

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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
JOINT FINANCE, LEGISLATIVE & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
Swissôtel, 323 E. Upper Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60601  
December 13, 2017**

**I. ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

The December 13, 2017 meeting of the Joint Finance, Legislative & Executive Committee was held in Chicago, Illinois, and was called to order by Chairman Hartshorn at 3:01 p.m. Roll was called by Ellen Petty and a quorum of committee members was established.

Members in attendance:

Pat Hartshorn  
Tim Gleason  
Valerie Salmons  
John Schlaf  
Richard Watson  
Dorothy Brown  
Cordelia Coppleson for Lisa Madigan

Members absent:

None

Staff in attendance:

Brent Fischer  
John Keigher  
John Krein  
Ellen Petty  
Eric Pingolt  
Pat Connolly  
Kelly Griffith  
Pat Hahn  
Dan Sluga  
Denise Matthew  
Jennifer Wooldridge  
Lee Ryker  
Scott Schaefer  
Kevin Baxter  
Lya Ramos  
Jan Allen

Others in attendance:

Robert Nicholas, Suburban Law Enforcement Academy  
Doug Fargher, MTU 1

Tod Dowdy, MTU 9  
Deb Alms, MTU 2  
Penny Abbott, MTU 9  
Jean Swan, MTU 7  
Tom Turek, DRE/SFST Coordinator  
Van Muschler, Southwest Illinois College Academy  
Michael Missey, St. Clair County  
Marie Rangel, Cook County Sheriff's Academy  
Brian Fengel, Bartonville P.D.  
David Hayes, MTU 14  
Scott Williams, MTU 14  
William Strayer, Sangamon County  
Chuck Doan, MTU 15  
Tom Reasoner, MTU 3  
Susie Nichols, Executive Institute  
Joanne Kurt-Hilditch, Executive Institute  
Will Rogers, Executive Institute  
Cherrise Hutchinson, Chicago P.D.  
Jeffrey Chapman, Chicago P.D.  
Greg Elliott, MTU 5  
Bob Brislan, Wicklander-Zulawski  
Kevin Koontz, MTU 12  
Mark Edwards, MTU 12  
Bob Crouch, MTU 10  
Robert Siron, MTU 8  
John Bennett, MTU 13  
Terri Newbill, MTU 13  
Amber Shaffer, MTU 4  
Len Mendoza, MTU 4

## **II. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **A. Financial Items**

1. FY18 Fiscal Information
  - a. TACCSF Receipts
  - b. TACCSF Balance
  - c. Projected Academy Enrollments

John Krein reported to the Committee members FY18 Quarterly Fiscal information as of November 13, 2017 was contained in Tab F of the Board books.

Page 1 of the report shows receipts for the last 4 full fiscal years and the first four months of FY17. The dark square is the monthly receipt level, and the lighter diamond is the yearly average. Since preparation of this report, final November receipts have been processed by the State Treasurer's office. Using the first 5 months of FY18 as a guide, receipts should be approximately \$18.4 Million, a \$700,000 increase over FY17.

Page 3 shows the fund balance since FY13. The dark square is the daily balance, and the solid black line is the August 31<sup>st</sup> balance, which for FY17 is adjusted to reflect the longer lapse period, which is used as a measurement of funds by budget and audit staff. The October 31, 2017 balance, the last day on the report, was \$1.04 Million, and the Monday balance was \$1.8 Million. This reflects the October 23, 2017 fund sweep of \$638,100.

Page 5 shows projected academy enrollments. While the change to the 560-hour curriculum has increased costs, it has also reduced the number of offerings an academy can offer each fiscal year. Specifically, with the 12-week, 480-hour course, an academy can offer four courses a year with a week between each course. In contrast, with the 14-week, 560-hour course, keeping a week between courses, an academy would only be able to conduct 3 ½ courses.

**Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Brown, and carried by all members present to approve the projected academy enrollments.**

## 2. 2018 Academy Tuition Rates

Krein went on to reference a handout on FY18 Basic Tuitions that were approved by the Executive Committee back at their June special meeting. Keigher went on to explain that a 20% increase was approved for the full-time academies to accommodate the extra hours of training under the new curriculum. In October, the academies were advised that if they wished to pursue a greater increase in tuition, they should advise. Only one academy responded, which was Cook County. Board staff put them in touch with Sikich group to do a brief fiscal review. After working together, we were able to come up with a revised tuition, which is fair. While there was not time to do a full review, we did the best with what time was available to us. He believes everyone is in approval with the numbers presented to the Board, and this is an ongoing process, so the total issue of total tuition review may be picked up again in the future.

