

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

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

Regency O'Fallon, 400 Regency Park, O'Fallon, Illinois 62269

September 10, 2025
3:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The September 10, 2025 Joint Finance & Legislative and Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Richard Watson.

II. ROLL CALL ~ ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Roll was called by Michelle Mlinar, and a quorum of voting members was not established.

Members in Attendance:

Richard Watson

Designees in Attendance:

Elias Voulgaris for Mariyana Spyropoulos

Members Absent:

John Idleburg

Brendan Kelly

Kwame Raoul

Sean Smoot

III. FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. Financial Items ~ Courtney Bott

Bott stated the FY26 Expenditures through August 21, 2025 could be found in the first table under Tab E. As of August 21st, the Board has spent about \$4M of the FY26 budget. The Cash Flow Analysis of Funds and a recap of FY25 was presented. The Board spent roughly \$48.8M of its budget for FY25.

Bott reported the grant fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. Recruitment & Retention Grant: staff awarded roughly \$6.7M to 59 agencies. NIBIN Grant: staff awarded almost \$1.8M to 20 agencies. Camera Grant: staff awarded roughly \$3.2M to 125 agencies. NIBIN and Recruitment & Retention were not allocated any funds for FY26. Bott did note the unused money for FY25 camera grants was rolled into FY26 funds, and staff will continue to work with 33 the agencies to award an additional \$2M. Bott also noted staff has been working with IT to update the grant section of the website. Staff is working with GATU and Amplifund to offer live trainings to grantees for FY26 to bridge the knowledge gap.

Motion was made by Voulgaris, seconded by Michael Jackson (sitting for Idleburg), and carried by all members present to recommend the fiscal report to the Full Board for approval.

FY26 In-Service Spending Approval: Bott stated on June 16, 2025 the Budget bill was signed into law, and the Board was awarded roughly \$20M in appropriations to spend on In-Service training. The breakdown is as follows; Bott is asking for the FY26 In-Service spending to be recommended for approval by the Board.

Mobile Training Units	\$11,501,087.93
Executive Institute	\$3,500,000.00
Crisis Intervention Team Trainings	\$2,100,000.00
School Resource Officer Trainings	\$695,000.00
Lead Homicide Investigator Trainings	\$642,000.00
Chicago Police Department In-Service	\$400,000.00
Illinois Computer Crime Institute	\$250,000.00
Professional Association Trainings/Support/Memberships	\$100,000.00
Total	\$19,188,087.93

Motion was made by Michael Jackson (sitting for Idleburg), seconded by Voulgaris, and carried by all members present to recommend the FY26 In-Service Spending to the Full Board for approval.

B. Personnel Matters & DEIA Report ~ Ellen Petty

Petty noted her report can be found under Tab F in the Board book. Petty stated that six individuals have been hired since the June Board meeting, and there are eight hiring sequences currently in process. She expects to have ten additional employees onboarded by the December meeting. Petty described the Small Agency Response Team and how our agency is utilizing that service offered by CMS.

C. Legislative and Litigation Update ~ John Keigher

Keigher's legislative update is as follows. The bills listed below have now been signed into law:

- SB 1491 is now Public Act 104-106: This act allows the Board to offer special certification to CIT officers and co-responders who utilize therapy canines in their work. It ensures the canines and handlers will meet minimum standards, and they may be called out for mutual aid in times of crisis. Staff is working with experts to develop these standards and drafting them as administrative rules.
- SB 1195 is now Public Act 104-84: This ensures that "trauma informed" practices are introduced at the basic academy and included in the in-service mandates. It also requires the sexual assault investigators course to include provisions regarding identifying conflicts of interest and options to address them. The Executive Institute is already working on curriculum revisions to address these requirements.
- SB 1953 is now Public Act 104-158: This revises the background checks required for new hires. It requires candidates to release all prior employment records and

requires past employers to attest to a candidate's fitness for duty. It creates specific law enforcement exceptions to the Personal Record Review Act and creates a liability exemption for agencies disclosing information in good faith. This bill did not create any new mandates for the Board; however, staff is adjusting the appointment forms to ensure that these steps are followed.

- SB 2323 is now Public Act 104-159: This is a human trafficking bill that adds definitions for trauma and trauma informed responses to the Police Training Act. It requires the Board to update existing sexual assault and human trafficking courses to include trauma informed screening procedures developed with independent service providers. It also requires each agency to develop policies on human trafficking investigation procedures. The Illinois State Police has already provided some guidance on these new requirements, and the Executive Institute is exploring curriculum revisions to accommodate these changes.

Keigher then briefly mentioned the five litigation cases. The employment contract case is in the discovery phase. The wrongful termination case is waiting on a revised demand. In the FOIA case, cross motions for summary judgment are pending. The IROCC case has had no activity for over a year, so staff is seeking an official dismissal, and in the Human Rights case all complaints have been dismissed based upon the original complaint, and staff is awaiting possible appeals.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SAFE-T Act Update ~ John Keigher

Keigher reported the Certification Review Panel recently held a meeting. They are taking steps to start assigning cases for hearings. Staff has also been working with the Illinois Justice Project which is heading an implementation task force established by the legislature. Staff has participated in their subcommittee meetings on body cameras, the decertification process, Use of Force trainings and the mandatory verification process.

V. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Michael Jackson (sitting for Idleburg), seconded by Voulgaris, and carried by all members present to adjourn the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

