

# **SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION**

## **ASSIST #14 ADVISORY BOARD**

**Wednesday, March 26, 2025 – 11:30 a.m.**

**Bella Milano, O’Fallon, IL.**

### **Minutes**

**Asst. Director Schmoll called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m.**

#### **Advisory Board Members Present:**

<b>Matt Blomberg</b>	<b>Casey Faro</b>	<b>Eric Danford</b>	<b>Tony Manley</b>	<b>Brian Vielweber</b>
<b>Kirk Brueggeman</b>	<b>Mike Fillback</b>	<b>Chris Joellenbeck</b>	<b>Paul Petty</b>	<b>Jason Lamb</b>
<b>Jeff Connor</b>	<b>Jarrett Ford</b>	<b>Steve Johnson</b>	<b>Nicholas Novacich</b>	<b>Ben Godard</b>
<b>Matt Eiskant</b>	<b>Dave Hursey</b>	<b>Brad Wells</b>	<b>Richard Wittenauer</b>	<b>Brent Shownes</b>
<b>Eric Van Hook</b>	<b>Chris Modrusic</b>	<b>Kevin Hemann</b>	<b>Chris Wasser</b>	<b>Tom Coppotelli</b>
<b>Charles Mackin</b>				

#### **Advisory Board Members Absent:**

<b>Jim Leitschuh</b>	<b>Herbert Simmons</b>	<b>Dan Travous</b>	<b>Scott Golike</b>	<b>David Meyer</b>
<b>Todd Link</b>	<b>Nick Gailius</b>	<b>Richard Watson</b>	<b>Mike Schutzenhofer</b>	<b>Steven Brown</b>
<b>Bob Coles</b>	<b>Chris Locke</b>	<b>Steven Strubberg</b>	<b>Ross Schultze</b>	<b>Jason Donjon</b>
<b>Neal Rohlfing</b>	<b>Scott Waldrup</b>	<b>Brian Fletcher</b>	<b>Dave Roth</b>	<b>Jarrold Peters</b>
<b>Brian Waugh</b>	<b>Dane Luke</b>			

**Guest:**                      **Gary Brooks**                      **Brett Boerm**

#### **Staff present were:**

<b>Scott Williams</b>	<b>Kevin Schmoll</b>	<b>Amy Eggemeyer</b>	<b>Misty Stahl</b>	<b>Van Muschler</b>
<b>David Hayes</b>	<b>Steve Evans</b>			

**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and Pastor Ben Godard gave the invocation.**

**Introduction of Guests – Asst. Director Schmoll welcomed guest Chief Gary Brooks, Granite City PD and Chief Brett Boerm, Collinsville PD.**

#### **Quorum**

**A quorum was declared by Asst. Director Schmoll.**

#### **Item No. 6 on the Agenda - Minutes of November 20, 2024**

**Asst. Director Kevin Schmoll stated that the minutes were e-mailed out on March 19, 2025.**

**Motion was made by Sheriff Connor seconded by Chief Fillback that the minutes of November 20, 2024, be approved. Motion unanimously carried with no dissenting votes.**

#### **Item No. 7 on the Agenda – New Business**

**SILEC Board Chairman – Replacing Ret./Chief Stephen Evans**

**Asst. Director Schmoll announced the recommendation of Chief Kirk Brueggeman, O’Fallon PD to become the Chairman of the ASSIST #14 Advisory Board.**

Motion was made by Chief Blomberg and seconded by Chief Eiskant to approve Chief Brueggeman as the Chairman of the ASSIST #14 Advisory Board. Motion carried with no dissenting votes.

**ASSIST #14 Advisory Board Co-Chairman – Chief Scott Waldrup**

Asst. Director Schmoll announced the need to replace Chief Scott Waldrup, Mascoutah PD as the Co-Chairman of the ASSIST #14 Advisory Board with the recommendation of Chief Matt Eiskant, Belleville PD.

Motion was made by Sheriff Connor and seconded by Chief Blomberg to approve Chief Eiskant as the Co-Chairman of the ASSIST #14 Advisory Board. Motion carried with no dissenting votes.

