

ILLINOIS STATE POLICE MERIT BOARD
MINUTES
1st QUARTER BOARD MEETING – January 15, 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.

Lieutenant Colonel Jose DeJesus, Illinois State Police Division of Internal Investigation; Trooper Joshua Brody, Illinois State Police; Retired Lieutenant Mark Stevens; Mr. Bruce Bialorucki, Illinois Troopers Lodge; Ms. Stephanie Garrett, Illinois State Police Chief Legal; and Mr. Nick Dale.

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 4th Quarter Board Meeting minutes held on October 16, 2024.

Executive Director Emily Fox updated the Board on the Applicant Process. Cadet Class 149 began on January 4, 2025, with 37 cadets, and Cadet Class 150a began on January 5, 2025, with 47 cadets. Cadet Class 149 currently has 36 cadets remaining, and Cadet Class 150a has 46 cadets remaining. A total of 125 backgrounds were initiated for Cadet Class 150b which is set to begin in April. Background review will be held on January 22, and Interviews will be conducted in Springfield on February 4-5, 2025. A total of 192 backgrounds were initiated for Cadet Class 151 and 152 which are set to begin in June. Background review will be held on March 13, and Interviews will be conducted in Springfield on March 25-26, 2025.

Executive Director Emily Fox updated the Board on the 2025 Promotional Process. In 2025, the Board will be testing to the rank of Lieutenant and Captain. Promotional testing will be conducted the week of September 15-19, at the Merit Board office in Springfield. Test development will begin within the next few weeks, and the reading lists are set to be published for candidates by April 1, 2025.

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.

The Board discussed the Joint Motion for a Decision in the Trooper Joshua Brody 23-04.

The Board discussed the Joint Motion for a Decision in the Trooper Matthew Lanzillotti matter

24-04.

The Board discussed the Petition for Review filed by Trooper Jasen Woo on October 25, 2024.

The Board discussed the Petition for Review filed by Trooper Jason Hawkins on December 20, 2024.

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

The Board discussed cadet applicant fee waiver requests 24-12, 24-13, and 24-23.

The Board discussed keeping the October 16, 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 Joshua Brody matter 23-04 and suspend Trooper Brody for 150 days based on the conduct admitted in the Joint Motion.

The Board voted unanimously to accept the Joint Motion for a Decision in the Trooper Matthew Lanzillotti matter 24-04 and suspend Trooper Lanzillotti for 120 days based on the conduct admitted in the Joint Motion.

The Board voted unanimously to dismiss the Petition for Review filed by Trooper Jasen Woo on October 25, 2024.

The Board voted unanimously to accept the Petition for Review filed by Trooper Jason Hawkins on December 20, 2024.

The Board voted unanimously to grant fee waiver requests 24-12, 24-13, and 24-23.

The Board voted unanimously to keep the October 16, 2024, closed meeting minutes confidential.

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.



Michelle Carrera, Secretary