

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

Bella Milano Restaurant – O’Fallon, IL
November 19, 2025 – Wednesday – 11:15 a.m.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by President Richard Watson, SILEC Board.

SILEC Board of Directors members present were:

Jeff Connor	Steve Johnson	Richard Watson	Matt Blomberg
Tom Haine	Kirk Brueggeman	Kennth Sharkey	Terry Eaker
Kevin Hemann	Jarrold Peters	Chris Timmermann	Dawn Keys
Dora Mann	Josh Hill	Ron Simpson	

SILEC Board of Directors members absent were:

Roger Barfield	James Lansing	Tom Stalcup	Brian Fletcher
Jerry Dinges	Marc Hoffmann	Ross Schultze	Neal Rohlfig
Tyrone Echols	Ronald White	Dan Travous	Mike Kuhl
Casey Faro	Vicki Koerber	David Meyer	Carole Widman
Jeremy Walker	Robert Weilmuenster		

ASSIST #14 Advisory Board members present were:

Matt Blomberg	Steve Johnson	Richard Watson	Bryan Waugh
Mike Fillback	Eric Van Hook	Richard Wittenauer	Kevin Herman
Kirk Brueggeman	Tony Manley	Brian Vielweber	Charles Mackin
Jeff Connor	Jarrold Peters	Jarett Ford	Chris Wasser
Jason Donjon	Chris Joellenbeck	Brad Wells	Josh Hill
Matt Eiskant	Gary Brooks	Jason Lamb	Brett Boerm
Nicholas Novacich	Thomas Trice	Dane Luke	

ASSIST #14 Advisory Board members absent:

Nick Gailius	Steven Strubberg	Casey Faro	Neal Rohlfig
Scott Golike	Chris Modrusic	Herbert Simmons	Dave Hursey
Eric Danford	Bob Cole	Dave Meyer	Scott Waldrup
Todd Link	Mike Schutzenhofer	Ben Godard	Brian Fletcher
Chris Locke	Dave Roth	Ross Schultze	Dan Travous
Casey Faro			

Staff Present:

Scott Williams	Kevin Schmoll	Misty Stahl	Steve Evans
Amy Eggemeyer	Darci Campbell	Van Muschler	

Item No. 2 & 3 on the Agenda – Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance was given, and Chairmen Kirk Brueggeman gave the invocation.

Item No. 4 on the Agenda – Quorum

The SILEC Board and the ASSIST Board both had quorums present.

Item No. 5 on the Agenda – Guests

Amber Hopkins	Brent Shownes	Lawrence Warren	Michael McCormick
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Item No. 6 on the Agenda – Approval of the Minutes of SILEC and ASSIST #14 Meeting September 24, 2025

President Watson announced the meeting minutes were emailed out to the board members on November 12, 2025.

Motion was made by Chief Thomas Trice and seconded by Sheriff Jarrod Peters that the minutes of September 19, 2025, SILEC and ASSIST #14 Board meeting be approved. Motion carried with no dissenting votes.

Item No. 7 on the Agenda - Correspondence

Exec. Asst./Office Mngr. Misty Stahl stated that the board packet went out on November 12, 2025, with a copy of the following:

- a. FY'25 Audits for the SILEC Brd. & ASSIST #14 Advisory Brd.
- b. Updated Members Chart – For the SILEC Brd. & ASSIST #14 Advisory Brd.
- c. FY'26 Statement of Partnership Agencies
- d. Mayor Appointment Ltr. from St. Clair Co. Chairman Mark Kern – Mayor Eric Van Hook

Item No. 8 on the Agenda - Expenditures for July/August 2025 and September/October 2025 (SILEC Board & ASSIST #14 Advisory Board)

Exec. Sec. /Accountant Amy Eggemeyer announced the July/August and September/October expenditures were emailed out in the board packet to the respective boards on November 12, 2025.

Motion was made by Chief Jason Donjon and seconded by Chief Matthew Blomberg that the SILEC Board and ASSIST #14 Advisory Board expenditures for July/August and September/October 2025 be approved. Motion carried with no dissenting votes.

Item No. 9 on the Agenda – Police Training Board FY'25 Audits for SILEC and ASSIST #14

Exec. Sec./Accountant Eggemeyer announced that auditors C.J. Schlosser and Company, LLC. were at the SILEC office on August 27, 2025. We received their finalized audits on October 15, 2025, and they were emailed out in the board packet on November 12, 2025. There were no findings. The ASSIST #14 Training audit was submitted to the Training Board on October 20, 2025.

Motion was made by Chief Trice and seconded by Sheriff Peters that the SILEC Board and ASSIST #14 Advisory Board FY'25 audits be approved. Motion carried with no dissenting votes.

