

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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE & LEGISLATIVE
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 Finance and Legislative Committee was called to order at 2:58 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Sean Smoot. Roll was called by Michelle Mlinar, and a quorum of voting members was established.

Members in Attendance:

Sean M. Smoot
Elvia Williams *via WebEx*
John D. Idleburg
Tim Nugent *via WebEx*
Mitchell R. Davis III

Designees in Attendance:

Anthony Escamilla representing Iris
Y. Martinez *via WebEx*
John Carroll representing Kwame
Raoul *via WebEx*

Members Absent:

Brendan Kelly
Tim Gleason
J. W. Price
Richard Watson

Staff in Attendance:

Keith Calloway
John Keigher
Kelly Griffith
Ellen Petty
Michelle Mlinar
Denise Matthew
Jeff Chapman
Andrew Oldfield
Jan W. Noble
Lee Ryker

Others in Attendance:

Kent Voth, Citizen Standpoint News
Richard Fonck, MTU16
Doug Coppotelli, MTU 1
Deborah L. Alms, MTU 2
Doug Pann, MTU 2
Cindi Bricker, Executive Institute
Penny Abbott, MTU 9
Cara Dasher, MTU 10
Chuck Doan, MTU 15
John Bennett, MTU 15
David Rednour, MTU 15

William Petentler, MTU 4
Antoinette Ursitti, CDP
Tad Williams MCLETC
Patrick Connolly, IDOC
John W. Reynolds, MTU 4
Brian Fengel, MTU 7
Van Muschler, SWIC
Mike Schlosser, PTI
Heather Hots, Executive Institute
John B. Perona, MTU 16
Bradley R. Hertzmann, MTU 16

Jill Marr, MTU 16
Bob Crouch, MTU 10
Christina Stephens, MTU 13
Brad Oyer, MTU 13

Kevin Koontz, MTU 12
Karl Pannier, St. Clair County
Scott Williams, MTU 14
Robert Siron, MTU 8

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 May 31, 2021
 - a. TACCSF Receipts
 - b. TACCSF Balance
 - c. Academy Enrollments & Projected Tuition

Denise Matthew reviewed the fiscal information contained in Tab G of the Board Book. FY21 surcharge fund receipts are \$9.4M as of May 5, 2021. There have been two additional deposits on June 8th, bringing the total to \$10.1M as of May 26, 2021. This is \$2.6M less than FY20. Current balance in fund is \$1.7M.

As for the Camera Grant Fund, for the first 10 months of 21, it has a total of \$1.2M compared to same period of FY20. There have also been two additional deposits on June 8 for \$91,928 bringing the total deposits through May 26, 2021 to a total of \$1.3M. The camera grant fund balance is \$2.8M.

Chief Williams inquired as to whether or not the Board was still awarding monetary awards to the police departments and law enforcement agencies. Matthew stated that the camera grant application program ended accepting applications on May 15, 2021 and the Board will hopefully start making payments the week of June 9th. Williams asked if departments have been notified if they need to send in final paperwork. Matthew stated that once a department turns in an application, the Board is in constant contact with the agency informing them of missing information and once they are given a notice of award, they will receive an email informing them that they have been given a notice of award and stating any additional information that would be needed. Williams inquired about added training that law enforcement officers would have to add, how that would relate to current funding we have. Matthew stated that this will be covered in the next portion of her report.

Matthew continued with the projected enrollment and tuition. These figures are based on actual course enrollment and projected claims cost. With the elimination of direct billing, claims from police departments has increased. These claims are not paid until the state of Illinois lapse period which runs

July 1st- August 31st. However, today the state of Illinois has extended this lapse period to September 30th. Once all claim forms are submitted by the due date of July 15th, and based on available funds we will reimburse police departments 100% or a lesser amount. Last year we were only able to reimburse departments at 70%.

2. FY22 Budget
 - a. Breakdown of Appropriation Bill
 - b. Approval of 1st & 2nd Quarter Funding

Matthew continued with the legislative budget. On May 31, 2021 the budget for FY22, was approved by the legislature, but as of June 9th it has still not been signed by the Governor. All of our operation costs are being moved to the general fund. The main change is an additional \$8M given to the Board from general revenue funds for Crisis Intervention Training and Mental Health awareness. This is being provided through a federal grant that the governor's office of budget and management applied for on our behalf through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). This money has not yet been awarded. This brings our budget increase is \$24.5M with a total budget of \$52.2M. Of that amount \$21.3M is general revenue fund, with \$5.3M allocated to operations and the remaining \$16M being allocated to training only by approval of governor. Only funding we are guaranteed is \$5.3M for operations. The remaining funding is all dependent on the Traffic Surcharge fund and what is allocated from the governor under the general revenue fund

It is customary at the June meeting at the board approve the half-year budget for FY22 since funding is still unknown. We are recommending a half-year funding of \$4.3M. This breaks down to \$3M for the MTU's, \$500,000 for Executive Institute, and \$500,000 for Crisis Intervention Training, \$200,000 for Chicago Police Department In-Service training, \$122,500 for our computer crime institute, and \$50,000 for professional associations.

