ILLINOIS STATE POLICE MERIT BOARD

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING – July 19, 2013

Present were Art Smith, Board Member, George Pradel, Board Member; Jim Riley, Board Member; Ronald Cooley, Executive Director; Julie Jones Webster, Human Resource Specialist. Board Chairman John Redour joined the meeting via telephone conference. Board Member Earl Hernandez was unavailable to attend. The meeting was held at the office James R. Thompson Center, room 9-034, 100 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Also in attendance was Captain Pat Murphy, ISP Academy Commander; Ms. Natalia Delgado, ISP Deputy General Counsel, Lieutenant Isaiah D. Vega, HISLEA; Ms. Sarah Sizluka and Mr. Randal Hansen.

Board Chairman Rednour opened the meeting at 10:00 AM.

Board Chairman Rednour asked Director Ron Cooley to introduce Board members since Board Chairman was on the telephone.

Director Cooley introduced the Board members in attendance and asked the guests to introduce themselves.

Director Cooley reminded everyone that the meeting was being recorded for ease in writing the minutes.

The following minutes were approved:

April 19, 2013 – 2nd Quarter Merit Board Meeting

Director Cooley announced that Ken Schloemer's term had ended and we would need to appoint an acting Secretary. A nomination for Art Smith to become acting Secretary was introduced and it was unanimously agreed to.

Chairman Rednour asked that Acting Secretary Art Smith take over the meeting since Chairman Rednour was on the phone.

Director Ron Cooley reported the applicant process; Cadet Class 121 has 43 cadets remaining and are scheduled to graduate on July 26, 2013. He also reported Cadet Class 122 has that 66 cadets reported on June 2. We are currently in week 7 where 55 cadets remain. He also reported that backgrounds were initiated on May 24, 2013 on 120 candidates who are in consideration for CC 123. He also reported background review is scheduled for July 31, 2013 and Oral Interviews are scheduled for August 14 & 15. Cadet Class 123 is scheduled to report on November 10, 2013.

Mr. Cooley also reported that the sign up for Promotional Process to the rank of Lieutenant and Captain Candidates has begun. The deadline to sign up for the Promotional Exams is July 26, 2013. An initial meeting with our consultant was held on June 4 with SME's to begin the creation of the exam questions. A Promotional Orientation was held on July 9 at 5 sites throughout the state and a meeting will be held with the SME's on July 23rd to review first draft of the Lieutenant and Captain Promotional Exams. Exams are scheduled to be administered the week of September 23-27 at the Merit Board office.

Acting Secretary Smith asked if there were any questions from our guests.

The Board went out of Open session and went into closed session.

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The Board discussed the Motion to Dismiss Petition for Review on Sergeant Richard Dickson.

The Board discussed the Joint Motion to Dismiss Petition for Review on Special Agent Ursula Carter.

The Board discussed the Joint Motion for a Decision of the Merit Board in the Trooper David Dickson matter.

Ron updated the Board on Capitol Business and lawsuits.

Julie updated the Board on the Disciplinary report.

The Board discussed keeping the April 19, 2013 closed meeting minutes confidential.

The Board voted to go out of closed session and to go back into open session.

The Board unanimously voted to accept the Motion to Dismiss Petition for Review on Sergeant Richard Decker.

The Board unanimously voted to accept the Motion to Dismiss Petition for Review on Special Agent Ursula Carter due to her resignation.

The Board unanimously voted to accept the Joint Motion for a Decision of the Merit Board on Trooper David Dickson and suspended him for a period of 180 days.

The Board voted to keep the April 19, 2013 closed meeting minutes confidential.

Acting Secretary Art Smith asked if there were any questions from the audience.

There were no questions.

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Art Smith Acting Secretary