

**ILLINOIS STATE POLICE MERIT BOARD
MINUTES
4th QUARTER BOARD MEETING – October 16, 2024**

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.

Captain Dustin Geier, Illinois State Police Command Council; Mr. Bruce Bialorucki, Illinois Troopers Lodge; and Ms. Stephanie Garrett, Illinois State Police Chief Legal.

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 3rd Quarter Board Meeting minutes held on July 17, 2024.

Executive Director Emily Fox updated the Board on the Applicant Process. CC149-Lateral and CC150a-Traditional are tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2025. The deadline to apply for these two classes was May 1st. Physical Fitness & Recruitment Exam testing was held in February, March and May. After testing, 261 backgrounds were initiated, and background review was held on October 9, 2024. Interviews will be conducted in Springfield on October 29 and 30, 2024. 143 candidates have been invited to participate in the interview process. The Board is now processing applicants for Cadet Class 150b-Lateral, 151-Lateral and 152-Traditional. 150b is scheduled to begin in April 2025. 151 and 152 are scheduled to begin in June 2025. Applicant testing will be held on October 19 and November 12 in Springfield, and November 2 in Lockport.

Executive Director Emily Fox updated the Board on the 2024 Promotional Process. The 2024 Promotional Testing has concluded. Testing to Master Sergeant was held from September 9-13 at the Merit Board office in Springfield. 134 candidates participated in target Master Sergeant testing. Sergeant testing was conducted completely in-person for the first time, held from September 23-27 at the Wyndham Springfield City Center. 415 candidates participated in target Sergeant testing. The 2024 promotional lists are set to be certified and provided to the State Police by December 1, 2024.

The Board voted unanimously to go into closed session.

Chairman Tim Touhy, Member Michelle Carrera, Member Dr. Raymond Garcia, Member Dr. Michelle Hoy-Watkins, Member Honorable William Stiehl, and Executive Director Emily Fox attended the closed session portion of the meeting.

The Board discussed the Joint Motion for a Decision in the Trooper Mark Reittinger matter 24-01.

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The Board discussed the Motion to Dismiss in the Sergeant Deanna Harton matter 23-05.

The Board discussed personnel matters.

Chief Legal Counsel Dykstra updated the Board on the Discipline Report.

The Board discussed keeping the July 17, 2024, 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 for a Decision in the Trooper Mark Reittinger matter 24-01, and suspend Trooper Reittinger for 60 days based on the conduct admitted in the Joint Motion.

The Board voted unanimously to accept the Motion to Dismiss in the Sergeant Deanna Harton matter 23-05.

The Board voted unanimously to keep the July 17, 2024, closed meeting minutes confidential.

Chairman Touhy announced the 2025 Quarterly Board Meeting dates as January 15, April 16, July 16, and October 15.

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.



Michelle Carrera, Secretary