated amount. But when you're basing your revenues on whatever is on the local court system, what you bring in and what the state appropriates don't always match. He asked that the Board members just be aware that even though we are appropriated \$24M in our budget, if the TACCSF only brings in \$17M, that is all we can spend.

B. Chairman Remarks

Chairman Gleason commented that it's been a busy 6-8 months for the Board, and that a lot has happened just since the last quarterly meeting in March. We've obviously had the COVID-19 pandemic under which we are trying to maintain normal operations, and he believes the Board and law enforcement in general are doing an excellent job given the challenges the pandemic has presented. Illinois has unfortunately lost a number of officers to the pandemic, as well as to in the line of duty deaths.

Gleason went on to update the new Board members, regarding the fact that we are still trying to establish what the Board's relationship is with the current administration. He advised them of the letter he sent to the Governor's administration in early April and the reasons for sending that letter, as well as the response that has been received. He updated the Board members on the work the Executive Committee and Board staff did in April with regard to the COVID-19 guidelines for both basic and in-service training.

Gleason introduced the newly appointed Board members to the rest of the Board: Chief Davis from Hazelcrest, City Manager Neukirch of Highland Park, Undersheriff Pagan from McHenry County Sheriff's Department, Chief Williams of Richton Park, and Chief Reynolds of Oak Park. He commented that former Chairmen Sheriff Hartshorn and Valerie Salmons, who had served a tremendous amount of time on the Board, would be recognized at the September quarterly meeting, which we hope can be held in person.

Gleason went on to say that there is no way he could get by without commenting to the current community unrest, and while the Board has not made any official statements on this, because that space belongs to the Governor and his administration, he felt that he should share some comments with the Board. With the current level of community awareness, he sees opportunities, as well as challenges, and that it is a delicate balance where we need to support the men and women in law enforcement with regard to training and other opportunities that will likely come out of the law enforcement reforms currently being discussed. Funding will also be an ever critical component to these needed reforms. He commented that very few police officers do things that rise to the level of the current nationwide unrest, and while we have bad mechanics, hair

stylists, etc., if you can't trust your police department, who can you trust? Law enforcement is held to a higher standard both on and off duty, as well they should. There are many things that can be done at the local level, as well as at the state level and we need to be open to the opportunity to learn to do even more and even better. At this critical time, he believes we have the capacity to have multiple conversations which do not take away from the George Floyd conversation that also needs to occur.

Dorothy Brown made a few comments speaking to differing perspectives and applauded the Chairman's comments, noting that this current situation and unrest creates an open door for all of us to do some personal reflection, and for the Training Board which has specific responsibility for training all of Illinois law enforcement.

C. Personnel Matters

Fischer reported there have been no changes in staffing, but wanted to thank the staff for doing tremendous work during the COVID process, doing a lot of working remotely and getting pulled in different directions through everything we're trying to deal with on the budget as well as getting timely responses out to everyone contacting the office and asking questions on how to handle various matters.

He went on to congratulate and welcome all of the new Board members, stating that he looks forward to moving ahead with all of the current challenges with their assistance bringing their background and expertise into the mix. He indicated he would be reaching out in the near future to come meet with each of them personally to go over the packet of information they've been given on the Board and its operation and to answer any questions they may have.

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

Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Schlaf, and carried by all members present via roll call vote to approve the waiver disposition quarterly report.

E. Law Enforcement & Corrections Recruit Extensions Due to COVID-19

John Keigher explained this special item was added to the agenda to address some of the training deadlines unable to be met due to the COVID stay at home order. The Police Training Act requires all full time law enforcement and correctional officers complete their basic training within six months of the date of hire. Part time officers have eighteen months to get that done. This period may be extended somewhat by the waiver process. Due to the suspension of training that we saw in the spring because of the COVID-19 restrictions, many recruits are unable to complete their training in that time and need special waivers to get that done.

What we're asking for here is a special six-month extension for everyone that we've identified who falls into the special category. The list provided includes all the names of individuals who would get the special extension passes. Notations will be added into our

PTB system that these individuals are eligible for the extension, so that if for any reason, people check a year, five years, ten years from now about why their dates don't line up, this notation will be there to give a clarification.

Fischer went through the timeline of events since the March Board meeting for everyone, with regard to COVID-19, the related Executive Orders, contact with the Lt. Governor's staff, the shutdown of the academies and in-service training, as well as all of the meetings and communication and work involved to get training back up and running in a safe manner within the guidelines and restrictions of the Executive Orders. He thanked the Executive Institute, Board's legal staff, ISP Director Kelly, and the various academy directors in particular, for all of their hard work which enabled us to make this happen and continue to move forward with necessary training.

Motion was made by Price, seconded by Watson, and carried by all members present via a roll call vote to approve the special 6-month waiver extension for those on the amended list provided.

F. Legislative and Litigation Update

John Keigher reported that due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the General Assembly abbreviated much of the Spring Session into only four days at the end of May. During this time, subject areas were limited and none of the bills that he had mentioned at the March meeting were addressed.

Nevertheless, the House and Senate managed to pass several monetary bills, most notably S.B. 264 which appropriated over \$23 million to the Board for FY21 expenses in the same manner that it did for FY20 previously. While these figures are welcomed, we know that the Surcharge Fund is not likely to bring in anywhere near these amounts. With that, this bill also provides \$3 million in General Revenue Funds to be used to close out FY20 training expenses and an additional \$3 million of GRF to be available in FY21 for training as well. Before utilizing these funds, we must work with the Governor's Office of Management and Budget and get their approval as Denise mentioned.

