

SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
SILEC BOARD OF DIRECTORS & ASSIST #14 ADVISORY BOARD

Bella Milano Restaurant – O'Fallon, IL. Collinsville
September 24, 2025 – Wednesday – 11:15 a.m.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 a.m. by President Sheriff Richard Watson.

Members of the Board of Directors present:

Richard Watson	Jeff Connor	Casey Faro	Dawn Keys
Kirk Brueggeman	Josh Hill	Terry Eaker	Neal Rohlfing
Steve Johnson	Dora Mann	Jarrod Peters	Matt Blomberg
Chris Timmermann	Ron Simpson	Robert Weilmuenster	

Members of the Board of Directors absent:

Jeremy Walker	Carole Widman	Roger Barfield	Tom Haine
Kenneth Sharkey	Vicki Koerber	Mike Kuhl	Jerry Dinges
Kevin Hemann	David Meyer	Ronald White	Dan Travous
Marc Hoffmann	Tom Stalcup	James Lansing	Brian Fletcher
Ross Schultze	Tyrone Echols		

Members of the ASSIST #14 Advisory Board present:

Thomas Trice	Tony Manley	David Roth	Eric Van Hook
Chris Joellenbeck	Eric Danford	David Hursey	Gary Brooks
Scott Waldrup	Jarrett Ford	Jason Lamb	
Richard Wittenauer	Steven Strubberg	Brad Wells	
Nicholas Novacich	Michael Fillback	Brett Boerm	

Members of the ASSIST #14 Advisory Board absent:

Steven Brown	Todd Link	Christ Locke	Dane Luke
Matt Eiskant	Ben Godard	Herbert Simmons	Jason Donjon
Bob Coles	Charles Mackin	Chris Modrusic	Chris Wasser
Nick Gailius	Bryan Waugh	Scott Golike	Brian Vielweber
Mike Schutzenhofer			

Staff Present: Scott Williams Kevin Schmoll Amy Eggemeyer Misty Stahl Van Muschler
David Hayes

The Pledge Allegiance was recited, and Asst. Dir. Kevin Schmoll gave the invocation.

A quorum was declared on both boards.

Guests: Mayor Robert Weilmuenster, Village of Shiloh
Mayor Dawn Keys, Village of Dupo
Chief Thomas Trice, Cahokia Heights Police Department

Item No. 6 on the Agenda – Approval of Minutes of (SILEC) May 14, 2025 & (ASSIST) May 28, 2025

Sheriff Richard Watson stated that the minutes from the (SILEC) May 14, 2025 & (ASSIST) May 28, 2025, were e-mailed out on September 18, 2025.

Motion was made by Sheriff Neal Rohlfing and seconded by Sheriff Jeff Connor to approve the minutes from the (SILEC) May 14, 2025 & (ASSIST) May 28, 2025. Motion was carried with no dissenting votes.

Item No. 7 on the Agenda – Correspondence

Exe. Asst./Office Mngr. Misty Stahl stated all correspondence were e-mailed with the board packet.

SILEC Board

- a. Audit - FY'25 Audit
- b. Mayor Appointment Letter to: St. Clair County Board Chairman Mark Kern
- c. Congratulation letter to: Tom Haines, Madison County States's Attorney
- d. Updated SILEC Brd. of Directors Chart

ASSIST #14 Advisory Brd.

- a. FY'26 Statement of Partnership Agencies
- b. Invite Letter to: Chief Thomas Trice, Cahokia Police Department
- c. Update ASSIST #14 Advisory Brd. Chart

Item No. 8 on the Agenda – Expenditures – FY'25 May/June & FY'26 July/August

Exe. Sec./Acct. Amy Eggemeyer stated that the FY'25 May/June expenditures were in your packet and will need to be voted on.

- Fiscal FY'25 total \$1,028,601.53. Over budget \$26,504.30.

Exe. Sec./Acct. Eggemeyer added that the FY'26 July/August was on the agenda. However, it was not included in your packet. We will have to table the vote to approve the FY'26 July/August expenditures until the November meeting.

Motion was made by Sheriff Rohlfing and seconded by Sheriff Jarrod Peters to approve the expenditures for FY'25 May/June (FY'25). Motion carried with no dissenting votes.

Item No. 9 on the Agenda – FY'25 Audit – Kevin Tepen, C.J. Schlosser and Company, LLC

Dir. Scott Williams stated the Auditor Kevin Tepen with C.J. Schlosser and Company, LLC was at the SILEC office on August 27, 2025. We do not have the final report back yet, but the firm did state that there were no findings in the Administration and the in the Training audit. Once we have the report, we will email it out to the committees and vote on it at the November 19, 2025, meeting.

Item No. 10 on the Agenda – Annual Awards Banquet

Asst. Dir. Kevin Schmoll stated that the Annual SILEC/SIPCA Awards Banquet will be held on January 22, 2026 – The Regency O'Fallon & Catering, O'Fallon, IL. The call for Nomination packets was e-mailed out August 7, 2025. Nominations must be received November 12, 2025.