Item No. 10 on the Agenda – Annual Awards Banquet

Assist. Dir. Kevin Schmoll stated the Annual Awards Banquet is scheduled for January 22, 2026, at the Regency O'Fallon & Catering in O'Fallon, IL. The call for nominations packets was emailed out on August 7, 2025, and were due back by November 12, 2025.

Asst. Dir. Schmoll announced that the Awards Committee will meet immediately after the board meetings to select the awardees who will be notified next week.

Item No. 11 on the Agenda - Police Training Board

Police Training Specialist/Investigator Brent Shownes with the ILETSB discussed the following:

Senate Bill 1953-Sonya Massey

Deals with being transparent regarding law enforcement new hires.

- a. ILETSB will not send checklist or information about background checks of new hires.
- b. IL Association of Chief of Police have a checklist for members. If you are not a member, you should join. You can get their checklist on their website or contact PT Specialist/Investigator Shownes at: brent.shownes@illinois.gov.

The Officer Portal

- a. 21 agencies in SILEC's jurisdiction are not at 100% on Officer Portal. Check your LEDI roster and get those officers signed up. If needing help email: PT Specialist/Investigator Shownes.
- b. Officers should use their private email to register, otherwise if they change agencies and their agency email is deactivated it will delete their LEDI account.
- c. Verification forms are due by March 31, 2026, for the A-G last names.

Item No. 12 on the Agenda - ASSIST #14 Membership Committee Report

Assist. Dir. Schmoll stated the following information was emailed out in the board packet on November 12, 2025.

- a. **FY'26 Statement of Partnership Agencies**
\$124,600.00 – collected – 12 of the 82 agencies have not paid
- b. **Mayor Appointment Letter, Mayor Eric Van Hook, O'Fallon, IL**
St. Clair County Chairman Mark Kern appointed Mayor Eric Van Hook to the SILEC Board of Directors.

Item No. 13 on the Agenda - ASSIST #14 Staff Activity Update

Assist. Dir. Schmoll reported the following Staff Activity.

- a. **FY'25 Annual Report**
The FY'25 Annual Report was emailed out to the board members on November 10, 2025. If anyone would like a printed copy, please reach out to SILEC Exec. Sec./Accountant Amy Eggemeyer.
- b. **ILETSB Board Meeting**
The training board held a board meeting September 10 & 11, 2025 at the Regency in O'Fallon, IL. Director Williams, Assist. Dir. Schmoll along with several SILEC staff members and local chiefs were in attendance.
- c. **ILETSB Board Meeting**
The training board will hold a board meeting December 10 & 11, 2025 at the Hilton Chicago Oak Brook Hill Resort & Conference Center, in Oak Brook, IL. Director Williams, Assist. Dir. Schmoll, Field Monitor/Part-Time Academy Coordinator Van Muschler and Certification Specialist P/T David Hayes will be in attendance.

d. East/West Exec. Dev. Conference

The East/West Conference was held on October 15 & 16, 2025 at Pere Marquette in Grafton, IL. SIPCA hosted a hospitality event. The following topics and speakers were held:

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

e. Criminal Justice Summit

Is scheduled for February 25 & 26, 2026 at the 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
- iii. 2023 Nashville Covenant School Tragedy – Incident Debriefing
 - Michael Collazo, Nashville Tennessee Police Dept.

f. Total Training Courses FY’25

The total number of courses offered FY’25 was **508**, compared to **398** courses in FY’24.

g. FY’27 Annual Training Needs Survey

Next year’s survey will be electronically sent out by December 31, 2025. Please complete and return before February 23, 2026.

Item No. 14 on the Agenda – Unfinished Business

None

Item No. 15 on the Agenda - New Business

None

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

Chief Kirk Brueggeman announced O’Fallon PD is hosting an ILETSB training on December 4, 2025, from 8:00am to 3:30pm. Justice for Your Wallet – Equipping Officers for Success. He encouraged sending officers to this free training.

Chief Brueggeman also mentioned that the ILETSB 1st Line Supervisor training is currently full; another offering is scheduled for next September.

Dir. Williams reminded everyone to make sure they signed in to today’s joint meeting and reminded the SILEC/SIPCA Awards Committee of their meeting immediately after the joint meeting.

Item No. 17 on the Agenda – Adjournment

Having completed all items on the agenda, a motion was made by Chief Trice and seconded by Sheriff Peters to adjourn the joint meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:42a.m. followed by lunch.

Respectfully submitted,



By Misty L. Stahl
Recording Secretary

MERRY CHRISTMAS
&
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
SEE YOU IN MARCH 2026!!