

**ILLINOIS STATE POLICE MERIT BOARD
MINUTES
2nd QUARTER BOARD MEETING – April 16, 2025**

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

Ms. Stephanie Garrett, Illinois State Police Chief Legal; Mr. Bruce Bialorucki, Illinois Troopers Lodge; Master Sergeant James Knipper, Teamsters 700; and Lieutenant Richard Vanko, Illinois State Police Command Council 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.

Chairman Touhy asked the Board Members and guests to introduce themselves.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the 1st Quarter Board Meeting minutes held on January 15, 2025.

Executive Director Fox updated the Board on the Applicant Process. Cadet Class 150a began on January 5, 2025, with 47 cadets, and 45 cadets are currently remaining. A total of 125 backgrounds were initiated for Cadet Class 150b which is set to begin on April 20. Background review was held on January 22, and 96 candidates were invited to interviews, held on February 4-5, 2025. After interviews, 76 candidates were Certified. A total of 192 backgrounds were initiated for Cadet Class 151 and 152 which are set to begin in September and October. Background review was held on March 13, resulting in 106 invited to interviews, and 77 applicants certified to CC151 and Cadet Class 152. The Board will begin testing for Cadet Class 153 – the in-house lateral class set to begin in January 2026 within the following weeks. The deadline to apply for Cadet Class 152 is May 1, 2025. Applicant testing will be held in Lockport on May 3, and in Springfield on May 14 and May 17, 2025.

Executive Director Fox updated the Board on the 2025 Promotional Process. In 2025, the Board will be testing to the rank of Lieutenant and Captain. Test development began in February, and the Reading Lists were published on March 5, 2025. The Promotional Test sign-up will be held from June 1-June 30, 2025. Testing will be conducted September 15-19, at the Merit Board office in Springfield.

The Board voted unanimously to go into closed session.

Chairman Tim Touhy, Secretary Michelle Carrera, Member Dr. Raymond Garcia, Member Dr. Linda Flowers, Member Honorable William Stiehl, Executive Director Emily Fox, and Chief Legal Counsel Daniel Dykstra attended the closed session portion of the meeting.

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

The Board discussed keeping the January 15, 2025, closed meeting minutes confidential.

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

The Board voted unanimously to keep the January 15, 2025, closed meeting minutes confidential.

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Carrera". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Michelle Carrera, Secretary