**Item No. 8 on the Agenda - Correspondence**

Asst. Director Schmoll stated the following correspondence was in your packet:

- a. FY'26 – Proposed Training Budget Overview
- b. FY'25 - Auditor Engagement Letters
- c. SILEC/SIPCA Awards Banquet Expenditures
- d. Congratulations letter – Chief Charles Mackin, New Baden PD
- e. Congratulations letter – Chief Dane Luke, Waterloo PD
- f. Invite Letter to join Assist Board – Chief Brett Boerm, Collinsville PD
- g. Invite Letter to join Assist Board – Chief Gary Brooks, Granite City PD
- h. Updated ASSIST #14 Advisory Chart

**Item No. 9 on the Agenda – ASSIST #14 Budget Expenditures**

Asst. Director Schmoll stated that the Training Expenditures for Nov./Dec. 2024 and Jan./Feb. 2025 were e-mailed out March 19, 2025, and listed the totals.

1. November 2024 - \$67,495.55
2. December 2024 -\$66,272.17
3. January 2025 - \$64,658.01
4. February 2025 - \$49,670.58

Motion was made by Chief Fillback and seconded by Chief Ford to approve the expenditures for the Training Nov./Dec. 2024 and Jan./Feb. 2025. Motion was carried with no dissenting votes.

**Item No. 10 on the Agenda – FY'25 Audit Engagement Letters**

Asst. Director Schmoll stated we received the FY'25 Audit Engagement Letters from C.J. Schlosser & Company, L.L.C. on February 24, 2025. They completed our FY'24 audit, and we intend to contract with them for this year's audit.

Motion was made by Chief Eiskant and seconded by Sheriff Connor to approve the FY'25 Audit Engagement Letters. Motion unanimously carried with no dissenting votes.

**Item No. 11 on the Agenda – Membership Committee Report**

Asst. Director Schmoll congratulated both Chief Charles Mackin, New Baden PD and Chief Dane Luke, Waterloo PD as new members of the ASSIST Brd.

Asst. Director Schmoll stated that letters were e-mailed to both Chief Brett Boerm, Collinsville PD and Chief Gary Brooks, Granite City PD on Jan. 29, 2025, inviting them to this meeting to formally vote on their appointments to become members of the ASSIST Brd. Motions are needed.

Motion was made by Chief Blomberg and seconded by Chief Coppotelli to approve Chief Boerm as new member to the ASSIST Board. Motion carried with no dissenting votes.

Motion was made by Chief Ford and seconded by Chief Joellenbeck to approve Chief Brooks as new member to the ASSIST Board. Motion carried with no dissenting votes.

**Item No. 12 on the Agenda – Proposed FY'26 Budget**

Asst. Director Schmoll stated that we requested a 5% increase in all budget line items to cover inflation.

We met with the Budget Committee and the SILEC Board of Directors and both approved the Proposed FY'26 Budget.

Director Williams commented that the ILETSB Board usually votes to approve our upcoming fiscal year budget at their September board meeting.

Manager Paul Petty, ILETSB commented that the budget is officially approved when the governor signs it. He also spoke about ILETSB's plan to not require the MTU's to match the state's share of their respective FY'26 budgets. This will allow MTU's to save more of their match funds for future year's needs in case the state has less funding.

Director Williams stated that MTU 14 has about one year's worth of reserve from past partnership dues paid that we could use if we did not receive state funding. He gave credit to the foresight and dedication of previous SILEC directors to save the resources in case of funding issues.

Motion was made by Chief Coppotelli and seconded by Chief Wittenauer to approve the FY'26 Budget. Motion carried with no dissenting votes.

**Item No. 13 on the Agenda – PTB Issues**

Brent Shownes had two issues to share with the board:

1. EMR (Emergency Medical Response) Mandate – currently the EMR mandate is 1 year online/1 year in-person live training. We designed it so you can alternate one year doing CPR/1<sup>st</sup> Aid under the Federal mandates, then the next year do the training online. If officers in your department are not on the same rotation, because some couldn't make it to the CPR training or whatever, the training supervisor can contact the Executive Institute that is over OLN. Their number is on the OLN site and click on the red button that says "FAQ". The number will be at the top of the page. Call and talk to Emilie and she can reset those officers that are out of rotation. Understand that CPR is not the only class that meets the EMR mandate. There are many classes offered by MTU 14 that qualify for it also, Stop the Bleed, Officer Trauma Care, to name a couple. Just look at the flyer and it will tell you what mandates each class meets. Please contact Brent with any questions.
2. Military police – training waivers. ILETSB is now granting training waivers for MP's that were in the military. There has not been an official press release yet, it is in the works. There are prerequisites to obtaining the waiver:
  - a. Military police does not include Coast Guard or Reserve officers
  - b. Must have at least 2 years active duty with military
  - c. Trained using the 2016 curriculum
  - d. Separation from military after December 2022

