

**ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND STANDARDS BOARD**  
500 S. 9<sup>th</sup> 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 5, 2025**  
**3:00 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The March 5, 2025 Joint Finance & Legislative and Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Sean Smoot.

**II. ROLL CALL - ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

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

**Members in Attendance:**

Sean Smoot  
J.W. Price  
Richard Watson

**Members Absent:**

John Idleburg  
Tim Nugent  
Kwame Raoul

**Designees in Attendance:**

Malissa Feld for Brendan Kelly

**III. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

A. Financial Items ~ Courtney Bott for Steven Pingolt

Bott noted Tab F contains the FY25 expenditures and cash flow analysis through March 4, 2025. She stated the Board has consumed about 40% of its appropriated budget for the year. The Governor's proposed budget was included under Tab F, the most notable changes for the upcoming fiscal year is NIBIN and Recruitment and Retention grant lines items have been zeroed out. It was also noted that the Traffic and Criminal Conviction Surcharge fund has been reduced for FY26 due to cash flow issues.

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

B. Personnel Matters ~ Ellen Petty

Petty stated her report can be found under Tab G in the Board book. Staff headcount is currently up to 47 employees with an additional person starting on March 16<sup>th</sup>. She

then introduced new members of the staff. Petty stated all transactions have been entered into Employee Central, staff is awaiting CMS approval. She also mentioned that an employee who has been on a leave of absence since August 2024 has returned to work.

C. Legislative and Litigation Update ~ John Keigher

Keigher briefly discussed the Board's bills, and the bills staff are watching.

The Board's Bills:

- SB 1491 (Edly-Allen) – Therapy Canines
- HB 2350 (G. Johnson) – Body Cameras for Auxiliary Officers
- HB 2923 (Morgan) – Penalties for Chiefs and Sheriffs Not Reporting Officer Misconduct
- HB 3174 (Gong-Gershowitz) – Statewide Brady List
- SB 2199 (D. Turner) – Waiver Limitations

Bills staff are watching:

- HB 40 (Morgan) - Hate Crimes
- SB 2345 (D. Turner) – Law Enforcement Officer Hiring
- SB 1953 (D. Turner) – New Officer Background Checks
- SB 1921 (D. Turner) & HB 3053 (Mayfield) – Adds 2 Union Members to our Board
- HB 1583 (Tipsword) Retired Officers Can Serve as SROs (Also HB 1346 and SB 2135)
- SB 1195 (Edly-Allen) Requires more “Trauma-Informed” Training
- HB 1567 (Vella) –Squad Car Revolving Loan Program
- SB 1552 (Joyce) – IROCC Fee Limits
- HB 1200 (Bunting) – Creates a Recruitment Division of the Board

## IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. SAFE-T Act Update ~ John Keigher

Keigher noted the Administrative Rules were filed for their second notice in January, after JCAR requested more time after the first notice was filed. The Rules are now on their agenda for the April meeting. It was noted that JCAR has received a few requests for small changes to the Rules, and they are asking for additional time possibly to see what happens in this legislative session. Staff is confident that once the Rules have been approved they are ready to move forward with Administrative Hearings.

Attorney General's Draft Bill: After the third public meeting to discuss the Administrative Rules some concerns may result in a bill that changes the legislation. Staff received a copy of the proposed changes from the Attorney General's office and there are over 50 significant changes. Staff is awaiting a meeting to discuss the Boards concerns.

Discretionary Decertification and Reactivating Hearings: There are several pending cases being prepared for a hearing as soon as the Rules are approved. Staff is in the

process of hiring two new attorneys to work cases, and the Administrative Law Judge procurement posting has been drafted.

Rules for Certification - Including Reciprocity and Legacy Conversions: Once the hearing Rules are completed staff will move forward with the Certification Process Rules, particularly reciprocity.

Discussion followed around the Attorney General's Draft bill and Chairman Smoot asked for a working group to be created around this to work with the AG's office.

B. Grant Update ~ John Keigher

Keigher reported the grant programs are open.

- *Recruitment & Retention Grant* was open from December through February 1<sup>st</sup>, with 190 applications received. There was \$45M requested with \$6.5M allocated, so this will be a full competitive analysis before any awards are distributed.
- *Camera Grant* will remain open until April 1<sup>st</sup>. There are currently 84 applications pending for almost \$5M requested. The appropriation is \$30M. Staff hopes to have everything wrapped up by June 1<sup>st</sup> so awards can be distributed prior to lapse period.
- *NIBIN Grant* has three weeks left. There are nine applications requesting about \$250,000. The appropriation for this grant was \$2M. Keigher noted this grant has been cut from next year's budget.

It was noted the Board does not receive any federal funds for these grants.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

None

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Price, and carried by all members present to adjourn the meeting at 3:36 p.m.**

