

SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

ASSIST #14 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, September 25, 2024 – 11:30 a.m.

Bella Milano Restaurant – O’Fallon, IL

MINUTES

Chairman Steve Evans called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Advisory Board Members Present:

Matt Blomberg	Casey Faro	Kirk Brueggeman	Tony Manley	Jason Lamb
Mike Fillback	Chris Joellenbeck	Chris Modrusic	Chris Wasser	Steve Johnson
Jeff Connor	Eric Van Hook	Bob Coles	Nick Gailius	Scott Golike
Steve Evans	Ben Godard	Dave Hursey	Brian Vielweber	
Nicholas Novacich				

Advisory Board Members Absent:

Jim Leitschuh	Herbert Simmons	Dan Travous	Dave Roth	Richard Watson
Jarrett Ford	Todd Link	Paul Petty	Brad Wells	Matt Eiskant
Kevin Hemann	Chris Locke	Jarrod Peters	Scott Waldrup	
Eric Danford	Neal Rohlfing	Steven Brown	Tom Coppotelli	
Jason Donjon	David Meyer	Ross Schultze	Brian Fletcher	
Mike Schutzenhofer	Steven Strubberg	Richard Wittenauer	Brent Shownes	

Staff present were:

Scott Williams	Kevin Schmoll	Misty Stahl	Darci Clossen	Sherry Pomatto
Amy Eggemeyer				

The Pledge Allegiance was recited, and Paston Ben Godard gave the invocation.

Guests: Deputy Chief Major John Franke

Pastor Jake Lazar

Chief Bryan Waugh

Chief Charles Mackin

Introduction of Guests – Chairman Evans welcomed guests; Pastor Ben Godard introduced his guest Pastor Jake Lazar.

Quorum

A quorum was declared by Chairman Evans.

Item No. 6 on the Agenda - Minutes of May 29, 2024

Chairman Evans stated that the minutes were e-mailed out on September 18, 2024.

Motion was made by Chief Johnson seconded by Chief Fillback that the minutes of May 29, 2024, be approved. Motion unanimously carried with no dissenting votes.

Item No. 7 on the Agenda – Correspondence

Director Williams stated all correspondence was in your packet.

- a. FY'25 Statement of Partnership Agencies
- b. Invite Letter to Chief Bryan Waugh, Greenville PD

Item No. 8 on the Agenda – ASSIST #14 Budget Expenditures

Chairman Evans stated that the expenditures for FY'24 May/June & FY'25 July/August 2024 were e-mailed out in the packet.

Motion was made by Chief Brueggeman and seconded by Chief Johnson to approve the expenditures for May/June (FY'24) and July/August (FY'25). Motion carried with no dissenting votes.

Item No. 9 on the Agenda – PTB Issues

ILETSB Board meeting – September 25 & 26, 2024

Scott and Kevin will be attending the ILETSB Board meetings on Sept. 25 & 26, 2024 in Springfield, IL.

Item No. 10 on the Agenda – FY'24 Audit of ASSIST #14

Auditor Kevin Tepen with C.J. Schlosser and Company, LLC-FY'24

Director Williams stated that the auditing firm C.J. Schlosser and Company LLC was at the SILEC office in late August. We do not have the final report back yet, but the firm did state that there were no findings in the audit. Once we have the report, we will email it out to the committee.

Item No. 11 on the Agenda – Membership Committee Report

a. FY'25 Statement of Partnership Agencies

Director Williams gave an update on the Statement of Partnership Fees for FY'25

- **\$117,950.00** - collected - 7 of the 79 agencies have not paid

Director Williams stated that some of the agencies who have not paid is likely because their new fiscal year has not started yet. He is not concerned about the outstanding agencies.

b. New members: Chief Bryan Waugh, Greenville PD

Invite letter was sent June 28, 2024

Motion was made by Chief Modrusic and seconded by Chief Manley to approve the new member to the ASSIST Board. Motion carried with no dissenting votes.

Item No. 12. On the Agenda – Update on Part-Time Training

Asst. Dir. Schmoll announced that the P/T Academy Session 34 graduated on July 13, 2024, with 14 graduates. The P/T Academy Session 35 started on August 24, 2024, with 20 individuals. They will graduate next July.

Item No. 13 on the Agenda – Staff Activity

a. ILETSB Board Meeting

Asst. Dir. Schmoll stated he and Director Williams will be leaving right after the ASSIST Board Meeting to attend the September 25 & 26, 2024 ILETSB Board Meeting in Springfield, IL.

