

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

**MINUTES OF THE CURRICULUM & SCHOOL STANDARDS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

**Crowne Plaza Springfield Convention Center
3000 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL
WebEx Video Conferencing Optional due to COVID-19**

June 9, 2021

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

The June 9, 2021 meeting of the Curriculum & School Standards Advisory Committee was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by Chairman LaDon Reynolds. Roll was called by Michelle Mlinar, and a quorum of voting members was established.

Members in Attendance:

LaDon Reynolds
Ghida Neukirch via WebEx
Anthony Cobb

Designees in Attendance:

Antionette Ursitti for David Brown
Pat Connolly for Rob Jeffreys
Marlon Parks for Thomas Dart via
WebEx

Members Absent:

Ricardo Pagán

Staff in Attendance:

Keith Calloway
Kelly Griffith
John Keigher
Ellen Petty
Michelle Mlinar
Andrew Oldfield
Eric Pingolt
Jeff Chapman
Denise Matthew
Jan Noble
Lee Ryker
Barb Wood via WebEx
Brenda Swires via WebEx
Jan Allen via WebEx

Others in Attendance:

Tim Nugent via WebEx
Deborah L. Alms, MTU 2
Mariam Hamad, CPD
John B. Perona, MTU 16
Bradley R. Hertzmann, MTU 16
Jill Marr, MTU 16
Richard Fonck, MTU 16
Bob Crouch, MTU 10
Cara Dasher, MTU 10
Penny Abbott, MTU 9
Brad Oyer, MTU 13
Christina Stephens, MTU 13
David Rednour, MTU 15
Scott Williams, MTU 14
John Bennett, MTU 15
Robert Siron, MTU 8
Kenton Manning, IROCC

Cindy Jones, UIS
Chuck Doan, MTU 15
Tad Williams, MCLETC
John Reynolds, MTU 4
Brian Fengel, MTU 7
Doug Pann, MTU 2
Doug Coppotelli, MTU 1
Van Muschler, SWIC
Mike Schlosser, PTI
Teri Schroeder, ISA
Heather Hotz, Executive Institute
Cindi Brickler, Executive Institute
Karl Pannier, St. Clair County
Kent Voth, Citizen Standpoint News
Kevin Koontz, MTU 12
Bill Petentler, MTU 4

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

II. APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL/COURSE CERTIFICATION

A. Illinois Sheriff's Association

1. 2021 Sheriffs Winter Training – The Pain Behind the Badge
Hours: 3 hours
Course Dates: February 2021 (retroactive)
2. 2021 Sheriffs Winter Training – Legal/Legislative Update
Hours: 2 hours
Course Dates: February 2021 (retroactive)

Chairman Reynolds turned the meeting over to Counsel Kelly Griffith. Griffith stated the Illinois Sheriffs' Association submitted the two courses listed above to be certified. Neukirch asked if the Legal/Legislative update is for supervisors only. Teri Schroeder, Illinois Sheriff's Association, explained it is related to HB3653 for Sheriffs only. Schroeder stated they had submitted a third course for Officer Wellness that is not listed on the agenda. Griffith stated she believes it was approved through LETM, she will check and if it is not she will bring it to the September meeting.

Motion was made by Neukirch, seconded by Cobb, and carried by all members present to approve the certification of the two Illinois Sheriffs' Association courses.

B. Chicago Police Department

1. De-Escalation, Response to Resistance & Use of Force - Communications
Hours: 8 hours
Course Dates: April 2021 & Ongoing (retroactive)
2. De-Escalation, Response to Resistance & Use of Force – Procedures
Hours: 8 hours
Course Dates: April 2021 & Ongoing (retroactive)
3. 2021 Officer Wellness Training
Hours: 8 hours (3 offerings each week)
Course Dates: June 1 – December 31 2021
4. Custodial Escort (4-Part Online)
Hours: 8 hours
Course Dates: No dates provided

5. Community Policing Training

Hours: 8 hours

Course Dates: April 2021 & Ongoing (retroactive)

Reynolds stated Chicago Police Department has submitted five courses for certification. Griffith indicated there are several pages with course descriptions under Tab F in the binder, and the full curriculum was delivered to each Board member on a thumb drive. Sergeant Mariam Hamad, Chicago Police Department, approached the podium to assist with questions, seeing none Reynolds asked for a motion to approve.

Motion was made by Pat Connolly, seconded by Cobb, and carried by all members present to approve the certification of the five Chicago Police Department courses.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Certification of In-Service training courses submitted through the Mobile Team Units & Executive Institute from March 2021 – May 2021 reflected in Tab F.

