

ILLINOIS STATE POLICE MERIT BOARD

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING – January 27, 2012

Present were John Rednour, Board Chairman; Ken Schloemer, Board Secretary; George Pradel, Board Member; Ronald Cooley, Executive Director and Julie Jones Webster, Human Resource Specialist. Board Members Arthur Smith and James Riley joined the meeting via teleconference. The meeting was held at the office of the James Thompson Center, Chicago, IL.

Also in attendance was Master Sergeant Patrick O'Driscoll, Teamsters Local 700; Lieutenant Isaiah Vega, ISP PIO/Recruitment; Mr. Gregory D. Morris, ISP applicant and Ms. Anita Barton.

Chairman Rednour opened the meeting at 10:00 AM.

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

The following minutes were approved:

October 21, 2011 – 4th Quarter Merit Board Meeting

Mr. Ron Cooley reported Cadet Class 119 has 63 cadets remaining at the Academy and the graduation date is February 10. He also reported at this time there is no testing date scheduled for this calendar year.

Mr. Cooley reported the Promotional Certification Lists for 2011 will be delivered by the end of next week.

Mr. Cooley also mentioned the Merit Board met with First Deputy Director Muller as well as Chief of Staff Tim Becker to discuss critical issues that need addressed in the 2012 Promotional Process along with reading list material. On February 28, 2012, we will meet with Subject Matter Experts to begin the process of creating exam questions for the ranks to Sergeant and Master Sergeant. Mr. Cooley announced the Sergeant exam is scheduled for September 20, 2012. We will again administer the exams throughout the state of Illinois. Master Sergeant Testing will be administered the week of September 24-28 at the Merit Board office. We will administer the job knowledge exam on the computers in the Merit Board Testing lab. Candidates will also be scheduled for their Assessment Exercise that same day.

Chairman Rednour asked if there were any questions from the group.

Master Sergeant O'Driscoll asked the board if the Governor released money for a class how long would it take to process a class. Mr. Cooley answered stating it would take approximately 4 months to process a class.

Anita Barton mentioned she did not have a question but wanted to make a statement that she was grateful to be put on the Agenda and if the board has any questions of her that is why she is there to clear up any misunderstanding in this entire process before you make any decisions.

Chairman Rednour asked the board if there were any questions and there were no questions for Ms. Barton.

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

The Board discussed the Recertification of Anita Barton.

The Board discussed the Joint Motion for a Decision of the Merit Board on Master Sergeant Derek Wise.

The Board discussed the Joint Motion for a Decision of the Merit Board on Special Agent Michael Fisher.

The Board discussed the Joint Motion for a Decision of the Merit Board on Trooper Steven Icenogle.

Ron updated the board on Capitol Business and lawsuits.

Julie updated the Board on the Disciplinary report.

The Board discussed keeping October 21, 2011 closed meeting minutes confidential.

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

The Board voted to accept the Joint Motion for Decision in the Master Sergeant Derek Wise matter and suspends Master Sergeant Wise for 30 days according to the settlement agreement by both parties.

The Board voted to accept the Joint Motion for a Decision in the Special Agent Michael Fisher matter and suspends Special Agent Fisher for a period of 45 days according to the settlement agreement by both parties.

The Board voted to accept the Joint Motion for a Decision in the Trooper Steven Icenogle matter and suspends Trooper Icenogle for a period of 45 days according to the settlement agreement by both parties.

For the Request for Reinstatement on the Anita Barton matter, there was a motion to deny the reinstatement. They voted, Mr. Riley...No, Mr. Smith...No, Mr. Pradel...No, Mr. Schloemer...Yes, Chariman Rednour... Yes.

The Board voted to maintain the confidentiality of the minutes and records of the closed meeting held on October 21, 2011.

Mr. Pradel then stated he felt he made a mistake in his vote on the Anita Barton matter. He stated he was confused as to what the motion was. Mr. Cooley stated the vote was whether to accept her request for reinstatement. Mr. Cooley mentioned a favorable vote for reinstatement would be yes. A negative vote for reinstatement would be a no. There was a revote and the results were as Mr. Riley...No, Mr. Smith...No, Mr. Pradel...No, Mr. Schloemer...No and Chairman Rednour was No. Her request for reinstatement was denied.

Chairman Rednour asked if there were any questions from the audience.

There were no questions.

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.


Ken Schloemer, Secretary