- b. Annual East/West Executive Development Training** is October 16 & 17, 2024 at Pere Marquette, Grafton, IL. There are no more rooms available, however there are spots available if you would like to attend the training. The following speakers have been scheduled:

- I. Maj. Ed O'Carroll (Ret.) Fairfax Co. VA Police Dept. and Jessica Koong, QIAGEN Corp. "Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy: A Huge Leap of Crime Fighting"
 - II. Det. Jeff German, Joliet Police Department - "Hi-Tech Investigations: Cell Phone and iOS/Google Records Date Collection"
- c. Annual SILEC/SIPCA Awards Banquet**
Asst. Dir. Schmoll stated that the Annual SILEC/SIPCA Awards Banquet will be held on January 23, 2025, at the Four Points Sheraton in Fairview Heights. The call for nominations packets was emailed out on July 31, 2024. Asst. Dir. Schmoll encouraged the board to get your nomination in. The panel will meet to decide who will receive the awards in November.
- d. The 25th Annual Criminal Justice Summit**
The Summit will be held on February 26 & 27, 2025 in Effingham, IL. At the Keller Convention Center. The following speakers have been scheduled:
- I. John Iannarelli - "Cybersecurity for Law Enforcement and Terrorism"
 - II. John Iannarelli and Kristy Siefkin – "Media Relations"
 - III. Silouan Green – "Mental Health, Peer Support and Suicide Prevention for Law Enforcement"
- e. Training Specialist P/T Position – Sherry Pomatto**
Asst. Dir. Schmoll announced that SILEC hired Sherry Pomatto as a P/T Training Specialist to assist SILEC staff with their duties. Sherry Pomatto's start date was June 10, 2024.

Item No. 14 on the Agenda – Unfinished Business - None

Item No. 15 On the Agenda – New Business

- a. SILEC Employee Pay Increases**
Director Williams stated that the Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board has approved a lump sum increase for SILEC employees for FY'25. The funds were distributed so that the lowest paid employees received a higher percentage increase. If approved, raises will be retroactive to July 1, 2024. Director Williams said that ILETSB sets the percentage increase every year and that they requested SILEC provide budget numbers with a zero, 3% and 5% salary increase and then ILETSB decided what is awarded based on our budget. SILEC then brings their recommendation to our ASSIST Board for approval.

Motion was made by Chief Brueggeman and seconded by Chief Johnson to approve the SILEC employee pay increases for FY'25. Motion carried with no dissenting votes.

- b. Alton Police Department Firearms Range Project**
Asst. Dir. Schmoll stated that Alton P.D. are in the process of building a new Firearms Training Facility on property they already own. Alton P.D. has already received \$250,000.00 in grant funding for the project. The Alton P.D. approached SILEC nine months ago requesting an additional \$25,000.00 for the project.

This was first brought to the Assist #14 Advisory Board for approval at the May 29, 2024, meeting. At that time, Chief Brueggeman suggested that we take this to the Executive Committee and the SILEC Board for consideration. This was then approved by the Executive Committee and passed by the SILEC Board at their meeting on September 11, 2024, and we are now bringing it back to the Assist #14 Advisory Board for approval. Dir. Williams wants this to be a reimbursement as opposed to an outright grant. If approved, SILEC will pay as a bill.

SILEC will be allowed to access the Firearms Training Facility for certified regional training purposes. We currently have access to two area ILETSB approved ranges for training, the Fairview Heights/O'Fallon

Range and the Granite City Range. The new Alton Range will give us a much-needed additional range in the north area of our MTU. Asst. Dir. Schmoll stated that SILEC has the funds available through the existing Secretary of State Grant and this would not come out of the SILEC general budget.

Motion was made by Chief Brueggeman and seconded by Chief Lamb to approve funding for the Alton P.D. Firearms Range Project. Motion carried with no dissenting votes.

Item No. 16 on the Agenda – Good of the Order

Sherriff Connor announced he attended the recent Sherriff's Conference and there was a complaint issued to Illinois State Police Director Brendan Kelley regarding the lateral hiring of State Police Officers. The issue is not the lateral hiring but the timing of the hiring and not allowing officers enough time to give two weeks' notice before transferring from their department. Director Kelley responded that the police departments should be aware of when the Illinois State Police Academy's are starting and to be prepared for their officers that have applied to potentially be resigning their current positions to attend the academy. Director Kelley also stated that the timing of the hiring process is determined by the Merit Board and that he would pass along the concerns raised by the Sheriffs to the Board.

Pastor Ben Godard thanked the Advisory Board for the new projector for their training room that was recently installed. Director Williams stated that SILEC has been using funds from the Secretary of State Grant to sponsor improvements to the training rooms of the various departments who allow us to use their facilities for training. Director Williams thanked the departments for hosting SILEC training at their facilities.

Item No. 17 on the Agenda – Adjournment

Motion was made by Chief Brueggeman and seconded by Chief Manley to adjourn. Having completed all items on the agenda the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



By: Amy Eggemeyer
Recording Secretary

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******* Next Meeting*******

SILEC-Assist-SIPCA

Wednesday, November 20, 2024 - 11:30am

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REMINDER TO RSVP TO: misty@silec.org