

ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND STANDARDS BOARD

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MINUTES OF THE CURRICULUM & SCHOOL STANDARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Marriott Hotel & Convention Center ~ 201 Broadway, Normal, Illinois 61761

December 8, 2021

2:00 p.m.

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

The December 8, 2021 meeting of the Curriculum & School Standards Advisory Committee was called to order at 2:06 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
Ricardo Pagán

Designees in Attendance:

Antionette Ursitti for David Brown
Mike Schassburger for Thomas Dart
Pat Connolly for Rob Jeffreys

Staff in Attendance:

Keith Calloway
Anthony Cobb
Cherylynn Williams
John Keigher
Kelly Griffith
Ellen Petty
Michelle Mlinar
Kelly Ingram
Andrew Oldfield

Kortenay Templeton
Kristina Shelton
Jennifer Wooldridge
Jan Noble
Lee Ryker
Scott Schaefer
Scott Heston
Jill Wieland
Jeffrey Chapman

Others in Attendance:

Heather Hotz, ILETSEB-EI
Cindi Bricker, ILETSEB-EI
Eric Arnold, ILETSEB-EI
Barb Wood, ILETSEB-EI
Brenda Swires
Jim Getz, MCLETC
Brad Clark, MCLETC Sangamon
County
Mike Schlosser, PTI
Van Muschler, SWIC
Karl Pannier, St. Clair County
Corrections Academy
Dave Coppotelli, MTU 1
Doug Pann, MTU 2
John W. Reynolds, MTU 4

Brian Fengel, MTU 7
Heather Grove, MTU 7
Jean Swan, MTU 7
Robert Siren, MTU 8
Penny Abbot, MTU 9
Jill Ward, MTU 9
JT Wooldridge, MTU 10
Kevin Koontz, MTU 12
Brad Oyer, MTU 13
Christine Stephen, MTU 13
Scott Williams, MTU 14
David Hayes, MTU 14
Chuck Doan, MTU 15
Bradley R. Hertzmann, MTU 16
Marian Hamad, CPD

Tom Kurek, DRE Coordinator
Michael Schassbuger, Cook County
Sheriff

Cindy Jones, UIS
Dwayne Buretz, Secretary of State
Police

II. APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL/COURSE CERTIFICATION

No new course submissions

III. RECERTIFICATION OF COURSES

Deputy Director Cheryllynn Williams introduced herself to the Board. Williams reported that BLE and BCO classes are returning to normal; this year there will be 36 BLE, seven Part-Time BLE, 20 Corrections, four Part-Time to Full-Time Transition courses, and the Arson Investigator Training will be offered again after a 2 year hiatus. This represents a 10% increase over last December's predictions, and over a 35% increase from actual courses in 2021. Chairman Reynolds stated all this information can be found under Tab F in the Board Book.

Motion was made by Neukirch, seconded by Pagán, and carried by all members present to approve the recertification of the Basic Law Enforcement courses for each academy for 2022.

Motion was made by Neukirch, seconded by Pagán, and carried by all members present to approve the recertification of the Basic Corrections courses for each academy for 2022.

The Committee recognized the arrival of Mike Schassburger representing Thomas Dart.

Motion was made by Neukirch, seconded by Pagán, and carried by all members present to approve the recertification of the Part-Time Basic Law Enforcement (PT BLE) courses for each academy for 2022.

Counsel Griffith asked that the 80-Hour Transition courses and the 200-hour Basic Arson Investigator course also be approved.

Motion was made by Neukirch, seconded by Pagán, and carried by all members present to approve the recertification of the 80-Hour Transition courses and the 200-hour Basic Arson Investigator course for each academy for 2022.

IV. MANDATORY FIREARMS TRAINING

Counsel Griffith reported the team of subject matter experts has made revisions and updates to the curriculum, and the information has been sent to the academies

for review and feedback. They are asking for more time and they hope to present to the Board in March for approval.

