

ILLINOIS STATE POLICE MERIT BOARD

MINUTES

4th QUARTER BOARD MEETING – October 19, 2021

Present were Illinois State Police Merit Board Chairman Andrew T. Berlin, Board Secretary James Riley; Board Member Nancy Maldonado, Acting Executive Director Emily Fox, and Chief Legal Counsel Daniel Dykstra. Board Member E.L. Warren attended by videoconference.

Also in attendance were: Director Brendan Kelly, ISP; First Deputy Director Matthew Davis, ISP; Lieutenant Colonel Marcus Gipson, ISP Division of Academy and Training; Maureen McCurry, ISP Chief Legal Counsel; Lieutenant Sean Brannon, FOP Command Council; Colonel Akil Smith, ISP Division of Internal Investigations; Public Safety Director Jack Garcia, Burbank; Colonel Margaret McGreal, ISP Division of Patrol; Lieutenant Juan Valenzuela, HISLEA; and Attorney Bruce Bialorucki, Trooper's Lodge.

The meeting was held at the James R. Thompson Center.

Chairman Berlin opened the meeting at 9:00 AM.

The Chairman asked the Board Members to introduce themselves.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the 3rd Quarter Board Meeting minutes held on July 13, 2021.

Acting Executive Director Emily Fox updated the Board on the Applicant Process. Cadet Class 133 began on August 22, 2021. Cadet Class 133 started with 35 cadets, and the class currently has 32 cadets remaining. Cadet Class 134 is tentatively scheduled to begin in December 2021, and Cadet Class 135 is tentatively scheduled to begin in March 2022. The Board Certified a list of 128 applicants, in February 2021. The list is now exhausted.

Acting Executive Director Emily Fox updated the Board on the 2021 Promotional Process. The 2021 Promotional Testing to Lieutenant and Captain was held the week of September 20-24 at the Merit Board office. A total of 86 candidates tested to the rank of Lieutenant and 52 candidates tested to the rank of Captain. The target Promotional List Certification date is December 1, 2021.

The Board voted unanimously to go into closed session.

Board Chairman Andrew T. Berlin, Board Member Nancy Maldonado, Board Member E.L. Warren, Acting Executive Director Emily Fox, and Chief Legal Counsel Daniel Dykstra attended the closed session portion of the meeting.

The Board discussed the Joint Motion for Dismiss in the Trooper Elliott Veal matter.

The Board discussed the Motion to Change Venue in the Trooper Dwayne Jennings matter.

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Acting Executive Director Emily Fox updated the Board on the Discipline Report.

Chief Legal Counsel Dan Dykstra updated the Board on Administrative Reviews.

The Board discussed personnel matters.

The Board discussed Merit Board Policies

The Board discussed the new Board Executive Director.

The Board discussed keeping the July 13, 2021, closed meeting minutes confidential.

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

The Board voted unanimously to accept the Joint Motion to Dismiss in the Trooper Elliott Veal matter.

The Board voted unanimously to accept the Motion to Change Venue in the Trooper Dwayne Jennings matter.


The Board voted unanimously to approve the following Merit Board Policies: MB-01: Board Meetings & Officers, MB-02: Applicant Process, MB04: Discipline, MB-05: Recertification, MB-06: Security, and MB-07: Board Vehicle Use.

The Board voted unanimously to appoint Emily E. Fox as the Executive Director of the Merit Board effective October 1, 2021.

The Board voted unanimously to keep the July 13, 2021 closed meeting minutes confidential.

The Board announced the 2022 Quarterly Board Meeting dates: 1st Quarter: January 11, 2022, 2nd Quarter: April 19, 2022, 3rd Quarter: July 20, 2022, and 4th Quarter: October 18, 2022.

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.



James V. Riley, Secretary