

ILLINOIS STATE POLICE MERIT BOARD
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3rd QUARTER BOARD MEETING – July 17, 2024

Present were Illinois State Police Merit Board Chairman Tim Touhy, Board Secretary Michelle Carrera, Board Member Dr. Raymond Garcia, Board Member William Stiehl, Executive Director Emily Fox, and Chief Legal Counsel Daniel Dykstra.

Captain Sean Brannon, Illinois State Police Command Council; Mr. Bruce Bialorucki, Lieutenant Richard Vanko, Illinois State Police Command Council; Illinois Troopers Lodge Counsel; Trooper Ashley Bain, Illinois State Police; Steffanie Garrett, Illinois State Police Chief Legal Counsel; and Master Sergeant James Knipper, Teamsters 700, also 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 and asked Board Members to introduce themselves.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the 2nd Quarter Board Meeting minutes held on April 17, 2024.

Director Fox updated the Board on the Cadet Applicant Process. The deadline to apply for Cadet Class 149, and 150 was May 1st. Physical Fitness and Recruitment Exam testing was held in February, March, and May. 251 backgrounds have been initiated, and background review is scheduled for October 9, 2024. Interview will be conducted in Springfield on October 22 and 23, 2024. CC149 and CC150 are tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2025

Director Fox updated the Board on the Promotional Process. The 2024 Promotional Test Declaration was held from June 1 through June 30, for those testing to Sergeant and Master Sergeant. 471 candidates will be testing to Sergeant, and 154 will be testing to Master Sergeant. Testing will be conducted in September.

Trooper Ashley Bain made a public comment. Trooper Bain explained she is approaching her 14th year with ISP. Trooper Bain commented on events that occurred while she was off duty on December 7, 2023. Trooper Bain commented on the Complaint Against Department Member Form filed by Executive Director Fox related to those events. Trooper Bain commented on her perception of how the Complaint may affect the remainder of her career as an Illinois State Police officer and reputation generally.

The Board voted unanimously to go into closed session.

Chairman Touhy, Board Secretary Carrera, Board Member Dr. Garcia, Board Member William Stiehl, and Chief Legal Counsel Dykstra attended the closed session portion of the meeting in-

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person. Director Fox did not participate in the closed session.

The Board discussed the Petition for Review filed by Trooper Bain

Mr. Dykstra updated the Board on the Discipline Report.

The Board discussed keeping the April 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 grant the Motion to Recuse in the Petition for Review filed by Trooper Ashley Bain.

The Board voted unanimously to accept the Petition for Review filed by Trooper Ashley Bain, with a written Order to follow.

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

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.



Michelle D. Carrera, Secretary