

ILLINOIS STATE POLICE MERIT BOARD

MINUTES

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – December 1, 2020

Due to the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation issued by Governor Pritzker on November 13, 2020, and in accordance with Executive Orders 2020-07, 2020-33, 2020-44, 2020-59, 2020-71 and section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act (as amended by Public Act 101-0640), Chairman Reeve Waud has determined that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent due to the public health disaster caused by Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The meeting will be held by video/audio conference in accordance with the provisions of Executive Orders 2020-07, 2020-33, 2020-44, 2020-59, 2020-71 and section 7(e) of the Open Meetings Act (as amended by Public Act 101-0640).

Guests were invited to attend the meeting in person at the office of the Illinois State Police Merit Board, 531 Sangamon Avenue East, Springfield, Illinois, or via telephone conference at: +1 312 626 6799, Meeting ID: 983 8678 7683.

Illinois State Police Merit Board Chairman Reeve Waud; Board Secretary James Riley; Board Member Andrew Berlin; Board Member Nancy Maldonado; Board Member E.L. Warren attended the meeting via video phone conference. State Police Merit Board Legal Counsel Daniel Dykstra; and Program Director Emily Fox attended the meeting at the State Police Merit Board Office.

Also in attendance by telephone conference were: Colonel Sean Cormier, ISP Forensics; Lieutenant Juan Valenzuela, HISLEA; Attorney Bruce Bialorucki, Trooper's Lodge; Lieutenant Dustin Geier, Command Council; Robert Andalman, Counsel for Captain Meeder; Captain Robert Meeder, ISP; Assistant Attorney General Brian Jant, on behalf of ISP; Anthony Kestner, Command Council; Trooper Kelly Hosteny, ISP; Lieutenant Colonel Marcus Gibson, ISP Division of Internal Investigation; Lieutenant David Keltner, Command Council; Major David Schneider, ISP Northern Patrol Command; Master Sergeant Jim Poortinga, Teamsters; Lieutenant Sean Brannon, FOP Command Council; Captain Dominic Chiappini, ISP.

First Deputy Director Matthew Davis, ISP; Colonel Jamal Simington, ISP Division of Internal Investigations; Yvette Loizon, ISP Chief Legal Counsel; and Trooper Doug Balder, ISP; attended the meeting in-person.

Board Chairman Reeve Waud opened the meeting at 1:00 PM.

Chairman Waud asked the Board Members to introduce themselves.

Trooper Douglas Balder asked to receive a phone call of an update of what's going on. Chairman Waud asked Trooper Balder to provide information about the case and situation he is referring to. Trooper Balder explained that he filed several complaints against Captain Meeder in February 2020. Trooper Balder asked for an update if the case before the Merit Board involved his complaints.

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

The Board discussed the Motion for Summary Disposition in the Captain Robert Meeder matter.

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

The Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to grant the Motion for Summary Disposition in the Captain Robert Meeder matter.

The Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to reverse the 30-day suspension in the Captain Robert Meeder matter as required by Section 150.510 of the Merit Board Administrative Rules which states the Board will reverse any suspension based on conduct which antedates by three (3) years the date the suspension was given.

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



James V. Riley, Secretary