

ILLINOIS STATE POLICE MERIT BOARD

MINUTES

1st QUARTER BOARD MEETING – January 19, 2021

Due to the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation issued by Governor Pritzker on January 8, 2021, and in accordance with Executive Orders 2020-07, 2020-33, 2020-44, 2021-01, and section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act (as amended by Public Act 101-0640), Chairman Reeve Waud 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 was held by video/audio conference in accordance with the provisions of Executive Orders 2020-07, 2020-33, 2020-44, 2021-01, 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: 978 9477 3535

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: ISP Chief Legal Counsel Yvette Loizon, FOP Command Council Lieutenant Sean Brannon, Trooper's Lodge Attorney Bruce Bialorucki, ISP Trooper Dwayne Jennings, ISP Special Agent Otis Tuttle and Retired ISP Major Frank Spizziri.

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: October 20, 2020, 4th Quarter Board Meeting and December 1, 2020, Special Board Meeting.

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 A total of 45 cadets reported to check-in day. 7 cadets have withdrawn and were replaced by alternates, 44 cadets remain in the class.

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Cadet Class 133 is tentatively scheduled to begin during in June of 2021. A total of 275 applicants had their background initiated for CC133. Background Review will be held on Thursday, January 21st.

Emily Fox updated the Board on the 2021 Promotional Process. Testing for the 2021 Promotional Process will be to the rank of Lieutenant and Captain. Testing will be held the week of September 20-24 at the State Police Merit Board Office.

The Board discussed adding an assessment center exercise to the Illinois State Police Sergeant Promotional Testing Process.

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, Executive Director Jack Garcia, Chief Legal Counsel Daniel Dykstra, and Program Director Emily Fox attended the closed session portion of the meeting.

The Board discussed the Special Agent Otis Tuttle matter.

The Board discussed the Joint Motion to Reconsider in the Trooper Dwayne Jennings matter.

The Board discussed personnel matters.

Emily Fox updated the Board on the Discipline Report.

The Board discussed keeping the October 20, 2020, closed meeting minutes confidential.

The Board discussed keeping the December 1, 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 suspend Special Agent Otis Tuttle for 150 days by roll call vote.

The Board voted unanimously to deny the Motion to Reconsider in the Trooper Dwayne Jennings matters by roll call vote.


The Board voted unanimously to keep the October 20, 2020, closed meeting minutes confidential by roll call vote.

The Board voted unanimously to keep the December 1, 2020, closed meeting minutes confidential by roll call vote.

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The Board voted unanimously to add an assessment center exercise to the Illinois State Police Sergeant Promotional Testing Process.

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



James V. Riley, Secretary