**Item No. 14 on the Agenda – Update on Part-Time Training**

Director Eric Danford from SWIC Police Academy stated that the current Part Time Academy Session 35 is scheduled to graduate July 12, 2025, with 20 graduates. This is the same number that originally enrolled. SWIC is currently recruiting and taking applications for Part Time Academy Session 36, which will start in August.

#### **Item No. 15 on the Agenda – Staff Activity Update**

Asst. Director Schmoll went over the following:

a. January 23, 2025 - Awards Banquet Update

We had 263 in attendance and 51 awardees, plus (2) Unit Awards

Total Cost - \$23,199.69

SILEC Paid - \$8,449.85

SIPCA Paid - \$8,449.84 \*(1) SIPCA Plaque

Attendees Paid - \$6,300.00

Asst. Director Schmoll announced that we are changing venues for next year's SILEC/SIPCA Awards Banquet, which will be held at the Regency in O'Fallon. The change in venues was due to the staffing issues that were encountered for the past several years at the Four Points Conference Center.

b. Criminal Justice Summit – Feb. 26 & 27, 2025 at Effingham at Thelma Keller Convention Center. We had 307 attendees.

1. John Iannarelli – “Cybersecurity-Terrorism and Media Relations for Law Enforcement”
2. Kristy Siefkin – “Media Relations”
3. Exe. Director Kenneth Winslow, ILACP – “Legislative Update”
4. Lobbyist John Millner, IL. Associates Chiefs of Police – “Legislative Update”
5. Silouan Green - “Mental Health, Peer Support, and Suicide Prevention for Law Enforcement”

Asst. Director Schmoll announced next year's Summit will be held at the Thelma Keller Convention Center in Effingham on Feb. 25-26, 2026. Same location as last year's.

c. SILEC hosted 146 courses, trained 1,449 Officers, for a total combined 6,877 hours of training from November 20, 2024, through March 12, 2025.

#### **Item No. 16 on the Agenda – Old Business** - None

#### **Item No. 17 on the Agenda – New Business**

Asst. Director Schmoll stated that the changes to the SILEC Personnel Manual are being changed to match ILETSB Personnel Manual.

Motion was made by Chief Wells and seconded by Chief Fillback to approve the changes in the SILEC Personnel Manual. Motion carried with no dissenting votes.

#### **Item No. 18 on the Agenda – Good of the Order**

Director Williams announced that SIPCA will be hosting a “Meet and Greet” with Special Agent in Charge Chris Johnson at Grace Church, Fairview Heights, IL. on April 15, 2025, from 11:30am-1pm and encouraged law enforcement professionals to attend. There is unlimited seating, so RSVP because a meal will be provided. See the handout flyer for more details. Director Williams apologized that the date of the “Meet and Greet” conflicts with the official swearing in of 13-year-old DJ Daniel in St. Louis.

Director Williams announced retired Chief Steve Evans has joined SILEC as a Field Monitor to audit SILEC training.

Chief Wells announced that the SIPCA shirt order is still open, and they are still taking orders at this time.


Asst. Director Schmoll announced SILEC is hosting a training course on July 1<sup>st</sup> that meets the mandate requirement for Use of Force if any of the agencies have officers in need of them.

Director Williams announced that Thomas Trice will soon be sworn in as Chief of Police for Cahokia Heights PD in May 2025.

**Item No. 19 on the Agenda – Adjournment**

Motion was made by Chief Johnson and seconded by Chief Lamb to adjourn. Having completed all items on the agenda the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



By: Misty Stahl

Recording Secretary

**\*\*\*\* Next Meeting\*\*\*\***

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2025**

**Bella Milano Rest. – O’Fallon, IL**

**11:30am**

**REMEMBER TO RSVP TO:**

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