

ILLINOIS STATE POLICE MERIT BOARD

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING – July 8, 2011

Present were John Rednour, Board Chairman; Ken Schloemer, Board Secretary; Arthur J. Smith, Board Member; Richard Joutras, Board Member; Jim Riley, Board Member; Ronald Cooley, Executive Director and Julie Jones Webster, Human Resource Specialist. The meeting was held at the office of the James Thompson Building, Chicago, IL.

Also in attendance was Director's Chief of Staff Tim Becker, Illinois State Police; Master Sergeant Patrick O'Driscoll, Teamsters Local 700; Ms. Katharine Ariss, Attorney Generals' office; Barbara Fritsche, counsel for ISPMB and two applicants certified to Cadet Class 119.

Chairman Rednour opened the meeting at 11:00 AM.

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

The following minutes were approved:

April 19, 2011 – 2nd Quarter Merit Board Meeting

Mr. Ron Cooley reported Cadet Class 119 has been postponed and no further information is available at this time. He also mentioned the Recruitment Test was held in Chicago on June 4 with 185 successful testers and in Springfield on June 25 with 126 successful testers. 311 candidates are currently in the eligibility pool.

Mr. Cooley also mentioned the deadline for signing up for the lieutenant and captain test was July 1. Confirmation letters will go out to those who signed up next week. I o Solutions are creating test questions and our next meeting will be held on Monday, July 11, to review the first iteration of the lieutenant and captain exams.

Finally, Mr. Cooley stated The Board will now consider the case of Special Agent Cynthia Robbins.

This case is before the Board on a remand from the Circuit Court of Sangamon County. We have been required by the court to reconsider and/or explain the penalty the Board imposed in this case. The Board has been provided with the Hearing Officer's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and all briefs filed by the parties in Circuit Court for the Administrative Review proceedings. Any portions of the actual transcript of the hearing before Officer Mifflin requested by any Board member have also been provided to that Board member. So, the parties are advised that the Board has again thoroughly reviewed this case and is familiar with the facts and arguments. Finally, both parties have submitted proposed Orders to the Board for consideration. Each Board member has been provided a copy of each party's proposed Order.

Before the Board goes into closed session, if either party wishes to present oral argument to the Board, we will now listen to that argument. In the event any Board member has questions of either or both parties, such questions may also be raised during or after the arguments of counsel.

The Board understands that AAG Katy Ariss is present and represents the Illinois State Police in this matter and that Attorney for Cynthia Robbins, Mr. Jim Baker is not present.

There were no questions of the Board regarding the Cynthia Robbins matter.

The Board went out of Open session and went into closed session.

The Board discussed the Petition for Review on Trooper Chad Martinez.

The Board discussed the Cynthia Robbins matter.

The Board discussed the Joint Motion for a Decision of the Merit Board on Special Agent Pete Goodman.

The Board discussed the Joint Motion for a Decision of the Merit Board on Master Sergeant Richard Roscetti.

Ron updated the board on Capitol Business and lawsuits.

Julie updated the Board on the Disciplinary report.

The Board discussed keeping April 19, 2011 closed meeting minutes confidential.

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

The Board voted unanimously that there is no substantial basis to hear the Petition for Review on Trooper Chad Martinez and the Petition was denied.

The Board voted to accept the Joint Motion for Decision in the Special Agent Pete Goodman matter and suspends Special Agent Pete Goodman for 90 days according to the settlement agreement by both parties.

The Board voted to accept the Joint Motion for a Decision in the Master Sergeant Richard Roscetti matter and suspends Master Sergeant Richard Roscetti for a period of 20 days according to the settlement agreement by both parties.

The Board voted to maintain their original decision and terminate Cynthia Robbins from employment with the Illinois State Police.

The Board voted to maintain the confidentiality of the minutes and records of the closed meeting held on April 19, 2011.

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.


Ken Schloemer, Secretary