

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

**DOUBLETREE COLLINSVILLE - COLLINSVILLE, ILLINOIS
MARCH 2, 2016**

I. ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

The meeting was held at the Doubletree Collinsville in Collinsville, Illinois and was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Vice Chairman Patrick Hartshorn. Roll call was taken by John Keigher and a quorum was established.

Executive Committee Members present:

Patrick Hartshorn, Vice Chair
John Schlaf
Richard Watson
Tim Gleason
Jan Noble

Financial & Legislative Committee Members present:

Patrick Hartshorn, Chair
Richard Watson
Lisa Madigan, represented by Cameron Eugenis
Jan Noble

Executive Committee Members absent:

Valerie Salmons, Chair

Financial & Legislative Committee Members absent:

Valerie Salmons, Vice Chair
Dorothy Brown

Staff Members present:

Brent Fischer, Executive Director
Laura Baker, Administrative Assistant
Cora Beem, Manager of Mandated Training
Lennora Burnom, Program Manager/Curriculum Liaison
Jon Elder, Application Development Coordinator
Pat Hahn, Manager of In-Service Training
John Keigher, Legal Counsel
John Krein, Chief Fiscal Officer

Lee Ryker, Police Training Specialist
Dan Sluga, Information Technology Manager
Jennifer Wooldridge, Manager of Operations and Special Projects

Others present:

Deb Alms, Director, Mobile Team Unit #2
Thomas Beyna, Chicago Police Department
Bob Brislan, Wicklander-Zulawski
Chris Campbell, Illinois State Police
Jeffrey Chapman, Chicago Police Department/Training Division
Allyson Clark-Henson, Chicago Police Department
Mark Edwards, Director, Mobile Team Unit #12
Doug Fargher, Director, Mobile Team Unit #1
Richard Fonck, Director, Mobile Team Unit #16
Mark Gleason, Mobile Team Unit #10
David Hayes, Director, Mobile Team Unit #14
Kenton Manning, Mobile Team Unit #10, IROCC
Len Mendoza, Director, Mobile Team Unit #4
Michael Missey, St. Clair County Correctional Academy
Vicki Munson, Mobile Team Unit #4
Pat Murphy, Illinois State Police
Van Muschler, Southwestern Illinois University Police Academy
Terry Newbill, Director, Mobile Team Unit #13
Susan Nichols, ILETSB Executive Institute
Mike Norrington, Director, Mobile Team #15
Mike Oyer, Director, Mobile Team Unit #7
Ellen Petty, Director, Mobile Team Unit #10
Eric Pingolt, Director, Mobile Team Unit #9
Beth Pinter, Director, Mobile Team Unit #5
Ellen Todroff, Mobile Team Unit #15
Paul Williams, ILETSB

II. FINANCIAL AND EXECUTIVE MATTERS

- A. Financial Matters FY16
 - 1. Fiscal Information (FY16 Through February 11, 2016)
 - a. TACCSF Receipts
 - b. TACCSF Balance
 - c. Projected Academy Enrollments

John Krein provided a report on FY16 matters and explained the materials in the handout.

Motion was made by Schlaf, seconded by Watson and carried by all members present to approve FY16 Fiscal Report.

2. FY17 Introduced Budget

John reported on the FY17 Governor-introduced budget, highlighting portions pertaining to body cameras and increased fees.

B. Staff and Personnel Issues

Director Fischer introduced Jon Elder, Application Development Coordinator, and let the Committee know that there are two clerical positions that are now available to be filled.

C. Legislative and Litigation Update

John Keigher gave the following Litigation Report:

We are still monitoring the pending case of *Henrichs v. the Board* which involves four Cook County Deputies who have been denied IROCC cards. As I had mentioned at the last meeting, all of the State claims have been dismissed and the case was refiled in federal court. The Attorney General's team has recently filed a motion to dismiss based on several technicalities, one of which is the precedent established under the previous case of *Moore v. Trent*. Arguments are not expected to occur until May; therefore, we hope to have more to report at our next meeting.

John then gave the following Legislative Report.

