

ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND STANDARDS BOARD
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**MINUTES OF THE JOINT FINANCE & LEGISLATIVE
AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Swissôtel Chicago
323 E Wacker Dr, Chicago, IL 60601

December 6, 2023
3:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The December 6, 2023 Joint Finance & Legislative and Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Sean Smoot.

II. ROLL CALL - ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Roll was called by Michelle Mlinar, and a quorum of voting members was established.

Members in Attendance:

Sean Smoot
Tim Nugent
J.W. Price
Richard Watson

Designees in Attendance:

Anthony Escamilla for Iris Martinez
John Carroll for Kwame Raoul

Members Absent:

John Idleburg
Brendan Kelly

Staff in Attendance:

Jim Bianchi	Stormie DeJaynes	Lee Ryker
Kent Bragg	Pat Hahn	Scott Schaefer
James Buchanan	Scott Heston	Brent Shownes
Keith Calloway	John Keigher	Cheryllynn Williams
Jeffrey Chapman	Michelle Mlinar	Barbara Wood
Anthony Cobb	Jan Noble	Jennifer Wooldridge
Hilary Davis	Paul Petty	

Others in Attendance:

Heather Hotz, ILETSB-EI	Jeffrey Fritz, ILETSB-EI
Cindi Bricker, ILETSB-EI	Brenda Swires, ILETSB-EI
Derek Carle, ILETSB-EI	Doug Coppotelli, MTU 1

Jay Koelt, MTU 1
Jeff Schelling, MTU 2
Julie Smith, MTU 2
Joe Schweih, MTU 3
John W. Reynolds, MTU 4
Brian Fengel, MTU 7
Heather Grove, MTU 7
Bob Pislka, MTU 7
Robert Siron, MTU 8
Kevin Koontz, MTU 12
Brad Oyer, MTU 13
Kelsey Jacobson, MTU 13
Scott Williams, MTU 14

Kevin Schmoll, MTU 14
Van Muschler, MTU 14
David Rednour, MTU 15
Bradley Hertzmann, MTU 16
John Perona, MTU 16
Michael Schassburger, Cook Co SO
Joe Gallo, Police Training Institute
Eric Danford, SWIC
Michael Jackson, Lake County SO
David Oliver, Police Law Institute
Carla Redd, Rockford PD
Timothy Tyler, Champaign PD

III. FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. Financial Items ~ Stormie DeJaynes for Steven Pingolt

DeJaynes stated that everything is running smoothly in fiscal and FY24 data through November 15, 2023 can be found under Tab 6. Watson asked why the full amount of personnel services funds are not being used, and DeJaynes responded that those funds are for when we are fully staffed, which we are not.

Motion was made by Nugent, seconded by Escamilla, and carried by all members present to accept the Fiscal Report as presented.

B. Personnel Matters ~ John Keigher for Ellen Petty

Keigher directed members to the HR report found under Tab 7 in the Board book. He noted staff headcount is currently at 40 of an approved 66 employees. Keigher reiterated that the figures presented in the fiscal report personnel services fund represent half of the year and our headcount is about half of what it should be.

Keigher also noted the DEIA report submitted for this year is included under Tab 7. He stated the DEIA report for last year was approved, so there are no concerns regarding this year's submitted report.

C. Legislative and Litigation Update ~ John Keigher

Keigher reported that no bills regarding the Board came out of the veto session. He is working with the Governor and Lt. Governor's offices to build support for two of the Board's proposals from last fall. These proposals would clean up some of the certification and training requirements in the Police Training Act.

Keigher stated staff members have been approached by the [Illinois] Municipal League seeking support of their initiative to lower the reporting requirements for agencies receiving camera grants. This would mirror a reduction in reporting requirements that was passed for all agencies about a year ago.

Staff has also been approached by a senator seeking to remove the hiring requirement for new officers before they can attend the basic academy. It has been explained that the Intern Program currently allows for this and staff hopes to have a meeting to discuss the intentions of the bill before it moves into session.

Regarding bills from last session, Keigher stated staff is working on the reciprocity rules required under PA 103-389 and noted he would speak more on those later in the meeting.

Keigher stated he will have a longer report on litigation at tomorrow's meeting. Keigher did mention the Henrichs/IROCC case and noted the motion to dismiss has been filed, now we will await the Plaintiff's response. This case is set for a hearing in February. Keigher then mentioned the Feiza case, involving an automatically decertified officer, has had some preliminary hearings and the judge has given some direction on how to proceed. Also, our initial motion to dismiss was granted in the Alvis case. This case concerned an officer being removed after finding offenses in his record which kept him out of the academy, now we wait to see if the plaintiff refiles.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. SAFE-T Act Update ~ John Keigher

Keigher mentioned the need for [Administrative] rules regarding certification. The SAFE-T Act made changes to how certification was to proceed. The existing rules had these changes intertwined with training and waivers, so staff is looking to pull these out and make certification its own section of the Act. Staff is working on a rule package to address some SAFE-T Act updates. It is expected this package will be run through the Legislative Committee by the end of the year and will be brought before the full Board before they are filed.

B. Grant Update ~ John Keigher

1. Camera Grant:

Keigher noted quarterly and financial reports due from the grantees are coming in from grants awarded last year. Staff hosted a webinar in October and presented a new reporting form to streamline the reporting requirements. The FY24 Fall grants have closed. We received 159 camera grant applications seeking about \$8MM in funds, which is a record high number for the Board. Of the 159 applications, about 75% of these applicants have supplemental documentation

that still needs to be submitted. Therefore, we are keeping the application period open, not to accept new applications, but to allow agencies time to submit the additional documentation. Award announcements are set to be made at the end of 2023 or January 2024.

2. NIBIN Grant:

Keigher noted there were 16 applications submitted seeking \$1.5MM. All applicants utilized the advance funding option, and not the reimbursement option.

3. Recruitment & Retention Grant:

Keigher stated staff has received 96 applications seeking a total of \$30MM in funds. With only \$10MM available it will be necessary to have a team review and score the awards competitively. Keigher is hopeful to be able to make the award announcements at the end of 2023 or January 2024.

Discussion followed about best practice regarding a reimbursement grant verses advance funding. Keigher specified that it is advantageous for both the Board and the agency to seek reimbursement as it is a one and done event. When an agency seeks advance funding there is a two-to-three-year period where the agency is required to file quarterly reports with the Board regarding how the funds were spent.

V. NEW BUSINESS

None

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Price, and carried by all members present to adjourn the meeting at 3:19 p.m.

