

# ILLINOIS STATE POLICE MERIT BOARD

## MINUTES

### 1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER BOARD MEETING – January 11, 2022

Present were Illinois State Police Merit Board Chairman Michael Clark, Executive Director Emily Fox, and Chief Legal Counsel Daniel Dykstra. Board Member Karen McNaught, Board Member Nancy Maldonado, and Board Secretary James Riley attended by videoconference.

Ms. Maureen McCurry, ISP Chief Legal Counsel also attended the meeting in-person.

Colonel Marcus Gipson, ISP Division of Academy and Training; Colonel Kelly Walter, ISP Statewide 9-1-1 Division; Colonel Akil Smith, ISP Division of Internal Investigations; Lieutenant Sean Brannon, FOP Command Council; Lieutenant Juan Valenzuela, HISLEA; and Attorney Bruce Bialorucki, Trooper's Lodge, attended the meeting by telephone conference.

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

Chairman Clark opened the meeting at 10:00 AM.

Chairman Clark asked the Board Members to introduce themselves.

The Board voted unanimously by a roll call vote to approve the Special Board Meeting minutes held on December 13, 2021.

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 29 cadets remaining. Cadet Class 133 is set to graduate on March 4, 2022. Cadet Class 134 began on December 12, 2021. A total of 15 cadets began, and the class currently has 14 cadets remaining. Cadet Class 135 is tentatively scheduled to begin in March 2022. The Cadet Class 136 Oral Interview Process is scheduled for January 13, 2022. A total of 25 applicants were invited to participate in the interview process. Cadet Class 137 is tentatively scheduled to begin in June 2022. The deadline to apply is January 21, 2022. Applicant Physical Fitness and Recruitment Exam Testing will be held on February 5 & 6, 2022 in Springfield. Testing was also conducted on January 8 and 9, 2022, in Glen Ellyn. Cadet Class 138 is tentatively scheduled to begin in October 2022. The deadline to apply is April 1, 2022. Applicant Physical Fitness and Recruitment Exam Testing will be held on February 26, in Romeoville, March 5, in Springfield, April 9 and 10, at a northern location that is to-be-determined at this time, and April 23, in Springfield.

Executive Director Emily Fox updated the Board on the 2022 Promotional Process. Testing for the 2022 Promotional Process will be to the rank of Sergeant and Master Sergeant. Testing to the rank of Sergeant will be held the week of September 12-16, 2022, and those testing to the rank of Master Sergeant will be scheduled the week of September 26-30, 2022.

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The Board discussed the Cadet Applicant Fee Waiver program.

The Board voted unanimously by a roll call vote to go into closed session.

Board Chairman Michael Clark, Board Secretary James Riley, Board Member Nancy Maldonado, Board Member Karen McNaught, Executive Director Emily Fox, and Chief Legal Counsel Daniel Dykstra attended the closed session portion of the meeting.

The Board discussed personnel matters.

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

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

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

The Board voted unanimously by a roll call vote to go out of closed session and return to open session.

The Board voted unanimously by a roll call vote to keep the December 13, 2021, closed meeting minutes confidential.

The Board voted unanimously by a roll call vote to adjourn the meeting.



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James V. Riley, Secretary