This year we are watching several bills that affect the Board and the law enforcement community generally. These include measures to prohibit the destruction of any police disciplinary or misconduct records, bills requiring police recordings to be preserved, and bills that expand police powers to unconventional departments. Regarding firearms, we have seen several bills that allow correctional officers to carry weapons while off duty, civilian training exemptions for military personnel, and provisions to allow civilians to carry stun guns and Tasers. Specifically, on Tasers, there are measures to require each officer to carry a Taser, or equip each police vehicle with similar device. This falls in line with other legislation that clearly pushes police officers to use non-lethal alternatives.

We're also watching several bills that have the potential to negatively impact the surcharge fund. These include measures to decriminalize certain cannabis crimes, new fees that would effectively cap the amounts collected by mail-in citations, and provisions that would allow speeding tickets to be adjudicated locally outside of the court system. If any of these appear to move forward we will prepare notes in opposition and seek amendments that preserve our anticipated funding stream.

As to mandates specifically on the Board, I want to mention the following:

HB 4349 – Requires the Board to develop model rules mandating psychological exams for all police officers, which must be renewed every 5 years.

- HB 4359 – Mandates that the Board’s annual Chief’s training must include training on FOID cards and firearm investigations in the annual Chiefs training
- HB 4615 - Requires the Board to develop a model policy and a course of instruction on pursuit driving instructions which requires light activation, radio dispatch, and crash avoidance.
- HB 5538 – Requires the Board to develop basic and in-service trainings to address the psychological elements of domestic violence issues. The Board must work with local community organizations to formulate training. Agencies are required to provide this training to new recruits and every 5 years thereafter.
- HB 5781 – Requires the Board to adopt rules and minimum standards for agencies that allow officers to dispose of medications upon investigating a death. It also requires any medications so seized to be disposed of properly if not needed for evidence or further investigation.
- HB 6135 – Mandates that the Board shall adopt protocols and guidelines for agencies investigating a complaint or allegation of sexual assault by a law enforcement employee. This report must be submitted to an independent agency for investigation and recommendation of removal, discharge or suspension.
- HB 6205 – Creates a system for licensing. It establishes a process in which the Board can entertain complaints of verified policy violations, refer them to an investigative task force, and issue revocation upon recommendation. This is identical to previous versions.
- SB 2346 – Adds an 8-hour requirement to BLE for cellphone crimes and sexting. We are happy to report that we’ve already worked with the sponsor on an amendment that would remove the hour requirement and make this a simple addition to the basic curriculum.
- SB 2392 – First, this bill requires the Board to develop model rules for the use of Tasers, and other electronic non-lethal devices which must be present in every police vehicle. It allows Board to make grants to agencies for the purchase of such devices, but does not create a source of funding. Second, this bill also requires CIT for all officers and includes CIT in the required elements of annual and 3-year required in-service. It even adds domestic violence issues to CIT training. We plan to reach out to the sponsor and let her know that this runs contrary to national recommendations.
- SB 2878 – Requires the Board to conduct or approve a training program to teach police how to recognize the signs of an allergic reaction and use an epi-pen. It allows officers to receive, carry, and use an epi pen without liability.

SB 2976 – Allows the Board to issue additional time for an officer to complete part-time training if the officer previously served as a full or part time officer. Maximum is 3 years from initial hire date.

Report on the Commission on Police Professionalism

One of the many requirements of SB 1304, in addition to establishing a framework for using body cameras, was the creation of a special task force to explore areas of police professionalism. This Commission on Police Professionalism has been officially convened and has met three times already last month. While specifically charged to examine areas of training, licensing and auxiliary badges, the focus so far has been on disciplinary options at the state and local level for conduct falling below the threshold of decertification.

From the discussions, it's clear that Senator Kwame Raoul would like to explore options utilized in other states that address issues of misconduct in light of instances that have come to his attention. To assist this body, we've shared our research on this topic and done a little bit more to update our running files on this topic. Thankfully, the deadline for submitting a report with recommendations is being extended from April to October so that we will be able to work on these issues over the summer.

So far, this commission has been very supportive of the Board and thanked us for quickly implementing the "Professional Conduct Database" required under SB 1304 effective at the beginning of this year. While we have only received a handful of reports so far, we developed an initial protocol for processing reports and established an electronic and physical filing system to ensure we comply with the requirements.

We hope that this good relationship continues as the commission moves forward with its work and will report back to the Board with its progress at our next meeting.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

None

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Noble and carried by all members present for adjournment at 4:20 p.m.