

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

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE
FINANCE & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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WebEx Video Conferencing Allowed ~ Subject Matter Discussion Only

April 3, 2023
8:00 A.M.

OPEN SESSION

I. CALL TO ORDER

April 3, 2023, Finance & Legislative Committee meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL ~ ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Roll was called by Michelle Mlinar, and a quorum of voting members was established. It was noted this meeting is subject matter discussion only.

Members in Attendance:

Sean Smoot
John Idleburg
Brendan Kelly
Tim Nugent
Richard Watson

Designees in Attendance:

Anthony Escamilla for Iris Martinez

Members Absent:

J.W. Price
Kwame Raoul

Others in Attendance:

Ghida Neukirch
Mitchell R. Davis, III

Staff in Attendance:

Keith Calloway
Jennifer Wooldridge
Anthony Cobb
Cherylynn Williams (*Left at Closed Session*)
John Keigher
Pat Hahn
Michelle Mlinar

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Pending Legislation

Keigher stated the General Assembly is now on their two-week break, and he had the following update on bills we are watching.

- SB 1754: This bill would require the Board to set up an out of state reciprocity program. We are already doing this through our administrative rules. This bill is brought by the City of Aurora and is designed to bring in college students who have recently graduated from a collegiate police academy in another state. Historically these individuals are not available for a waiver because they have no experience. The drafter of the bill did not have this in mind; however, it has been allowed to move through the Senate. We are in discussions with the Senator and are figuring out how to move forward while addressing some concerns. A pilot program is a possibility.
- SB1543: This bill requires the Board to employ a special Mental Health Coordinator as appointed by the Governor to handle issues regarding officer mental health and peer support. Two years ago, the bill stalled, we are again reaching out as it has gained traction. Currently the bill is a strict mandate, we are reaching out to make sure this is something the Board is able to work with and possibly fit into some of the parameters we already have in place. We are reaching out to the sponsor and other stakeholders and hope to discuss their concerns within the next two weeks.
- HB3715: This bill involves DACA Recipients, non-citizens, legally authorized to work in the US. The Board has no position on this, however there are some firearm complications, and we want to make sure this will work at the academy level.
- HB1374: Representative Vella would like to encourage the community colleges to use the intern program more frequently. Specifically, to work with community colleges that have law enforcement or criminal justice programs and to somehow come out of their 2-year education with a law enforcement certification. Although the bill is technically stalled, Vella is still working on this so we may see an amendment before the end of the session.
- SB107: Provisions in the bill allow citizens to make a formal complaint against an agency for abuse of drone use and personal drone footage. There needs to be a degree of invasion of privacy to be eligible to file a complaint. The issue for the Board would be if we need to add training for this to the Certification Review Panel.

Keigher noted we are still working with Senator Cunningham and the legal teams for our proposal for a bill that could address Corrections Officers. We have been in touch with the Governor and Lt. Governor's office, and IDPFR and IDOC have all weighed in on this. Senator Cunningham has asked that the Board take care of some background work before proceeding with the IROCC situation. He asked that we speak with some of the stakeholders, AFSCME, FOP and Cook County corrections officers, before he moves forward.

There was a brief mention of out of state transfers, and it was noted that most every state recognizes the value of completing a probationary work period before an officer can be fully certified.

The question was raised regarding SB 1543 and the issues regarding the Governor's appointed mental health coordinator. It's agreed that the Governor appointing a Board employee is not normal as the Governor would typically appoint a high-level director or someone who is independent, but the manager of a program is unique. It was noted that there will be several HR complications that will come with something like this, we are looking at an alternative so we can address the concerns, but in a different format.

B. Discussion of Legislative Proposals and Initiatives

Keigher stated there is still an opportunity to file some of the bills we have been working on that were discussed during the veto session. He plans to speak with the Governor's office and would also like to address some bills we have already seen and try to address them before the move forward.

The motion was made by Watson, seconded by Nugent, and carried by roll call of all members present to move into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3) at 8:15 a.m.

C. Discussion of Recent Litigation – Closed Session Discussion

D. Discussion of Recent Investigation – Closed Session Discussion

The motion was made by Watson, seconded by Smoot, and carried by roll call of all members present to move out of closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3) at 8:30 a.m.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Watson, seconded by Smoot, and carried by all members present to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 a.m.

