

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

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

August 14, 2020

I. ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

The August 14, 2020 special meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order at 12:01 p.m. by Chairman Gleason at the Board's Springfield office. Roll was called by Ellen Petty, and a quorum of voting members was established. *(Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-07, all Executive Board Members and most staff participated via telephone.)*

Members in Attendance:

Tim Gleason (via telephone left the call at 12:34)
John Schlaf (via telephone)
Mitchell Davis III (via telephone)
Brendan Kelly (via telephone joined the call at 12:11)

Members Absent:

Richard Watson

Staff in Attendance:

Brent Fischer
John Keigher
Kelly Griffith (via telephone)
Eric Pingolt
Keith Calloway (via telephone)
Jen Wooldridge
Pat Hahn
Denise Matthew (via telephone)
Glen Bell (via telephone)
Ellen Petty

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gleason called for a motion to approve the minutes which were sent out to all members via email in advance of the meeting.

A motion was made by Schlaf, seconded by Davis, and approved by all via roll call vote to approve the Executive Committee minutes from July 10th, 2020.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Financial Update

Denise Matthew gave a brief financial update noting that the TACCSF brought in \$827,421 in total deposits for July, which was \$1.8M less than last year in July, which was already lower than July 2018.

The Camera Grant Fund had July deposits of \$183,199, which was \$270,000 less than July 2019. Interest income is also considerably lower for the Camera Grant Fund due to the lower overall balance in the account after the \$1M was borrowed from the fund by the Comptroller in late 2019.

Director Fischer advised that he and Denise are in regular contact with our liaison for GOMB on budget and funding issues. The \$3M transfer for FY20 is still in progress. Outstanding vouchers to be paid with those funds are processed and ready to submit for payment as soon as the funds are released into our account and authorized. Camera Grant funds were awarded in June of this year, but will not be paid out until toward the end of the lapse period after the required supporting documentation has been submitted by the recipients.

B. Legislative Update

John Keigher reported that there have been few new developments in this area since July with the exception of a new bill on police licensing introduced by Robinson and Buckner, which is similar to the Bivens bill of 2010. It would bring ISP and other state officers under the Board, add an additional 12 members to the Board, and include a 7-step non-criminal conduct license revocation process.

C. Police Reform Update

Fischer commented that in addition to the three big police reform meetings hosted by the AG's office, Board staff have participated in three smaller side meetings with them, submitting a PowerPoint presentation outlining our proposal and covering a number of police reform topics and how they could be addressed by the Board. In addition, he and staff have been steadily researching what other states are doing and staying engaged in the project on a daily basis. Of course, funding is a major factor and he has also shared some ideas on alternate funding sources with the AG as well.

Chief Davis and Chairman Gleason both offered to keep in close communication with Fischer to share information they may receive from other meetings with which they are also involved.

D. Update on Trainings During COVID-19

Fischer reported that there have been a number of positive COVID tests at the academies and that they have been dealt with by sending the infected recruit home, contact tracing, and temporary shut down of academies for quarantining when necessary. ISP has advised that they have canceled their September BLE academy due, in part, to COVID. MTUs are still operating as much as possible, with most of their training being done online where possible. There is a DRE class being conducted in Decatur in August. Executive Institute is conducting their LEAD series of training online with cost recovery, and will also be offering their New Chiefs training this fall.

E. Committee Consideration of Personnel Issues

Gleason advised that he is satisfied with the monthly reporting to the Executive Committee regarding appointments and does not see the need for an additional personnel committee at this time. He requested that the Consideration of Personnel Issues be kept as a permanent agenda item for the Executive Committee meetings. Schlaf agreed that he too was comfortable with the current arrangement and with having Director Fischer share his appointment decisions with the Board rather than waiting for them to provide direction.

Fischer advised that the contracts for the CIT experts were approved for the first 6 months of FY21 through CMS Procurement, and that they contracts were under \$10,000.

Gleason advised he had to leave the meeting to make another call at 12:34 p.m.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. CIT Update

Keigher reported that Chicago has recently shown renewed interest in CIT training, and that Jennifer Wooldridge has been working with them to make changes for small group instruction. Accommodations are being approved on their behalf due to the Consent Decree & COVID situation. This topic will be brought up at the Curriculum meeting in September.

Fischer added that CIT classes are being scheduled for the future through the MTUs as much as current funding allows. There are De-Escalation courses currently being offered as standalone courses through the MTUs, but staff is also considering putting together a standardized 8-hour statewide model for de-escalation training.

B. Other New Business

Fischer reported that he had met with both the Attorney General and his staff and the Lt. Governor and her staff the previous week. The meeting with the Lt. Governor was a 35-minute WebEx meeting she requested to get an update on ILETSB operations. During that meeting she mentioned peer support and officer wellness training. A model pilot of a peer support and officer wellness program is currently being offered by the two experts with whom ILETSB has contract for the CIT program, and thus far, it has been very well received.

V. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Davis, seconded by Schlaf, and approved by all to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