Counsel Griffith read the Mandatory Firearms Training Policy Re-Affirmation:

“Board approved Basic Law Enforcement and Correctional Training Academies and the Mobile Team Units are the only facilities authorized to conduct the Mandatory Firearms Training Course, and Mobile Team Units are authorized to conduct the Mandatory Firearms Training Waiver Course.”

Motion was made by Neukirch, seconded by Pagán, and carried by all members present to approve the Mandatory Firearms Training Policy.

V. IN-SERVICE, ADVANCED AND SPECIALIZED COURSES FOR CERTIFICATION/RECERTIFICATION

Counsel Griffith stated under Tab F there is a chart with courses listed for the MTU’s, the Executive Institute, CIT and SRO. There are also courses listed for the Cook County Sheriff’s Department and the Illinois Department of Corrections. We are asking for approval of the courses listed.

Motion was made by Neukirch, seconded by Pagán, and carried by all members present to approve the In-Service, Advanced and Specialized courses for the MTU’s , the Executive Institute, CIT, SRO, the Cook County Sheriff’s Department and the Illinois Department of Corrections.

VI. LEAD HOMICIDE INVESTIGATORS 32-HOURS APPROVED CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES FOR CERTIFICATION/ RECERTIFICATION

Counsel Griffith stated the courses for recertification are listed under Tab F. She did note a change in the law and how the Board’s tracking system is changed to reflect how courses are entered.

Motion was made by Pagán, seconded by Neukirch, and carried by all members present to approve the Lead Homicide Investigators 32-Hour continuing education courses.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Counsel Griffith stated, regarding the Transition Course, that we have been working based on recommendations approved by this Committee and the Full Board in relationship to the UIS Project for Public Safety and Justice. Their

recommendation was to review the Transition Course for revisions as it has many part time officers trained under the 400 hour curriculum moving into full time. They are continuing their work on this project, there will likely be a one week prerequisite online course for those part time officers. She thanked the Executive Institute for their help in moving this project forward.

The committee consists of Van Muschler from SWIC, Mike Schlosser from PTI, Heather Hotz from Executive Institute, Cheryllynn Williams and Kelly Griffith from Board Staff, and the UIS Team – Charlene Moe and Cindy Jones.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Counsel Keigher spoke to the tuition and class size recommendations for the coming year. Tuition is the same as last year, there are no adjustments at this time. Our forms are based on actual cost and we are working with the academies regarding the increased burden with the enhancements to the SAFE-T Act. We are looking to change the form in the future.

Mitchell Davis stated he attended a Chiefs meeting and there were some concerns regarding the recertification of in-service, advanced and specialized courses specifically the Police Law Institute (PLI) only being for one hour and only for legal updates. The chiefs are concerned that there are other mandates within PLI in addition to the legal updates. Davis asked the chiefs that if additional mandates do exist to please let us know so we can address them, that we are not trying to intentionally leave anything out. No one responded to his email request for concerns.

Counsel Griffith stated the Board does not typically approve online courses except for the Executive Institute. However, there were three exceptions from a previous Board and PLI was one of them. It is a written legal summary of court cases and is a one-hour course.

Interim Director Calloway thanked Davis for bringing this to our attention. He stated it is his intention in this role to ensure all officers get all the credit they deserve for their training, however, he does not believe in “check the box” training. He wants training to be meaningful and purposeful.

Davis asked us to consider training from the PERF ICAT course which has a lot to offer in the area of crisis intervention and response tactics, their training goal is to minimize Use of Force. He has recently attended their train the trainer program and believes that it may be helpful to our academy directors as they consider options for meeting the new SAFE-T Act requirements.

IX. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

December 9, 2021
Normal, Illinois

X. NEXT CURRICULUM AND SCHOOL STANDARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

March 2, 2022
Springfield, Illinois

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Neukirch, seconded by Pagán, and carried by all members present to adjourn the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

