

SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Porter's Steakhouse - Collinsville, IL.

March 12, 2025 – 8:15 a.m.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. by President Richard Watson.

Members of the Board of Directors present:

Jeff Connor	James Leitschuh	Christopher Timmermann	Steve Johnson
Tyrone Echols	Neal Rohlfig	Richard Watson	Tom Stalcup
Kevin Hemann	Kenneth Sharkey	Vicki Koerber	Marc Hoffmann
Josh Hill			

Members of the Board of Directors absent:

Roger Barfield	Jerry Dinges	Brian Fletcher	James Lansing
Patty Gregory	Ryan Kneeder	Mike Kuhl	Dora Mann
Ross Schultze	Casey Faro	Dan Travous	Don Weber
Jerald Wilson	David Meyer	Jarrod Peters	Carole Presson
Jeremy Walker	Don Weber	Matthew King	

Staff Present:

Scott Williams	Kevin Schmoll	Misty Stahl	Amy Eggemeyer
Van Muschler	David Hayes	Sherry Pomatto	

The Pledge Allegiance was recited, and President Watson asked for a moment of silence.

Guest: Sheriff James Leitschuh, Bond County brought Chief Deputy Josh Hill. Sheriff Leitschuh announced his retirement on May 2, 2025, and he recommends Chief Deputy Josh Hill to take his place on the SILEC Board of Directors.

Yes – there was a quorum present.

Item No. 6 on the Agenda – Approval of Minutes – November 20, 2024

President Watson stated that the minutes from the November 20, 2024, SILEC Board meeting were emailed out on March 5, 2025.

Motion was made by Director Hoffmann and seconded by Director Rohlfig that the minutes of November 20, 2024, be approved. Motion was carried with no dissenting votes.

Item No. 7 on the Agenda – Correspondence

Director Williams stated the following correspondence was emailed to the committee on March 5, 2025.

- a. Appointment letter to Chairman Dave Holder – Replacing Marc Kiehna, Randolph Co. Board Member
- b. Response letter from Randolph Co. Board of Commissioners – Ronald White
- c. Retirement/Resignation letter from SILEC Board of Directors - Sheriff James Leitschuh, Bond Co.
- d. SILEC Board Meeting Schedule 2025
- e. Updated Board of Directors Chart

Item No. 8 on the Agenda – Expenditures (Nov./Dec. 2024 and Jan./Feb. 2025)

Director Williams stated that the Admin. & Trng. Expenditures for Nov./Dec. 2024 and Jan./Feb. 2025 were emailed out March 5, 2025.

Motion was made by Director Rohlfig and seconded by Director Hoffmann to approve the expenditure for Admin. & Trng. Nov./Dec. 2024 and Jan./Feb. 2025. Motion was carried with no dissenting votes.

Item No. 9 on the Agenda – Executive Committee Report

FY'2026 - Proposed Training Budget Overview

Director Williams stated that our budget last year was a little over \$1 million and this year it will be about \$1.2 million.

Director Williams asked ILETSB for new money. This money will include pay raises and \$50,000.00 to help pay for Southern IL. Criminal Justice Summit, the Annual East/West Executive Development Training, and for a new SILEC vehicle.

Motion was made by Director Rohlfig and seconded by Director Hemann to approve the FY'25 Training Budget. Motion carried with no dissenting votes.

FY'2025 - Auditor Engagement Letters

Director Williams stated that Auditor C.J. Schlosser & Company LLC. sent their Engagement Letter on Feb. 24, 2025, and asked if we were going to use them again, which we intend to do.

Motion was made by Director Stalcup and seconded by Director Rohlfig to approve the FY'25 Auditor Engagement Letters. Motion carried with no dissenting votes.

Annual Awards Banquet – Jan. 23, 2025

Asst. Director Kevin Schmoll will cover in the Staff Activity Report.

Item No. 10 on the Agenda – Staff Activity Report

Asst. Director Schmoll went over the following staff activity.

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

Attendees Paid - \$6,300.00

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

The 2026 Annual SILEC/SIPCA Awards banquet will be held on Jan. 22, 2026. We are changing the location of next year's banquet to the Regency Center, O'Fallon, IL. This decision was made due to staff issues. Pricing at both hotels was comparable.

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"

- 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.

Asst. Director Schmoll asked Field Monitor Van Muschler to give an update on the Part-Time Police Academy.

- a. Field Monitor Muschler stated that the Part-Time Academy Session 35 has 20 students and graduates on July 12, 2025. Part-Time Academy Session 36 begins in August 2025.

Director Connor asked if SILEC noticed a difference in the final cost of this year's Annual SILEC/SIPCA Awards Banquet due to the Awards Committee voting to raise the cost to attend the banquet from \$35.00 to \$50.00 and to limit the number of Unit Awardees we pay for.

Director Williams stated that SILEC did not see a huge difference in savings and is willing to discuss ways in the future on how to keep the cost down.

Item No. 11 on the Agenda – Unfinished Business – None.

Item No. 12 on the Agenda – New Business

SILEC Board Chairman – Replacing Ret./Chief Stephen Evans

Director Williams announced that he recommends Chief Kirk Brueggeman, O'Fallon PD to become the Chairman of the ASSIST #14 Advisory Board and an At Large member on the SILEC Board of Directors.

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

Director Williams announced the need to replace Chief Scott Waldrup, Mascoutah PD as the Vice Co-Chairman of the ASSIST #14 Advisory Board. Dir. Williams recommends Chief Matt Eiskant, Belleville PD.

Executive Committee:

Motion was made by Director Connor and seconded by Director Hoffmann to approve Chief Brueggeman as the Chairman of the ASSIST #14 Advisory Board and an At Large member of the SILEC Board and to also approve Chief Eiskant as the Co-Chairman of the ASSIST #14 Advisory Board. Motion carried with no dissenting votes.

Full SILEC Board:

Motion was made by Director Connor and seconded by Director Rohlfing to approve Chief Brueggeman as the Chairman of the ASSIST #14 Advisory Board and an At Large member of the SILEC Board and to also approve Chief Eiskant as the Co-Chairman of the ASSIST #14 Advisory Board. Motion carried with no dissenting votes.

SILEC Personnel Manual – Changes/Additions

President Watson stated that the changes to the SILEC Personnel Manual are being changed to match ILETSB Personnel Manual.

Executive Committee:

Motion was made by Director Rohlfing and seconded by Director Hoffmann to approve the changes in the SILEC Personnel Manual. Motion carried with no dissenting votes.

Full SILEC Board:

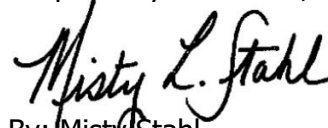
Motion was made by Director Rohlfing and seconded by Director Hemann to approve the changes in the SILEC Personnel Manual. Motion carried with no dissenting votes.

Item No. 13 on the Agenda – Good of the Order – None.

Item No. 14 on the Agenda – Adjournment

Motion was made by Director Rohlfing and seconded by Director Hemann to adjourn. Having completed all items on the agenda the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



By: Misty Stahl
Recording Secretary

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

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

@ 8:15am

Porter's Steakhouse – Collinsville, IL

REMEMBER TO RSVP TO: misty@silec.org