

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

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

**Springfield, IL – WebEx Video Conferencing due to COVID-19  
February 18, 2021**

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

The February 18, 2021 meeting of the Finance and Legislative Committee was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chairman Sean Smoot. Roll was called by Ellen Petty, and a quorum of voting members could not be established, but the committee proceeded with a discussion of subject matter on the agenda.

Members in attendance:

Sean M. Smoot *via WebEx*  
John D. Idleburg *via WebEx*  
Tim Nugent *via WebEx*

Representatives in attendance:

Pat Hanlon representing Iris Y. Martinez *via WebEx*  
John Carroll representing Kwame Raoul *via WebEx*

Members absent:

Elvia Williams

Staff in attendance:

John Keigher  
Brent Fischer  
Keith Calloway *via WebEx*  
Pat Hahn  
Denise Matthew *via WebEx*  
Eric Pingolt *via WebEx*  
Ellen Petty

Others in Attendance:

Due to the meeting being held via WebEx, a listing of those listening in on the meeting is unavailable.

**II. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**A. Financial Items**

1. Fiscal Information through February 16, 2021
  - a. TACCSF Receipts
  - b. TACCSF Balance
  - c. Projected Academy Enrollments & Tuition

Denise Matthew gave the fiscal report, noting that the FY21 surcharge fund receipts are \$5.44M as of February 16, 2021, which is down \$3.5M from the same date in FY20, and down just over \$12M from the same date in FY19. This is the lowest revenue deposited into the fund in over 20 years, and is \$15.8M less than the highest revenue year of FY08.

FY21 receipts as of 2/16/21:	\$ 5,438,792.00
FY20 receipts as of 2/16/20:	\$12,803,984.00
FY19 receipts as of 2/16/19:	\$ 17,457,574.00

She went on to report that the camera grant fund receipts to date are \$678,909, down \$542,236 from FY20. Interest on that fund is down \$32,753 from FY20. This is the lowest revenue deposited into the fund since its inception in 2007, and is \$1.8M less than the highest revenue year of FY18. \$1M that had been borrowed from the camera grant fund by the Comptroller in December 2019 has now been repaid, as of January 22, 2021.

Correctional officer basic training enrollment was reported at 376 officers YTD, with a total tuition cost of \$727,276. FT law enforcement officer basic training enrollment was at 626 officers, with a total tuition cost of \$3.3M. PT law enforcement officer basic training enrollment was at 151 officers, with a total tuition cost of \$299,390. For an overall basic training tuition reimbursement obligation of \$4,319,763, as of February 16, 2021. Chairman Smoot asked for a five-year comparison of academy enrollment numbers to be presented to the Board in future meetings.

2. FY21 Budget
  - a. Approval of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Funding

The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter funding request totaled \$2,136,250, to include \$1.5M for MTUs, \$250K for Executive Institute, \$200K for CIT Training courses, \$100K for Chicago PD in-service, \$61,250 for the AG's Illinois Computer Crime Institute, and \$25,000 for professional institutions.

**Motion was made by Nugent, seconded by Idleburg, and carried by all members present to recommend approval the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter FY21 funding and opening up the next round of the Camera Grants to the full Board.**

3. FY22 Budget

FY22 budget figures were given and broken down by appropriation line item. For FY22, the Personal Services line item and the Board's office operating expenses will be paid out of the general revenue fund, and not the surcharge fund as in years past. In addition, \$8M in training funds are appropriated from the GRF, and \$26.2M in training funds appropriated from the surcharge fund. The total appropriated budget for FY22 is \$44M, an increase of \$16.5M over FY21, to accommodate the changes under the Safe-T Act. The committee was reminded that regardless of the amount appropriated from the surcharge fund, the Board can only pay out what is deposited into the fund and unless funding issues are addressed, the surcharge fund will not support anywhere near the amount appropriated for FY22.

There was discussion regarding the insufficiency of the funding to meet the requirements of the new police reform bill, even if we received the full appropriation. Director Fischer advised that we are still working diligently with everyone who will listen to plead our case that while this is definitely improvement, it is still not where we need to be to meet the obligations that have been created for the Board and its expanded responsibilities and the new oversight committee, including timeliness of investigations.

#### 4. Public Accountability Report & Reimbursements

Matthew briefly went over the Public Accountability report provided to the Committee members in advance of the meeting.

#### 5. Final FY19-FY20 Audit Report

Matthew went through the findings in the final audit report, publicly available on the Auditor General's website. There was discussion regarding what caused the conditions that resulted in the findings and has been done to fix those issues and how future repeat findings could be prevented. Chairman Smoot also emphasized the importance of our need for a Chief Fiscal Officer who is tasked to ensure we are in full compliance with all requirements overall.

#### B. Legislative and Litigation Update

John Keigher gave a very brief report on legislative matters, noting that the deadline for bill submissions was the following day and he is expecting there to be some bills of interest, including 3 shell bills he's been watching, so far. So far, there have been a number of bills he will be keeping his eye on, most of which are repeat bills from previous years which would be in conflict with the police reform bill if they were to move forward. He has been working with House legal and the Governor's office on some potential language we would like to see in the trailer bill, and has expressed concern about the looming deadlines of the police reform bill and the desire to have those deadlines extended. He added that there will be more details to report at the full Board meeting, and that there is currently no litigation involving the Board.

#### C. Personnel Updates

Director Fischer gave an update on personnel matters, including Glen Bell, our former CIO transferring to another agency in January, and Andrew Oldfield, our one remaining IT employee has been temporarily assigned to the CIO spot until a new one can be hired. Andrew has been doing a phenomenal job working on coding required to meet the technological side of the mandates under the police reforms. Two additional IT positions will be posted in the coming weeks. Pat Hahn, our Manager of In-Service Training transferring to another agency on March 1<sup>st</sup>. He wished Pat well and said we hate to see him go, but that we will also be posting his job in the near future as well. He noted that approval has been received to appoint Ellen Petty as the new HR Manager effective March 1<sup>st</sup>, but approval is still pending for the two remaining appointments: Jeffrey Chapman as his Confidential Assistant in Cook County, and Michelle Mlinar as his Personal Secretary, Petty's current position. Work is underway to attempt to reach our

current approved headcount of 25 by the end of June with expansions planned for July and moving forward.

### **III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Police Certification Reform
- B. Body Camera Grant Update

Director Fischer advised that there would be more to report on these topics at the March Board meeting.

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no discussion of new business.

### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion was made by Nugent, seconded by Smoot, and carried by all members present to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 a.m.**

