

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

Hilton Chicago/Oak Brook Hills Resort & Conference Center  
3500 Midwest Road, Oak Brook, Illinois 60523

**December 4, 2024**  
**3:00 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The December 4, 2024 Joint Finance & Legislative and Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Sean Smoot at 3:00 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL ~ ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Roll was called by Michelle Mlinar, and a quorum of voting members was established during the recertification of academy courses when another designee arrived.

**Members in Attendance:**

Sean Smoot  
John Idleburg  
Brendan Kelly  
Tim Nugent  
J.W Price  
Richard Watson

**Designees in Attendance:**

John Carroll for Kwame Raoul

**III. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**A. Financial Items ~ Stormie DeJaynes for Steven Pingolt**

DeJaynes stated the FY25 expenditures through November 15, 2024 and the cash flow analysis of funds could be found under Tab F in the Board book. Since the quarterly report was completed there has been an additional \$750,000 in bills paid out to date. DeJaynes noted there are no budget issues.

**Motion was made by Nugent, seconded by Watson, and carried by all members present to approve the fiscal report as presented.**

**B. Personnel Matters & DEIA Report ~ Ellen Petty**

Petty noted her report could be found under Tab G in the Board book. Staff is currently working on the bargaining unit rights positions that include the Payroll/Timekeeper position, two Certification Specialists, the GATA/GATU Unit Supervisor and six GATA/GATU Specialists. If there are no applicants with rights, then these positions will go to interviews. Petty stated interviews for the Assistant Fiscal & Chief Accountability officer will begin this week, and an offer will be made to the Public Information Officer tomorrow. Three new HR, two new Assistant

Certification Counsel positions (Sangamon and Cook County), and a Special Projects Policy Advisor position will be posted soon. Petty also mentioned she recently attended a Labor Relations meeting, and the takeaway was to expect a hiring freeze in late January or early February.

C. Legislative and Litigation Update ~ John Keigher

Keigher mentioned the legislative veto session wrapped up last week, and there were no bills of interest pertaining to the Board. He noted staff continues to watch the Hate Crimes Bill to see if it moves. Staff continues to work on the seven drafts for next session. Keigher stated there are no updates on litigation, all cases are still in their last status.

Director Brendan Kelly arrived and was added to roll.

#### **IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. SAFE-T Act Update ~ John Keigher

Keigher stated staff is adding new attorneys, and therefore the Board is getting closer to conducting Administrative Hearings. Since the last Board meeting there have been three meetings conducted around the Administrative Rules for the Administrative Hearings. Staff received over 90 public comments pertaining to those rules and are awaiting the mediator report before moving forward. There is a draft revision of the rules included in the Board book under Tab I. Keigher expects a few minimal changes from the JCAR office and intends to ask for a motion to approve tomorrow so staff can move forward. The draft does include the reasonable and acceptable changes, including but not limited to, following standard of notice processes, redefining the relationship with the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), providing more time for pre-trial conferences, making sure police reports are not automatically admissible, and making sure the ALJ gives a decision in 60 days. Staff is currently working on the second notice filing, which is required through JCAR, and will be the public notice of the changes made. Chairman Smoot noted that staff went to significant lengths to ensure all parties involved were notified of the public meeting and invited to participate to give input into these rules.

B. Grant Updates ~ John Keigher

Keigher reported all three grants are now open for the FY25 cycle; NIBIN for \$2 MM, Camera Grants are currently at \$30 MM, and the Recruitment and Retention grant is at \$6.5 MM. He noted staff was able to accommodate the BIMP agreement to allow for more advanced funding options. It was noted the reporting requirements are more involved for the advanced funding option verses the reimbursement option.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Officer Reimbursement Agreements ~ John Keigher

Keigher stated staff is still reviewing issues involving agencies which require officers to sign reimbursement agreements. The issue which caused this review was settled out of court, however staff is waiting on some opinions from the Department of Labor regarding these types of officer and employee contracts. Keigher asked to table this discussion until the opinions are received.

B. Academy Tuition Increase ~ John Keigher for Cheryllynn Williams

Keigher stated staff has been reviewing evidence of increased costs of supplies and services from the academy directors requesting a tuition increase. After review, staff concluded a 10% increase to all academies would be recommended. There were additional funds added to the Cook County Sheriffs Office as they have not taken any of the past several increases.

**Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Carroll, and carried by all members present, with Brendan Kelly recusing himself, to approve John Keigher’s report which includes the Academy tuition increase as presented.**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Nugent, and carried by all members present to adjourn the meeting at 3:18 p.m.**

