

# ILLINOIS STATE POLICE MERIT BOARD

## MINUTES

### 4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER BOARD MEETING – October 20, 2020

Due to the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation issued by Governor Pritzker on October 16, 2020, and in accordance with Executive Orders 2020-07, 2020-33, 2020-44, 2020-59, 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, 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: +1-415-655-0003 Meeting ID: 133 223 1596.

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. Executive Director Jack S. Garcia, Chief 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, Colonel Jamal Simington, ISP Division of Internal Investigations; First Deputy Directory Felix Canizares, ISP Office of the Director; Lieutenant Colonel Marcus Gipson, ISP Division of Internal Investigations, Yvette Loizon, ISP Chief Legal Counsel; Lieutenant Colonel Akil Smith, ISP Division of Academy; Lieutenant Juan Valenzuela, HISLEA; Nicholas Kondelis, ISP Legal Counsel; Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Owen, ISP Division of Patrol; Lieutenant Sean Brannon, FOP Command Council; Attorney Bruce Bialorucki, Trooper's Lodge; Melissa Brandenburg, Office of Executive Inspector General; Tiffany Pryor-Wallace, Office of Executive Inspector General; Travis Howard, Office of Executive Inspector General; Nichole Cheney, Teamsters; Master Sergeant Hector Alejandro, ISP Division of Academy; Trooper Dwayne Jennings, ISP; Master Sergeant Jason Holt, Teamsters. Elizabeth Leahy, ISP Deputy Chief Legal Counsel attended the meeting in-person.

The meeting was held at the Illinois State Police Merit Board Office, 531 Sangamon Avenue East, Springfield, Illinois.

Board Chairman Reeve Waud opened the meeting at 9:00 AM.

Chairman Waud asked the Board Members to introduce themselves.

The Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to approve the following meeting minutes: September 14, 2020, – Special Board Meeting.

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Emily Fox updated the Board on the Applicant Process. Cadet Class 132 began on Sunday, October 2, 2020. A total of 45 cadets reported to check-in day. 7 cadets have withdrawn and were replaced by alternates, 45 cadets remain in the class.

Cadet Class 133 is tentatively scheduled to begin during in June of 2021. Depending on the interest of Fast Track eligible candidates, Cadet Class 133 may be a Fast-Track Class. A total of 275 applicants had their background initiated for CC133.

Emily Fox updated the Board on the 2020 Promotional Process. Testing for the 2020 Promotional Process to the rank of Sergeant was held on Tuesday, September 8 – statewide; and testing to the rank of Master Sergeant was held the week of September 21-25 at the State Police Merit Board Office. We are currently in the process of compiling the Promotional Certification Lists which are anticipated to be certified on December 1, 2020.

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

Chairman Reeve Waud, Board Secretary James Riley, Board Member Andrew Berlin, Board Member Nancy Maldonado, Board Member E.L. Warren, Chief Legal Counsel Daniel Dykstra and Program Director Emily Fox attended the closed session portion of the meeting.

The Board discussed the Petition for Review in the Captain Robert Meeder matter.

The Board discussed personnel matters.

Emily Fox updated the Board on the Discipline Report.

The Board discussed keeping the September 14, 2020, closed meeting minutes confidential.

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

The Board voted unanimously to grant the Petition for Review in the Captain Robert Meeder matter.

The Board voted unanimously to keep the September 14, 2020, closed meeting minutes confidential by roll call vote.

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The Board announced the 2021 Quarterly Merit Board Meeting Dates:

- 1st Quarter: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 – Chicago
- 2nd Quarter: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 – Chicago
- 3rd Quarter: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 – Chicago
- 4th Quarter: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 – Chicago

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



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James V. Riley, Secretary