

**ILLINOIS STATE POLICE MERIT BOARD
MINUTES
2nd QUARTER BOARD MEETING – April 19, 2023**

Present were Illinois State Police Merit Board Chairman Tim Touhy, Member Michelle Carrera, Member Dr. Raymond Garcia, Member Dr. Michelle Hoy-Watkins, Member Honorable William Stiehl, Executive Director Emily Fox, and Chief Legal Counsel Daniel Dykstra. Board Secretary James Riley attended the meeting via telephone conference.

Yolanda Sayre, Illinois State Police Legal; Deputy Director Akil Smith, Illinois State Police Division of Internal Investigation; Assistant Deputy Director Isaiah Vega, Illinois State Police Division of Internal Investigation; Captain Sean Brannon, Illinois State Police Command Council; Mr. Bruce Bialorucki, Illinois Troopers Lodge; Trooper Kevin Krol, and Trooper Jason Vulgamott attended the meeting in-person.

The meeting was held at the Michael A. Bilandic Building, Chicago.

Chairman Touhy opened the meeting at 10:30 AM.

Chairman Touhy asked the Board Members to introduce themselves.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the 1st Quarter Board Meeting minutes held on January 18, 2023.

Executive Director Emily Fox updated the Board on the Applicant Process. Cadet Class 143 and 144 are tentatively scheduled to begin in June 2023. Out of the 63 candidates invited to participate in the Oral Interview process, 47 were Certified to Cadet Class 143 and Cadet Class 144. Cadet Class 145 and 146 are tentatively scheduled to begin in October 2023. Cadet Class 145 is set to be a Chicago-Lateral Class. Cadet Class 146 is set to be a traditional class. The deadline to apply was March 1, 2023. There are currently 57 applicants in the background investigation phase of the process. The Merit Board is now accepting applications for Cadet Class 147-Fast Track and Cadet Class 148-Traditional. The deadline to apply is September 15, 2023. Testing will be held on August 5, 2023, in Frankfort, and August 26, 2023, in Springfield. There are currently 242 applicants signed-up for testing.

Executive Director Emily Fox updated the Board on the 2023 Promotional Process. The reading list for target Lieutenant and Captain were published on April 14. The Test Declaration Announcement was sent to potential candidates and published on the Merit Board's website. Test sign-up will be open from June 1 until June 30.

Chief Legal Counsel Daniel Dykstra provided an update on status of the proposed Administrative Rule Amendments.

The Board voted unanimously to go into closed session.

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Chairman Tim Touhy, Member Michelle Carrera, Member Dr. Raymond Garcia, Member Dr. Michelle Hoy-Watkins, Member Honorable William Stiehl, Executive Director Emily Fox, and Chief Legal Counsel Daniel Dykstra attended the closed session portion of the meeting in-person. Board Secretary James Riley attended the closed session portion of the meeting via telephone conference.

The Board discussed the Joint Motion for a Decision in the Trooper Jason Vulgamott matter 22-03.

The Board discussed the Joint Motion for a Decision in the Trooper Kevin Krol matter 23-01.

The Board discussed the Motion to Dismiss in the Trooper Richard "Chase" Wiggs matter 22-04.

The Board discussed personnel matters.

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

Chief Legal Counsel Daniel Dykstra provided the Board with an Administrative Review update.

The Board discussed keeping the January 18, 2023, 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 Jason Vulgamott matter.

The Board voted unanimously to deny the Joint Motion for a Decision in the Trooper Kevin Krol matter.

Due to the pending administrative review filed in Merit Board case 22-1, the Merit Board did not vote on the Motion to Dismiss in 22-4.

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

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.



James V. Riley, Secretary