Williams asked Matthews to describe what comprises professional associations. Matthew responded that she does not have the list with her and she would have to get back to them on that question. John Keigher responded that this covers IADLEST membership, the Bar membership for lawyers, and other things but that he believes this never exceeds \$5,000-\$6,000.

Motion was made by Nugent, seconded by Smoot, and carried by all members present to recommend approval of the 1st & 2nd Quarter FY22 funding.

Smoot commented that he and Chairman Davis have been in constant contact with the sponsors of the trailer bill since January regarding funding for the Board. He stated members should be aware that a great deal of

funding does come from the traffic ticket and conviction surcharge funding, which has never generated even half of what is being proposed. They are talking to the General Assembly and Governor's office about additional funding and are hoping by January that they will have additional funding from more reliable sources.

B. Legislative and Litigation Update

John Keigher reported on several bills:

- **SB 2800 - Budget Bill**: Appropriated \$26M to the Board from various funds, including \$8M from ARPA for mental health training and peer support programs.
- **SB 2017 – Budget Implementation Bill**: Creates the new Law Enforcement Training Fund that will collect a portion of existing insurance producer licensure fees as well as new fees collected by insurance agents for each policy issued. These funds will be used by the Board to support law enforcement certification compliance and the development and provision of basic courses by Board-approved academics, and in-service programs.
- **SB 626 – Fines and Fees Reduction**: After the major changes were made in 2018, additional reforms were made to allow further reductions to criminal and traffic fines and fees based upon income level. The final version of this bill represents a consensus of several stakeholders that allows for a 2-year pilot program in Cook County that allows reductions in traffic offense fees up to one half of the total amount.
- **HB 3443 - SAFE-T Trailer Bill**: For the Board, there are three main components to the Bill that need to be highlighted:
 1. The crisis intervention training section is clarified to state that the “40-hour” Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) team training course is a specialty certification, distinguishing it from other Board approved courses for crisis intervention that meet the new annual in-service mandate. This clarifies what was previously thought, all officers do not have to take the CIT 40 hour course.
 2. The 30-hour requirement for in-service mandates was adjusted to clarify that the 30 hours is what officers are expected to meet in the 3 year period. The use of force requirements and specific hours still remain as part of the 30 hours.
 3. The changes to the one-year and three-year in-service mandates are pushed back to January of 2022, giving us an additional six months to establish guidelines, approve instructors, establish course schedules, and update the tracking system.

Some other bills that the Board is watching did not have enough support and did not make it through legislature, but we are still keeping an eye out for them in case they come up in the future.

C. Personnel Updates

1. Approved Organizational Chart
2. Approved Field Investigator District Map

Ellen Petty gave an update on personnel matters. The approved headcount for FY21 is 25. We have not been up to that amount due to funding and hiring being put on hold, though we are trying to get up to that point with the police reform bill. The personnel committee has met biweekly since the March Board meeting. Staff has been updating the organizational flow chart to include the final goal of 85 employees even though it takes a long time to hire within the state. We are currently at 19 employees, we had 17 as of March 1st. The approved headcount for FY22 is 40. It will probably take a couple of years or more to get to 85. We will leave the headcount at 40 for now, once reached, we will ask for additional staff. There are currently 13 high priority positions to fill. In the middle of all of this, the State of Illinois is transferring from the current software to a whole new updated software, which is part of the reason it is taking so long. There have been several postings and we potentially have a new IT person. We have also brought Michelle Mlinar and Jeffrey Chapman as the Directors' Secretary and Confidential Assistant respectfully. We have hiring information on our website. As of right now, there is nothing posted, but we have 4 positions close to being posted. The new organizational chart and recently developed district map for field investigators developed are both supplied in the Board book.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Keigher stated we have received over 130 applications representing all of the MTUs. Fifteen of these have red-light cameras and are automatically ineligible under the administrative rules. Of those that remain, requests exceed \$3.4M dollars. Seventeen agencies have already received awards of around \$800,000 and several others are in process. About 1/3 are already moving forward.

As usual, approximately one third of the applicant agencies have officers on their roster who are out of compliance with their in-service training mandates and we have staff working with them to bring these officers up speed with their trainings over the next few weeks. While there are always a few that can't meet this deadline or back out for one reason or another, our goal is maximize the

benefit of this program. Therefore, at tomorrow's meeting, Keigher will respectfully ask for a motion to raise the previously approved amount of \$2.25 million to \$2.75 million for the remainder of this fiscal year. The amount in the fund is currently just above this figure - therefore we are comfortable requesting this amount at this time. One other quick update, State Universities will be eligible next year to apply and receive camera grant funds. We asked for this a few years ago so we are happy to see this change.

Williams asked for clarification that any jurisdiction that has red light cameras cannot get the body camera grant. Keigher responded that yes, that is an administrative rule and has been in place since 2004 because those citations do not go through the standard fines and fees structure and do not put money into the camera grant fund, so they are ineligible. He is hoping to change that ineligibility rule to see if they can be considered instead of outright denied due to the red-light cameras.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

There was no discussion of new business.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Williams, seconded by Idleburg, and carried by all members present to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