Item No. 11 on the Agenda – Police Training Board

Asst. Dir. Schmoll stated that the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB) meeting was held on September 10 & 11, 2025 at The Regency O'Fallon & Catering, O'Fallon, IL. There is nothing to report.

Item No. 12 on the Agenda – ASSIST #14 Membership Committee Report – Asst. Dir. Kevin Schmoll

- a. **FY'26 Statement of Partnership Agencies**
\$106,700.00 - collected - 22 of the 82 agencies have not paid yet due to different fiscal years.
- b. **Invite letter to: Chief Thomas Trice, Cahokia Heights Police Department**
An invite letter was emailed to Chief Thomas Trice inviting him to serve on the ASSIST #14 Advisory Board. We will need a motion to approve Chief Trice's appointment with the Advisory Board.

Motion was made by Commander Casey Faro and seconded by Chief Steve Johnson to approve Chief Trice's appointment to the ASSIST #14 Advisory Board. Motion carried with no dissenting votes.

Item No. 13 on the Agenda – Staff Activity – Asst. Dir. Kevin Schmoll

a. Training Report

SILEC hosted 194 courses, trained 3,672 Officers, for a total of 1,577.5 hours of class time, which is a total of 18,342 hours of training from May 14, 2025, through Sept. 18, 2025. We are at 508 classes for the fiscal year. In the past we usually are around 398 classes per year.

b. East/West Exec Development Conference

Held on October 15 & 16, 2025, at Pere Marquette Lodge & Conference, Grafton, IL. SIPCA will host a hospitality event.

The following topics and speakers have been scheduled:

- i. Transformational Leadership: Strategies for Law Enforcement Leaders
 - Chief Greg Veitch (Retired) Saratoga Springs NY Police Dept.
- ii. Preparing Your Agency for the Worst: Policy & Best Practices Surrounding Line of Duty Death
 - Caitlyn Brennan – Club 100 of Illinois

Asst. Dir. Schmoll stated that there are no rooms left. However, there are plenty of seats still available.

c. Criminal Justice Summit

Held on February 24 & 26, 2026, at Thelma Keller Convention Center, Effingham IL.

The following topics and speakers have been scheduled:

- i. Transformational Leadership for Solving Crime in the Digital Age
 - Maj. Ed O'Carroll (Ret.), Fairfax County Police Dept.
 - Trey Amick, Director, Technical Marketing/Forensic Consultants, Magnet Forensics
 - Alicia Kozakiewicz, Victim/Survivor
- ii. Statewide Terrorism & Intelligence Center
 - Lt. Douglas Pool, ISP, STIC Center Chief

Certification Specialist David Hayes stated that the block of rooms for the Criminal Justice Summit will not be released until after the East/West Executive Development Conference. Cert. Specialist Hayes also added that there will be an additional speaker on the second day covering the Nashville School Shooting.

Asst. Dir. Schmoll confirmed that there will be (4) guns raffled off at the Criminal Justice Summit. One gun will be raffled off on the first day and the other three guns will be raffled off on the second day.

d. Part-time Academy Report

Field Monitor/Part-Time Coordinator Van Muschler confirmed that session 36 is a Pilot Program with 20 students from two different locations. MTU #15 students attend weekend training at Rend Lake College. If this pilot program is successful, it could expand to the entire state by next year. Currently there are 15 students attending at the Belleville location and 5 attending at Rend Lake College. All the SWIC instructors are certified, and all the students are from SWIC.

Item No. 14 on the Agenda – Unfinished Business

Dir. Williams reminded the Board we were researching additional options of where to deposit our sweep account funds for the best interest rates. We currently have our checking accounts with Busey Bank. After looking into several options, including Illinois Funds, Dir. Williams is recommending that we leave our money with Busey Bank at a monthly average rate of 3.5% return on our funds.

Item No. 15 On the Agenda – New Business

Dir. Williams stated that the ILETSB has approved a 5% increase across the board for SILEC employees for FY'25. If approved, raises will be retroactive to July 1, 2025.

Motion was made by the SILEC Executive Board by Sheriff Connor and seconded by Sheriff Rohlfing to approve the SILEC employee pay increases for FY'25. Motion carried with no dissenting votes.

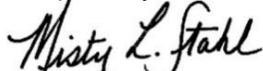
Item No. 16 on the Agenda – Good of the Order

On behalf of the Major Case Squad, Sheriff Connor asked any Chief that has active investigators that are interested in being on the Board of Directors to please send him a letter of intent with a resume. Currently, there is no one on the Board of Directors from Illinois. If you are a Sheriff in the geographical area, you are automatically on the Board of Directors.

Item No. 17 on the Agenda – Adjournment

Motion was made by Sheriff Rohlfing and seconded by Sheriff Peters to adjourn. Having completed all items on the agenda the meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



By: Misty Stahl

Recording Secretary

MARK YOUR CALENDER

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

SILEC-Assist-SIPCA

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 - 11:15am

Bella Milano Restaurant, O'Fallon, IL

REMINDER TO RSVP TO: misty@silec.org