

ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND STANDARDS BOARD
500 S. 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701

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

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

March 6, 2024
3:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The March 6, 2024 Joint Finance & Legislative and Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Sheriff Richard Watson.

II. ROLL CALL - ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

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

Members in Attendance:

Tim Nugent
Richard Watson

Members Absent:

Sean Smoot
John Idleburg
J.W. Price
Kwame Raoul

Designees in Attendance:

Jason Lococo for Brendan Kelly
Anthony Escamilla for Iris Martinez

Staff in Attendance:

Jim Bianchi	Sara Follis	Jan Noble
Jojo Blackburn	Pat Hahn	Ellen Petty
Kent Bragg	Scott Heston	Steven Pingolt
James Buchanan	Kelton Ingram	Scott Schaefer
Keith Calloway	John Keigher	Kristi Sorenson
Jeffrey Chapman	Fred Kientzle	Jill Wieland
Anthony Cobb	Sheryl Lloyd	Jennifer Wooldridge
Kenley Cowgill	Chaney Lovellette	
Hilary Davis	Michelle Mlinar	

Others in Attendance:

Brenda Swires, ILETSB-EI	Jason LaMendola, Sauk Valley PA
Michael Schassburger, Cook County SO	Eric Danford, SWIC PA
Josh Ward, Illinois State Police	David Oliver, Police Law Institute
Joe Gallo, PTI	Carla Redd, Rockford PD
Tod Myers, PTI	Timothy Tyler, Champaign PD

III. FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. Financial Items ~ Steven Pingolt

Pingolt noted the expenditures for FY24 and cash flow analysis for funds could be found under Tab F.

B. Personnel Matters ~ Ellen Petty

Petty reported that staff is ready to start holding the Web Developer interviews and will begin conducting interviews for the other two positions in April. She also noted that she will introduce the four new employees that have started since the September meeting at tomorrow's Board meeting.

C. Legislative and Litigation Update ~ John Keigher

Keigher stated some of the bills currently being watched are:

- HB 5368 has been combined with SB 3552: Hate Crimes
This bill adds hate crimes and crimes motivated by bias to the BLE curriculum and is attempting to make it part of the mandates. It also requires the Board to create conferences and training materials. This bill may need to be adjusted to fit the MTU structure, so an amendment is being composed.
- HB 4497 Tarver: Two Year Mandates
This bill would change the three-year mandates to a two-year cycle. Keigher is waiting to talk to the sponsor to determine the reasoning behind this change. This would drastically increase the number of mandates that must be covered in a single year, and it disregards the two-year verification.
- HB 4216 Spain: SRO's
This bill would allow school districts to employ retired police officers to serve as security guards and perform certain SRO functions. While the Board supports the expansion of SROs there are several technical concerns that we have regarding the employment and authority structure.
- HB 5123 Cabello: Staggered Academies
This bill would require the Board stagger the academy courses. Currently academies shut down for a holiday break at year end, and due to this the academy classes start about the same time. This bill would require the Board to have classes start monthly.
- SB 3201 Toro: Autism Courses
Requires the Board add a course on autism concerns to the BLE curriculum and would require all officers to complete this course within two years. Keigher would like to amend this to the three-year cycle.

- SB 3370 Cunningham/companion HB 5217 Vella: Decertification Reform
This is a complicated bill that undoes some of the decertification components of the SAFE-T Act regarding guilty pleas in lieu of convictions and restricts the sharing of officer conduct information until after any related proceedings are concluded. It creates an appellate body within the Illinois State Police to review decisions made by ILETSB. It removes all civilian positions within the Board and replaces them specifically with union representatives. It would also require the Board to issue IROCC cards to correctional officers. Discussions have started with the Governor's office and staff is trying to meet with the sponsor to address concerns.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. SAFE-T Act & Administrative Rules Update ~ John Keigher

Keigher noted the POWER Test committee is planning a meeting in the upcoming weeks, and he anticipates the other working groups will meet before the June meeting. Keigher is looking for insight from these groups to help with updating the Administrative Rules specifically to address revisions to the certification process, part-time updates, and the civilian complaint and investigation process.

The Reciprocity Rules required under PA 103-389 address statutory change and requires the Board to update its longstanding reciprocity waiver process. It also requires the Board to open reciprocity up to correctional officers, and to ensure that all recipients are given full certification moving forward.

B. Grant Update ~ John Keigher

1. Camera Grants:

Keigher noted the Board received 159 applications for camera grants back in November. Staff is in the process of finalizing them, with about a dozen to complete as the agencies did not have the proper receipts. It will take a few weeks to get the proper documentation before staff is able to close out the period.

Keigher described the difference between a reimbursement grant and an advanced capital grant. The difference is a reimbursement grant has loads of paperwork prior to funds distribution, and the advanced capital grant has several years of reporting requirements after the funds have been distributed. GATA has allowed agencies to go back several years due to supply issues.

2. Recruitment & Retention Grants:

Staff received almost 100 applications seeking \$20 million in requests, we have approved 75 of the applications with only \$10 million to spend.

3. NIBIN Grants:

Staff received 16 applications seeking \$1.5 million in awards. Since there is \$4 million available, staff hopes to have funds out by the end of the week.

V. NEW BUSINESS

None

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Nugent, seconded by Escamilla, and carried by all members present to adjourn the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

