ILLINOIS STATE POLICE MERIT BOARD

MINUTES

3rd QUARTER BOARD MEETING – July 20, 2022

Present were Illinois State Police Merit Board Chairman Michael Clark, Board Secretary James Riley, Board Member Nancy Maldonado, Board Member Dr. Raymond Garcia, Board Member Tim Touhy, Executive Director Emily Fox, and Chief Legal Counsel Daniel Dykstra.

Ms. Kelly Griffith, ISP Acting Chief Legal Counsel; Master Sergeant Jim Poortinga, Illinois State Police; Master Sergeant Jim Knipper, Illinois State Police; Captain Sean Brannon, ISP Command Council; Mr. Bruce Bialorucki, Illinois Troopers Lodge; and Ms. Yolanda Sayre, ISP Legal Counsel, also attended the meeting in-person.

The meeting was held at the James R. Thompson Center.

Chairman Clark opened the meeting at 10:00 AM.

Chairman Clark asked the Board Members to introduce themselves.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the 2nd Quarter Board Meeting minutes held on April 19, 2022.

Executive Director Emily Fox updated the Board on the Applicant Process. Cadet Class 137 – Lateral began on Saturday, June 4, with 11 cadets and currently stands at 10 cadets. Cadet Class 138 began on Sunday, June 5, with 53 cadets and currently stands at 45 cadets. Cadet Class 139 and Cadet Class 140 are tentatively scheduled to begin in October 2022 with the potential for a lateral and a traditional class. A total of 227 backgrounds were initiated, and background review is scheduled for August 9. Cadet Class 141 and Cadet Class 142 are tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2023 with the potential for a lateral and a traditional class. PFIT and Recruitment Exam testing was held in Frankfort on July 16, and will be held in Springfield on July 23 and August 20, and in Frankfort August 13.

Executive Director Emily Fox updated the Board on the 2022 Promotional Process. Testing for the 2022 Promotional Process will be to the rank of Sergeant and Master Sergeant. The test sign-up was held from June 6, until June 30. 518 candidates signed up to participate in the target Sergeant testing and 188 candidates signed up to participate in the target Master Sergeant testing. Testing will be held in September 2022.

Chief Legal Counsel Daniel Dykstra provided an update on comments received regarding the proposed Administrative Rule Amendments from the Illinois State Police and the Illinois State Police Troopers Lodge.

The Board voted unanimously to go into closed session.

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Board Chairman Michael Clark, Board Secretary James Riley, Board Member Nancy Maldonado, Board Member Dr. Raymond Garcia, Board Member Tim Touhy, Executive Director Emily Fox, and Chief Legal Counsel Daniel Dykstra attended the closed session portion of the meeting.

The Board discussed the Joint Motion to Dismiss in the Sergeant Brett Smith matter.

The Board discussed the Motion for Summary Dismissal in the Trooper Jason Vulgamott matter.

The Board discussed the Petition for Review filed by Trooper Donald Simmons.

The Board discussed personnel matters.

Executive Director Emily Fox updated the Board on the Discipline Report.

Chief Legal Counsel Daniel Dykstra updated the Board on pending Administrative Reviews.

The Board discussed the Cadet Fee Waiver Applications.

The Board discussed keeping the April 19, 2022, 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 to Dismiss in the Sergeant Brett Smith matter, based on Sergeant Smith's resignation.

The Board voted unanimously to deny the Motion for Summary Dismissal in the Trooper Jason Vulgamott matter.

The Board voted unanimously to dismiss the Petition for Review filed by Trooper Donald Simmons.

The Board voted unanimously to grant fee waiver requests 22-3, 22-4, and 22-7.

The Board voted unanimously to deny fee waiver requests 22-2, 22-5, and 22-6.

The Board voted unanimously to keep the April 19, 2022, closed meeting minutes confidential.

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

James V. Riley, Secretary