

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

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

President Abraham Lincoln Springfield Hotel, 701 E Adams Street, Springfield, IL
March 15, 2017

I. ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

The March 15, 2017 meeting of the Joint Finance, Legislative, and Executive Committee was held in Springfield, Illinois, and was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Tim Gleason. Roll was called by Ellen Petty and a quorum was established.

Members Present:

Tim Gleason
Pat Hartshorn
Jan Noble
Valerie Salmons
John Schlaf
Richard Watson
Cameron Eugenis

Members Absent:

Dorothy Brown

Staff Present:

Eric Pingolt, Deputy Director
John Keigher, Chief Counsel
Ellen Petty, Personal Assistant to the Executive Director
Dan Sluga, Chief Information Technology Manager
Pat Hahn, Manager of In-Service Training (ASSIST Program)
Denise Matthew, Grant Accountant
Lennora Burnom, Program Manager & Curriculum Liaison
Laura Baker, Administrative Assistant & Certification Exam Coordinator
Kevin Baxter, Field Representative
Lee Ryker, Field Representative

Guests:

Len Mendoza, Mobile Team Unit 4
Tom Reasoner, Mobile Team Unit 3
Ray Cordell, Suburban Law Enforcement Academy
Tom Beyna, Chicago P.D.
Allyson Clark-Henson, Chicago P.D.
Brian Fengel, Bartonville P.D.
Mark Edwards, Mobile Team Unit 12
Vicki Munson, Mobile Team Unit 4
Bob Brislan, Wicklander-Zulawski
Mike Norrington, Mobile Team Unit 15

Chuck Doan, Mobile Team Unit 15
Michele Dyer, Mobile Team Unit 15
Michael Missey, St. Clair County Sheriff's Academy
Van Muschler, Southwestern Illinois College Academy
Jeffrey Chapman, Chicago P.D.
Mike Oyer, Mobile Team Unit 7
Beth Pinter, Mobile Team Unit 5
Deb Alms, Mobile Team Unit 2
Terri Newbill, Mobile Team Unit 13
Tod Dowdy, Mobile Team Unit 9
Penny Abbott, Mobile Team Unit 9
Jill Ward, Mobile Team Unit 9
Doug Fargher, Mobile Team Unit 1
Susan Nichols, ILETSB Executive Institute
Joann Kurt-Hilditch, ILETSB Executive Institute
Richard Fonck, Mobile Team Unit 16

II. FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. Financial Items

1. Fiscal Information through February 28, 2017
 - a. TACCSF Receipts
 - b. TACCSF Balance
2. FY18 Budget

Denise Matthew gave the verbal report of the tables and charts included in Tab F of the Board book, in place of John Krein, who had to attend an appropriation hearing at the Capitol with Director Fischer at 4:00 p.m. She also went over the FY18 proposed appropriation by fund, noting that the only increases proposed are in the retirement and ERP costs. She explained that ERP is the State's Enterprise Resource Planning project to modernize and integrate finance, human resources and administrative systems through adoption of a single, modern, integrated IT platform. The amount of this increase represents our agency's share of the overall cost of the program for the state.

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

B. Legislative and Litigation Update

John Keigher began by mentioning that the March Board meeting coincides with the Spring legislative session, which is the reason why many of the Board staff are not able to be present for this meeting, as they were required to attend the house appropriations committee meeting at the Capitol. He then indicated that he will try to keep his report brief, as he must head over to attend the meeting as well.

Regarding legislation, the Spring session is moving quickly at this point, and the Board is watching several bills as committee deadlines approach. Proposals for new training mandates are down slightly from years past but we are keeping our eye on SB 1410 requiring special courses for cell-phone and cyber-crimes, as well as HB 2858 which

would require 20 hours of training in “race relations” for all new officers. Also, we expect that HB 375 will add “mental health awareness” to the list of tri-annual mandates.

Police reform bills continue to generate interest and we are watching HB 270 which requires the Board to create guidelines for investigations of sexual assault by an officer, HB 3340 requiring the Board to create rules to train officers to recognize implicit bias, and HB 3183 which requires officers to be added to the misconduct database if disciplined.

Also, the Board is watching a handful of bills that would modify the fee collections of the surcharge fund. Like last year, we are facing a challenge from the trucking industry to reduce the calculations currently in place for overweight fines. We hope to open a discussion with the proponents to hold off the significant changes proposed in HB 3343 & SB 1518. Nevertheless, the Board has been invited to participate in the negotiations of HB 2591, which would create an entirely new fee system in place of the surcharge fund. While the first version of this bill deleted the surcharge fund altogether, we are confident that the voices of the law enforcement and the fire service communities will be heard. If we get to a point where public support is required, we will likely send an email to the MTUs and get the word out.

HB 3106 comes from the Supreme Court Marshals and clarifies that they have full police powers and brings them under the PTB system. It has been a pleasure to work with them over the past few months, and we are happy that they reached out to the Board early in the process.

Finally, HB 3338 is the Board’s initiative, which will tighten up the decertification process and give the Board a few more tools to address unqualified officers. These were recommendations of the reform commission that met last year. This also gives the Board the chance to clean up some of its own language to better manage the Decatur facility and improve agency and police professionalism. Again, if public support becomes necessary, we will reach out to the MTUs.

The only litigation to report is *Henrichs v. Board*. This is the federal case involving Cook County Court Services officers who are seeking an IROCC card. This case was recently reassigned to a new judge who immediately wanted to remand it back to State court to resolve certain questions of law. The plaintiffs have until the end of this month to object to this removal. If they do, our team will have some time to respond and it will be up for status in the middle of April.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. PTI Update

John Schlaf gave a brief verbal update on PTI, noting that three main areas were discussed in the meeting earlier that day, and they were construction, preliminary agreement with Western, and an update on the University of Illinois with regard to PTI. There will be a more lengthy report given to the full Board at its meeting the following

morning. He pointed out that the photos taken at the construction site were playing on the screen during the meeting actually shows the progress, which is coming along nicely.

B. Howard Buffett Foundation Update

This update was tabled until the full Board meeting the following day due to Director Fischer's absence necessitated by an appropriation hearing at the Capitol.

C. Direct Tuition Reimbursement

John Keigher gave a verbal update on the direct tuition reimbursement contracts. Board staff is taking a good hard look at the direct tuition system to see how it can be made more applicable to all of the academies across the state. There is a bit of a complication with the new Comptroller and changes to the payment process and how payments are to be coded. Currently, we are getting notices nearly weekly of these changes. We will continue to modify our language to ensure that it is done properly. We hope to be able to have a draft in place soon, as soon as the changes are completed.

D. Body Camera Guidelines

John Keigher reported that Director Fischer has put together a task force to discuss body camera guidelines to include some Board members and some stakeholders including Chiefs, Sheriffs, IL State Police, and that a meeting of this task force will be scheduled soon. As soon as we get some input and feedback from the stakeholders, we can put together the formal guidelines. Salmons inquired about the committee that the State put together about two years ago to discuss this and other public safety issues, and if they have continued to meet and concluded anything. Keigher responded, saying that committee hasn't met since about this time last year, but they did some good work when they met. The Board is implementing some of the suggestions that came from them. Nevertheless, he spoke with Representative Sims yesterday, to inquire about if that committee will be revisited, and Sims indicated his position was that the police reform committee has not resolved all of the problems and he would be interested in putting that group back together to see if they could move things forward. The body camera group assembled actually incorporates some of those individuals as well.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

V. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input from anyone in attendance.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Hartshorn, and carried by all members present to adjourn the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