Regarding the Surcharge Fund, S.B. 1857 extended the initial period for the new fines and fees collection system for another year. Now, the new system will remain in place until January 1, 2022 which will allow the circuit clerks and all interested parties additional time to study amounts coming into the various funds. Given that most courts have been closed during the Spring of 2020, any data from this year will be unreliable for making long term projections. While we continue to have several concerns about the way funds are being collected, we are happy to see it extended longer while we consider alternative options and suggested modifications.

Finally, S.B. 2135 made certain changes to the Open Meetings Act which allows us to conduct this meeting remotely. Under this change, we no longer need a physical quorum present to conduct business, but all votes must be recorded by a roll call vote. We are happy to take advantage of this provision now and perhaps again until we can return to the normal meeting structure.

VIII. PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORTS AND CONCEPTS

- A. Illinois Law Enforcement Executive Institute
 - 1. Executive Institute
 - 2. Federal Homeland Security Grant/Illinois Terrorism Task Force

Susie Nichols introduced herself and briefly went over the items covered in her written reports, noting that WIU and her staff are all still under the work from home order until their return to work plan is fully developed, but continue to be very productive, nonetheless.

- B. A Statewide System of In-Service Training (ASSIST) Program
 - 1. ASSIST Status Report
 - 2. IDOT Grants Update
 - 3. Traffic Crash Reconstruction

Pat Hahn reported that in-service training has obviously been limited over the past quarter with COVID-19 and the funding situation, but outside of that, said that he would just refer to the written report but would be happy to answer any questions the Board members might have.

- C. CIT Training Update
 - 1. Progress Report

Jennifer Wooldridge referred to the written report. Fischer briefly explained the Boards' CIT training program and curriculums, giving a brief background on where the program has been and where it is headed.

- D. Part-Time Basic Training Program Update
 - 1. Progress Report

Fischer referred to the written report, but also advised that the Part-Time Basic Training has been suspended but will be back up and running using the new guidelines which will be forwarded to them in the coming days.

Motion was made by Williams, seconded by Schlaf, and carried by all members present via roll call vote to approve all of the program progress reports in items A through D.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Body Camera Grant Update

Keigher reported that the application period for the latest round of camera grants closed 2 weeks before the meeting and staff was currently reviewing each file and working with the applicant agencies to clear up any outstanding issues. The Governor's Office of Management and Budget has approved spending up to \$1 million from the Camera Grant fund, which currently holds just over that amount. Nevertheless, the total of all

applications upon the close of the grant exceeded \$2 million. Staff will inquire once again as to the possibility of the borrowed \$1 million being returned during the lapse period, but we will likely have to work only with what is available and issue awards based upon proportional requests.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Gleason asked all of the Board members in turn to feel free share their comments on the current status of policing in America, noting that a comment is not required, but would be welcomed by the group. Several members took the opportunity to share their thoughts and even some personal experiences on the topic, while others simply thanked the others for sharing and agreed with their comments.

XI. PUBLIC INPUT

Gleason reported that typically, he would read the public input statement but with this virtual format, we asked the public to email their comments in advance of the meeting. He is not going to read the emails aloud, but recognized that the Board was in receipt of two emails, one from Marcus Hargrett and the other from John Combs. Those emails will be attached to the minutes and will be available to the public when the minutes are published.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Curriculum and School Standards Advisory Committee Meeting**
September 2, 2020, Decatur, IL
- B. Joint Finance and Legislative and Executive Committee Meeting**
September 2, 2020, Decatur, IL
- C. Quarterly Board Meeting**
September 3, 2020, Decatur, IL

Gleason announced the September quarterly meeting dates and location, noting that depending upon where we are at with the pandemic, the meetings may be held in Decatur as scheduled, but that may also change. He encouraged the new Board members to take advantage of the location of the September meetings in Decatur to avail themselves of a tour of the new Academy located there, donated by Mr. Howard Buffett. He thanked everyone for their patience with the virtual meeting and asked for a motion to adjourn.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Brown, and carried by all members present to adjourn the meeting at 11:56 a.m.



From: Marcus Hargrett <marcushargrett@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:52 PM
To: PTB.Comments
Cc:

Commenter copied a number of unknown individuals on this comment submission. Those email addresses have been redacted in an effort to preserve the privacy of those unknown individuals.

Subject: [External] June 2020 ILETSB Quarterly Meeting Address

Because the June 11, 2020 Board Meeting is being hosted via WebEx due to the COVID-19 pandemic, let this email serve as my public comment to the board. I, on behalf of the thousands of retired Cook County deputies that you have deprived of nationwide concealed carry by deviating from the retired law enforcement officer definition set forth in LEOSA, implore you to recognize us as “retired law enforcement officers” since you did recognize us as “law enforcement officers” before we retired.

Sent from iPhone of
Marcus T. Hargrett
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From: John C <jcombs1107@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 5:25 PM
To: PTB.Comments
Subject: [External] Future law Enforcement class training

Good morning/ evening,

I was wondering if you would be able to give some insight on if there will be any more pti/slea classes for patrol officers/deputies the remainder of the year. I am well aware of the March class for slea having to be canceled due to the COVID-19 crisis. However given the latest trend with it decreasing and knowing the state ok'd end and fire fighters to continue classes and trading will law Enforcement be able to follow suit. Thank you for your time have a great day.

J. Combs (curious citizen)