

ILLINOIS STATE POLICE MERIT BOARD
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2nd QUARTER BOARD MEETING – April 17, 2024

Present were Illinois State Police Merit Board Chairman Tim Touhy, Board Secretary Michelle Carrera, Board Member Dr. Raymond Garcia, Board Member William Stiehl, Executive Director Emily Fox, and Chief Legal Counsel Daniel Dykstra.

Captain Sean Brannon, Illinois State Police Command Council; Mr. Bruce Bialorucki, Illinois Troopers Lodge Counsel; Trooper Josh Brody, Illinois State Police; Mark Stephens, Illinois State Police Lieutenant, retired; Steffanie Garrett, Illinois State Police Chief Legal Counsel; and Elizabeth Lepic, Illinois State Police Legal, also attended the meeting in-person.

The meeting was held at the Michael A. Bilandic Building, Chicago. Chairman Touhy opened the meeting at 9:30 AM and asked Board Members to introduce themselves.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the 1st Quarter Board Meeting minutes held on January 25, 2024.

Director Fox updated the Board on the Cadet Applicant Process. The deadline to apply for Cadet Class 149-Fast Track, and 150-Traditional has been extended to May 1. Physical Fitness and Recruitment Exam testing was held in February and March. Two additional testing dates have been scheduled in May. There are currently 418 applicants scheduled for testing in May. We have seen a significant increase in applicants since the new starting salary has been published.

Previously, new troopers started at approximately \$67,000, and under the new contract they now start at approximately \$90,000.

Director Fox updated the Board on the Promotional Process. The 2024 Promotional Test Development for target Sergeant and Master Sergeant is on-going. The Promotional Test sign-up will be held from June 1, until June 30.

The Board voted unanimously to go into closed session.

Chairman Touhy, Board Secretary Carrera, Board Member Dr. Garcia, Board Member William Stiehl, Director Fox, and Chief Legal Counsel Dykstra attended the closed session portion of the meeting in-person.

The Board discussed the Joint Motion for a Decision in the Trooper Nicholas Stroud matter docket number 23-02.

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The Board discussed the Joint Motion for a Decision in the Special Agent Patrick Kehoe matter docket number 23-03.

The Board discussed the Joint Motion for a Decision in the Trooper Joshua Brody matter docket number 23-04.

The Board discussed the Motion to Dismiss in the Trooper Richard “Chase” Wiggs matter docket number 22-04.

Director Fox updated the Board on the Discipline Report.

The Board discussed keeping the January 25, 2024, closed meeting minutes confidential.

The Board voted unanimously to go out of closed session and return to open session.

The Board voted unanimously to deny the Joint Motion for a Decision in the Trooper Nicholas Stroud matter 23-02, with a written Order to follow.

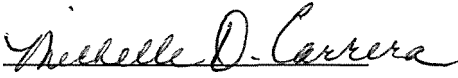
The Board voted unanimously to deny the Joint Motion for a Decision in the Special Agent Patrick Kehoe matter 23-03, with a written Order to follow.

The Board voted unanimously to deny the Joint Motion for a Decision in the Trooper Joshua Brody matter 23-04, with a written Order to follow.

The Board voted unanimously to grant the Motion to Dismiss in the Trooper Richard “Chase” Wiggs matter 22-04, with a written Order to follow.

The Board voted unanimously to keep the October 18, 2023, closed meeting minutes confidential.

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.


Michelle D. Carrera, Secretary