

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

**MINUTES OF THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING**

Crowne Plaza Hotel ~ 3000 S Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois 62703

**March 1, 2023**  
**2:00 p.m.**

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

The March 1, 2023 Curriculum Committee meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Chair Ghida Neukirch. Roll was called by Michelle Mlinar, and a quorum of voting members was established.

**Members in Attendance:**

Ghida Neukirch

**Designees in Attendance:**

Chris Papaioannou for David Brown  
Steve Ryan for Rob Jeffreys

**Staff in Attendance:**

Keith Calloway  
Jeffrey Chapman  
Anthony Cobb  
Kenley Cowgill  
Pat Hahn  
Kelton Ingram  
John Keigher  
Fred Kientzle  
Allison Mesecher  
Michelle Mlinar

Jan Noble  
Ellen Petty  
Paul Petty  
Steven Pingolt  
Lee Ryker  
Scott Schaefer  
Jill Wieland  
Cherylynn Williams  
Jennifer Wooldridge

**Others in Attendance:**

Sean Smoot, Board Chairman  
Heather Hotz, ILETSB-EI  
Cindi Bricker, ILETSB-EI  
Eric Arnold, ILETSB-EI  
Derek Carle, ILETSB-EI  
Barb Wood, ILETSB-EI  
Brenda Swires, Contractor  
Doug Coppotelli, MTU 1  
Jeff Schelling, MTU 2  
John W. Reynolds, MTU 4  
Brian Fengel, MTU 7  
Heather Grove, MTU 7  
Robert Siron, MTU 8  
Penny Abbott, MTU 9

Jill Ward, MTU 9  
JT Wooldridge, MTU 10  
Cara Dasher, MTU 10  
Brad Oyer, MTU 13  
Kevin Koontz, MTU 12  
Scott Williams, MTU 14  
David Hayes, MTU 15  
Bradley Hertzmann, MTU 16  
John Perona, MTU 16  
Jim Getz, MCLETC  
Brad Clark, MCLETC-Sangamon  
Jason Walker, MCLETC  
Mike Schlosser, PTI  
Jason LaMendola, Sauk Valley

Eric Danford, SWIC  
Karl Pannier, St. Clair Co Sheriff's  
Corrections Academy  
Ralph Cruz, CPD  
Michael Schassburger, Cook  
County Sheriff's Police Academy

David Oliver, Police Law Institute  
Josh Ward, ISP  
Jason Lococo, ISP  
Mike Pappas, ISP  
Thomas Turek, DRE Coordinator

## II. APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL/COURSE CERTIFICATION

### A. Sauk Valley Police Academy Initial Review ~ Cheryllynn Williams

Williams reminded the Committee that over a year ago Sauk Valley Community College approached the Board with the idea of a new Police Academy. Williams noted the academy has provided a detailed course implementation plan and has completed all the necessary paperwork required for approval. Williams visited the Academy on February 13, 2023, she was given a tour of the facilities and was able to audit the Vehicle Stops Occupant Control Course Scenario. The class average is 94% and the certification test is scheduled for April 14, 2023. Williams recommends the Sauk Valley Police Academy current Basic Law Enforcement class for certification, and additionally, to approve them to offer two more classes in 2023 – one in April and August.

**Motion was made by Papaioannou, seconded by Ryan, and carried by all members present to approve the Sauk Valley Police Academy current Basic Law Enforcement class for certification and additionally approve Sauk Valley Police Academy to offer two more BLE classes in 2023 – one in April 2023 and August 2023.**

### B. SWIC Special Court Security Officer Course ~ John Keigher

Keigher stated that approximately two years ago the Illinois Supreme Court Representatives approached the Board asking to add Court Security Officers to their Marshalls Protective Unit. The Executive Institute (EI) and SWIC came up with a hybrid course to include online courses at EI and in person training at SWIC. They will then end their training with a one-week special course put together by SWIC and a retired US Marshall to cover special in court procedural matters. Keigher noted that at the completion of this course officers will exceed the minimum number of hours required for certification.

**Motion was made by Ryan, seconded by Papaioannou, and carried by all members present to approve the Special Court Security Officer course for certification.**

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

Paul Petty stated under Tab 9 are all the Non-Lead Homicide Investigator and the Lead Homicide Investigator (LHI) courses to be approved and certified for the second quarter.

Chair Neukirch asked to recognize the DRE Coordinator, Tom Turek, for his excellent report.

**IV. LEAD HOMICIDE INVESTIGATORS 32-HOURS APPROVED CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES for CERTIFICATION/ RECERTIFICATION**

These were addressed in section III. Neukirch asked to approve all courses Non-LHI and LHI in one motion.

**Motion was made by Papaioannou, seconded by Ryan, and carried by all members present to approve the Non-Lead Homicide Investigator and Lead Homicide Investigator courses for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter.**

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**VII. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE AND LOCATION**

March 2, 2023  
Springfield, Illinois

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

June 7, 2023  
Location TBA

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion was made by Papaioannou, seconded by Ryan, and carried by all members present to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 p.m.**

