

ILLINOIS STATE POLICE MERIT BOARD

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING – October 18, 2013

Present were Art Smith, Board Chairman, George Pradel, Board Secretary; Earl Hernandez, Board Member; Ronald Cooley, Executive Director; Julie Jones Webster, Human Resource Specialist. Board Member Jim Riley joined the meeting via telephone conference. Board Member John Rednour was unavailable to attend. The meeting was held at the office of the Illinois State Police Merit Board, 531 Sangamon Avenue East, Springfield, Illinois.

Also in attendance was Master Sergeant Christie White, ABLE.

Board Member Art Smith opened the meeting at 10:00 AM.

Board Member Art Smith introduced the Board members and asked guests to introduce themselves.

Board Member Art Smith reminded everyone that the meeting was being recorded for ease in writing the minutes.

The following minutes were approved:

July 19, 2013 – 3rd Quarter Merit Board Meeting
August 15, 2013 – Special Board Meeting

The following officers were elected:

Chairman ~ Art Smith
Secretary ~ George Pradel

Director Ron Cooley reported the applicant process; Cadet Class 122 has 53 cadets remaining at the Academy. Their graduation date is November 22. He reported Cadet Class 123 is scheduled to begin on November 10. 72 applicants were certified to ISP on August 16, 2013 and after medical examinations were conducted there are currently 64 candidates remaining. He reported backgrounds were initiated for Cadet Class 124 on September 11. Background review is scheduled for November 14 and Oral interviews are scheduled for December 5. The Certification list will be delivered to the Director of ISP on December 6. The class is scheduled to begin February 2, 2014. He then reported no testing dates are scheduled at this time for the Recruitment Test.

Mr. Cooley also reported that the Promotional Examinations to Lieutenant and Captain were administered the week of September 23-27 where 124 Lieutenant candidates and 44 Captain candidates participated. The Merit Board brought in 18 out of state high ranking State Police officers to serve as assessors for our testing candidate. An appeals process was held on October 3-4 and only one appeal was filed for Captain and 4 appeals filed for Lieutenant. An appeals meeting was held on October 17 and the captain appeal was granted. The Lieutenant appeal question 10, form A and Question #31, Form B we will accept either A or D. The Promotional Certification list is scheduled to be delivered to the Director of the ISP on December 2, 2013.

Chairman Smith mentioned he would like to thank previous Chairman John Rednour and previous Secretary Ken Schloemer for their good work and long dedication they have given the board. He wanted this to be recorded for the record as to what a great job they did and with the support of his fellow board members and the staff he will try to carry on and do an outstanding job as what his predecessor have done. He also thanked everyone for electing him as chairman.

Chairman Smith announced the 2014 Board Meeting:

January 3, 2014 – Chicago

April 18, 2014 – Springfield

July 18, 2014 – Chicago

October 17, 2014- Springfield

Chairman Smith asked if there were any questions from our guests.

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

The Board discussed the Joint Motion for a Decision in the Trooper Greg Rieves matter.

Julie updated the Board on the Disciplinary report.

Ron updated the Board on Capitol Business and lawsuits.

The Board discussed the Personnel Contract for the Director.

The Board discussed keeping the July 19, 2013 and August 15, 2013 closed meeting minutes confidential.

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

The Board unanimously voted to accept the Joint Motion for a Decision in the Trooper Greg Rives matter and suspended Trooper Greg Rieves for a period of 45 days.


The Board unanimously voted to accept the Personnel Contract for the Director of the Merit Board.

The Board voted to keep the July 19, 2013 and August 15, 2013 closed meeting minutes confidential.

Chairman Art Smith asked if there were any questions from the audience.

There were no questions.

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.



George Pradel, Secretary