Griffith stated under Tab F of the meeting binder there is a list of In-Service Specialized Courses that were completed from March through May of 2021 through the Mobile Team Units and the Executive Institute, she asked for the list of courses to be certified.

Motion was made by Neukirch, seconded by Cobb, and carried by all members present to approve the certification of the In-Service Specialized Courses.

B. Approval of Lead Homicide Investigators 32-Hours

Griffith asked for the approval of the Lead Homicide Investigators 32-Hours Continuing Education Courses submitted from March 2021 through May 2021.

Motion was made by Cobb, seconded by Connolly, and carried by all members present to approve the certification of the Lead Homicide Investigators 32-Hours Continuing Education Courses.

C. Recommendation for Revisions: PT to FT 80-Hour Transition

Griffith reviewed a report prepared by The Project for Public Safety and Justice, Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Policy Studies Institute for Legal at University of Illinois Springfield listed under Tab F in the meeting binder. Griffith is asking the committee to accept their recommendations, which include changes to the 80-Hour Transition Course, Law for Police, and the equivalency exam, and allow the Board to move forward with the changes. These changes will be made along with updates to the Basic Law Enforcement curriculum (BLE), the Basic Correctional Officer curriculum (BCO) and the Court Security Officer Training (CSO).

Motion was made by Cobb, seconded by Connolly, and carried by all members present to approve the PT to FT 80-Hour Transition Course and Law for Police Revisions.

D. Update on Curriculum Changes: SAFE-T Act and the Trailer Bill House Bill 3443, Senate Amendment 5

1. Basic Law Enforcement Academy curriculum changes (effective July 1, 2021)

Griffith explained the new Trailer Bill to the SAFE-T Act, which has passed both houses and is anticipated to be signed. Changes include mandated Crisis Intervention Training, 12 hours of scenario-based role playing, 6 hours of use of force techniques, including de-escalation, specific training on officer safety techniques including cover, concealment and time, and at least 6 hours training on high risk traffic stops.

The BLE, BCO and CSO curriculums are currently being revised and updated by the UIS team. Almost all of items included in the new law are currently included in the 560-hour curriculum. These changes are effective January 1, 2022. Griffith went on to explain the areas of curriculum impacted by the new law.

With the changes effective July 1, the curriculum and the test bank both need to be updated. The class graduating July 2nd will take the current exam, all other classes will be given the revised exam.

The change in the Use of Force law is effective July 1, 2021, some of the others are effective July 1, 2022 and July 1, 2023. Early next week Griffith will be sending information to the academies with the changes to the curriculum which must be made by July 1, 2021. The academies will need to make the changes and present the new information for any class starting or already going on that date. The changes effective July 1, 2021, and any that are effective July 1, 2022, will be formally added to the BLE curriculum by the UIS team.

Cobb asked if the Board was going to publish the basic training information so departments can review it. Griffith stated a summary will be made available.

Neukirch asked if de-escalation training is only available after one year of employment, and if so, will this change with the new law. Griffith stated she was not aware of any such requirement. More will be added to the curriculum so recruits will be exposed to additional hours of de-escalation. Cobb asked if Neukirch was referring to the CIT mental health portion of de-escalation. Keigher explained that CIT has a two-year employment requirement past the date of certification so officers have street experience before they undertake the 40-Hour full CIT course, but other de-escalation courses do not have this requirement.

2. Changes to the In-Service Mandates

Griffith moved on to in-service mandates. The Trailer Bill changed the effective date of the mandates to January 1, 2022. This additional time allows for updates to be made to the training guidelines and to make necessary changes to LETM to track hours. The Trailer Bill clarified some of the updated mandates and they set a goal of 30 hours every three years.

E. Electronic Testing

Keigher spoke to the use of electronic testing, and stated he is making progress with the procurement team to enter into an agreement with a state university to establish an electronic testing program. He hopes to have an update by the September Board meeting.

F. Court Security Training – Special training for newly authorized Appellate Court Security Officers

Keigher spoke to Court Security training regarding Senate Bill 337 which recently passed and is awaiting the Governor's signature. This bill affected only the Supreme Court Marshals office, who recently came to us to see if their employees can become Court Security Officers. We expect this bill will be signed and these officers will need the Court Security Course before the UIS updates go into effect.

VII. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

June 10, 2021
Springfield, Illinois

**VIII. NEXT CURRICULUM AND SCHOOL STANDARDS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING DATE AND LOCATION**

September 8, 2021
Decatur, Illinois

IX. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion was made by Cobb, seconded by Neukirch, and carried by all
members present to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 p.m.**

