

# ILLINOIS STATE POLICE MERIT BOARD

## MINUTES

### BOARD MEETING – April 18, 2011

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

Also in attendance was Director Hiram Grau, Illinois State Police; First Deputy Director Luis Tigera, ISP; Deputy Director Jack Garcia, ISP DII Division; Master Sergeant Zeniah Ward, ABLE; Isaiah D. Vega, ISP Recruiting.

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:

#### January 21, 2011 - 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Merit Board Meeting

Mr. Ron Cooley updated the Board on the Recruitment/Selection process reporting that 135 backgrounds were initiated on March 22. Background Review will be held on May 10 and Oral Interviews will be held on May 24-25, 2011. He also mentioned Cadet Class 119 is scheduled to begin on June 26 with 55 cadets in hope to graduate 50.

Director Grau stated that the Toll Way is going to pay for additional cadets and the class will now be 70 cadets.

Mr. Cooley also reported that we started accepting applications on March 28 and the application cycle will close on April 29. We currently have 725 applicants. We also implemented the application fee of 13 dollars with this cycle. Recruitment Testing is scheduled for Saturday, June in Chicago and June 25 in Springfield.

Mr. Cooley also mentioned the kick off meeting in the 2011 Promotional Process has been held for Lieutenant and Captain candidates. Promotional Announcement Packets will be mailed on May 9 which will include the Promotional Dates, Reading List materials and instructions on how to sign up for the exam. Those candidates that have participated in the Part III rating will receive the Promotional Announcement Packet.

He also mentioned I O Solutions will conduct an Orientation on this years process and it will be open throughout the stat through the distant learning equipment.

The Board asked if there were any questions and then voted to go out of open session and go into closed session to review personnel issues, pending disciplinary matters, lawsuits, and discuss minutes and recording of the meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meeting Act it determine if those minutes are to be kept confidential.

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Mr. Cooley updated the Board on the budget.

Julie Jones updated the Board on the current status of the Merit Board Docket, Administrative Reviews and EEOC/Human Rights Cases.

The Board discussed to keep the January 21, 2011 closed meeting minutes confidential.

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

The Board voted unanimously to keep the January 21, 2011 closed meeting minutes confidential.

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

  
Ken Schloemer, Secretary