ILLINOIS STATE POLICE MERIT BOARD MINUTES 3rd QUARTER BOARD MEETING – July 19, 2023

Present were Illinois State Police Merit Board Chairman Tim Touhy, Board Secretary James Riley, Member Michelle Carrera, Member Dr. Raymond Garcia, Member Honorable William Stiehl, Executive Director Emily Fox, and Chief Legal Counsel Daniel Dykstra.

Mr. Brian Jant, Illinois State Police Legal; Assistant Deputy Director Isaiah Vega, Illinois State Police Division of Internal Investigation; Captain Sean Brannon, Illinois State Police Command Council; and Mr. Bruce Bialorucki, Illinois Troopers Lodge attended the meeting.

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 2nd Quarter Board Meeting minutes held on April 19, 2023.

Executive Director Emily Fox updated the Board on the Applicant Process. Cadet Class 143 and 144 began on June 3, 2023. Out of the 21 candidates certified to Cadet Class 143, a total of 17 reported, and 15 cadets remain. Out of the 30 candidates certified to Cadet Class 144, a total of 21 reported and 19 cadets remain. Cadet Class 145 – Chicago Lateral, and Cadet Class 146 – Traditional, are tentatively scheduled to begin in October 2023. A total of 57 applicants had their background initiated for Cadet Class 145 and 146. Out of the 57 applicants in backgrounds, 6 were deemed less qualified, 5 applicants withdrew from the process, and 39 were deemed qualified. Out of the 39 invited to the Oral Interview Process, 6 were deemed less qualified, 5 were no-shows, 3 withdrew, 1 was placed on military hold status due to deployment, and 24 were certified. The Merit Board is currently accepting applications for Cadet Class 147 – Fast Track, and Cadet Class 148 – Traditional. The deadline to apply is September 15, 2023. Testing will be held on August 5, 2023, in Frankfort, and August 26, 2023, in Springfield. There are currently 665 applicants signed-up for participation.

Executive Director Emily Fox updated the Board on the 2023 Promotional Process. The 2023 Test Declaration for target Lieutenant and Captain was held from June 1 through June 30. Testing will be held the week of September 18-22. A total of 111 candidates will be testing to Lieutenant and 51 candidates testing to Captain.

Chief Legal Counsel Daniel Dykstra provided an update on the status of the proposed Administrative Rule Amendments.

The Board voted unanimously to go into closed session.

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Chairman Tim Touhy, Board Secretary James Riley, Member Michelle Carrera, Member Dr. Raymond Garcia, 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 Kevin Krol matter 23-01.

The Board discussed personnel matters.

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

Chief Legal Counsel Daniel Dykstra provided the Board with an Administrative Review update.

The Board discussed keeping the April 19, 2023, 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 Kevin Krol matter.

The Board voted unanimously to keep the April 19, 2023, closed meeting minutes confidential.

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Michelle D. Carrera, Secretary

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