

ILLINOIS STATE POLICE MERIT BOARD

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING – October 21, 2011

Present were John Rednour, Board Chairman; Ken Schloemer, Board Secretary; Arthur J. Smith, Board Member; Jim Riley, Board Member; Ronald Cooley, Executive Director and Julie Webster, Human Resource Specialist. Board Member Richard Joutras was unable to attend. The meeting was held at the office of the Illinois State Police Merit Board, Springfield, Illinois.

Also in attendance was Director's Chief of Staff Tim Becker, Illinois State Police; Ms. Barbara Fritsche, counsel for Illinois State Police Merit Board, Suzanne Bond, Legal Counsel, Illinois State Police; John Hosteny, ISP Legal office; Nicholas Kondelis, ISP Legal office; Lt. Bill Colbrook, ISP EEO office; Master Sergeant Robert Firestein, ISP Directors office & teamsters representative; Master Sergeant Isaiah Vega, Public Information Office; Special Agent Matthew Boerwinkle, Public Information Office.

Chairman Rednour opened the meeting at 10:00 AM.

He reminded everyone that the meeting was being recorded for ease in writing the minutes.

The following minutes were approved:

July 8, 2011 – 2nd Quarter Merit Board Meeting

The following officers were elected:

Chairman ~ John Rednour
Secretary ~ Kenneth Schloemer

Mr. Ron Cooley reported there are 63 cadets in their 10th week at the Academy in Cadet Class 119 and their graduation date is February 10. There are no testing dates scheduled at this time for Recruitment. We do have 2160 applicants waiting on our website for testing notifications.

Mr. Cooley reported the week of September 26-30, we conducted Promotional Testing to Lieutenant and Captain Candidates. He also mentioned this year we combined the Promotional Job Knowledge Exam and Assessment Exercise into one testing day. The Job Knowledge Exam was conducted on the computer in a multiple choice format and the Assessment Exercise consisted of a written item that was typed on the computer, along with a live Presentation and a compilation of 4 Structured Oral Interview Questions. It was a successful event with 43 Captain Candidates participating and 142 Lieutenant Candidates participating. We have received positive feedback on the new testing structure. Staff is working on the scoring process with hopes to deliver a certification list on December 1, 2011.

Mr. Cooley announced the 2012 Quarterly Board Dates, which are January 27, 2012 in Chicago, April 20, 2012, in Springfield, July 20, 2012 in Chicago and October 19, 2012 in Springfield. He also mentioned these meeting dates are subject to change based on calendar conflicts.

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The Board voted to go out of Open session and go into closed session.

The Board discussed the Joint Motion to Dismiss in the Trooper Michael Rinaldo matter.

The Board discussed Joint Motion for a Decision of the Merit Board in the Special Agent Timothy Brown matter.

The Board discussed the Joint Motion for a Decision of the Merit Board in the Trooper Brandi Yocum matter.

Ron updated the Board on Capitol Business.

Ron updated the Board on the status of the Recertification of Ms. Aneta Barton. Mr. Cooley mentioned he had chaired a few meetings and that the department had initially supported her to come back until they reviewed her background and realized major discrepancies within her current DII report. ISP did not want to invest anymore time and money in Ms. Barton. Mr. Art Smith wanted to be sure Ms. Barton was getting a fair and equitable process. He asked for a review of our Recertification Policy and asked to review documents from ISP. Ms. Barbara Fritsche explained our Recertification Policy and that all decisions on Recertification would be made by the Merit Board. Cooley mentioned we were waiting to receive paperwork packet from ISP regarding this issue and would forward it to each Board Member as soon as we received it and would discuss matter at our next meeting.

Julie updated the Board on the Disciplinary report.

The Board discussed keeping July 8, 2011 closed meeting minutes confidential.

The Board voted to go out of Closed Session and return to Open Session.

The Board voted unanimously to accept the Joint Motion to Dismiss based on Trooper Renaldo's resignation.

The Board voted to accept the Joint Motion for Decision in the Special Agent Timothy Brown matter and suspends Special Agent Timothy Brown for 60 days according to the settlement agreement by both parties.

The Board voted to accept the Joint Motion for a Decision in the Trooper Brandi Yocum matter and suspends Trooper Brandi Yocum for a period of 100 days according to the settlement agreement by both parties.

The Board voted to maintain the confidentiality of the minutes and records of the closed meeting held on July 8, 2011.

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.


Ken Schloemer, Secretary