**Motion was made by Salmons, seconded by Schlaf, and carried by all members present to approve the 2018 academy tuition amounts.**

## 3. FY17 Reimbursements

After the green page, is the FY17 Basic Law Enforcement and County Corrections reimbursement detail. The Law Enforcement Training category is adjusted to eliminate double counting related to direct pay. The last page indicates the total for each category and the combined total.

The Board has received FY17 audits for the MTUs, and while not all are final, they provide preliminary data showing MTU hours of instruction increased approximately 11%, total officers trained increased approximately 50%, and cost per training man-hour decreased approximately 10%.

4. Public Accountability Report
5. FY15-FY17 TACCSF Receipts

The next two items are the Board's submission to the Illinois Office of the Comptroller for their FY17 Public Accountability Report, and TCCSF Receipts for FY15-FY17. Both are presented for the Board's information.

## 6. FY19 Fiscal Information

We have not received any FY19 information thus far.

### B. Legislative and Litigation Update

**Dobbey v. ILETSB** - John Keigher stated that there was not much new to report. The case of Dobbey v. ILETSB was the FOIA case filed by a Will County Jail inmate. The case was dismissed on November 30<sup>th</sup> because the request was for records that the Board did not possess.

**Heinrichs v. ILETSB** - We are still watching the case of Heinrichs v. ILETSB, the case involving IROCC and the Cook County officers who are seeking entry into the program. It has a new judge and we are awaiting that judge's decision as to whether that case should stay in federal court or get sent back to state court. December 18<sup>th</sup> is the next status date scheduled for that case. If there is a substantive development on the case, the Board will be advised.

As for legislation, there is not much to report because the veto session was very quiet with nothing particular involving law enforcement. We do expect that the fee reform bill that we watched very closely and worked on last year may be re-filed again by Rep. Anderson. We aren't sure what support there is for it, but several of the parties that were involved were able to get together and do some of the homework and leg-work that needed to be done. But obviously any bill which seeks to eliminate the surcharge fund as well as other state fees would topple several state programs. If that bill looks like it's going to move, we will bring it to the Board's attention, and the MTUs as well.

We expect Rep. Sims to explore some use of force issues that were left off last session. It is good to know that he wants the Board and the law enforcement community to work with him and participate in discussions as we see national trends on that garnering a lot of interest.

Finally, there will be a much more substantive report to give in March. However, it's an odd legislative session where the bulk of deadlines and committee meetings won't even occur until April. Therefore, April and June may be when we are looking at the bulk of legislation this next session.

### C. Personnel Updates

Director Fischer stated that there was nothing new to report at this time.

## III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### A. Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center Academy Update

Fischer gave a brief update of the activities which have taken place since we gained possession of the facility. Sheriff Watson allowed us to bring his Basic Correctional Academy up to the facility in October, and that went very well. It was a good trial run for the facility, with 27 graduating from the 5-week course. The academy was able to work some kinks out and learn some lessons which will be valuable going forward. They will continue working on those issues as they pop up. The week after Thanksgiving, a CIT course was held at the facility through MTU 10 with nothing but positive things to report about the facility with that class. January 8<sup>th</sup> will be the start of the first 560-hour basic law enforcement course, and then after that 14-week session, there will be a Drug Recognition Expert class held there for 2 weeks. The new Academy Director and Deputy Director are working daily to prep for the January course, which is why they were not able to break away for these meetings, and they will continue working through the holidays to finalize instructor schedules. There has been a lot of help given and offered to aid in the progress, and it has been much appreciated.

#### B. Direct Tuition Reimbursement Update

Keigher reported that we have signed a direct tuition agreement with the University of Illinois, and are close to signing an agreement with SLEA, as it is expected to be approved by their Board tomorrow. We have a draft of an agreement out to SWIC, which we do not anticipate to be problematic, and we are working on an agreement for Richland, so hopefully all of them that have not been signed will be put into effect before the next BLE classes begin.

#### C. Body Cameras Update

Keigher advised that he would be giving a full chronological report of every step we have taken that has gotten us to this point, but he's happy to briefly report that we got the results of our survey back a couple of months ago and we held another focus group meeting last month to go over the results and get final feedback from the law enforcement community as to how the Board should move forward. Beginning in January, we hope to have all of our state documentation taken care of, then agencies can begin submitting for reimbursement grants. In March and April, we can start addressing the agencies that are purchasing cameras now that they know we have a grant program in place to do it.

#### D. PTBLE Program Update

Patrick Connolly addressed the Committee briefly, reporting that there are 6 academies currently planning to offer a PTBLE course in 2018. Classes will be staggered somewhat to allow for entry options around the state – so there will be chances to begin from early January through March. The working group has been working to move this progress forward and he is pleased that things are moving in the right direction. A motion will be needed at tomorrow's meeting to approve the updated policies and procedures for the program.

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Schlaf, and carried by all members present to adjourn the meeting at 3:21 p.m.**

