

**SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

Bella Milano Restaurant
455 Regency Park, O'Fallon, IL. 62269
March 25, 2026 – 11:15 a.m.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11:17 a.m. by Advisory Board Chairman Kirk Brueggeman.

SILEC Board of Directors members present were:

Jeff Connor	Josh Hill	Christopher Timmermann	Steve Johnson
Neal Rohlfling	David Meyer	Tom Stalcup	James Lansing
Kevin Hemann	Robert Weilmuenster	Casey Faro	Dora Mann
Marc Hoffmann	Scott Greenwald	Carole Widman	Matt Blomberg
Terry Eaker	Kirk Brueggeman	Ron Simpson	Eric Van Hook

SILEC Board of Directors members absent were:

Roger Barfield	Tom Haine	Brian Fletcher	Ross Schultze
Tyrone Echols	Ronald White	Dan Travous	Mike Kuhl
Vicki Koerber	Dawn Keys	Kenneth Sharkey	Jarrod Peters
Richard Watson			

ASSIST #14 Advisory Board members present were:

Ben Godard	Richard Wittenauer	Nick Novacich	Brad Wells
Brett Boerm	Mike Fillback	Jarrett Ford	Brian Vielweber
Eric Danford	Chris Joellenbeck	Bryan Waugh	Brent Shownes
Charles Mackin	Tony Manley	Chris Modrusic	Paul Petty

ASSIST #14 Advisory Board members absent were:

Gary Brooks	Bob Coles	Scott Waldrup	Steve Strubberg
Jason Donjon	Matt Eiskant	Jason Lamb	Mike Schutzenhofer
Scott Golike	David Hursey	Herbert Simmons	Nick Gailius
Todd Link	Chris Locke	Dane Luke	Chris Wasser
Dave Roth			

Staff Present:

Scott Williams	Kevin Schmoll	Misty Stahl	Amy Eggemeyer
Van Muschler	David Hayes	Steve Evans	

The Pledge Allegiance was recited.

A quorum was declared on both boards.

Guest: Alan Winslow, Hamel Police Department
Scott Greenwald, St. Clair Co. Board and a new SILEC Brd. of Directors Member

Item No. 6 on the Agenda – Approval of Minutes – November 19, 2025

Chairman Brueggeman stated that the minutes from the November 19, 2025, SILEC Board meeting were emailed out on March 18, 2026.

Motion was made by Director Joellenbeck and seconded by Director Fillback that the minutes of November 19, 2025, be approved. Motion was carried with no dissenting votes.

Item No. 7 on the Agenda – Correspondence

Exe. Asst./Office Mngr. Misty Stahl stated the following correspondence was emailed to the committee on March 18, 2026.

- a. Appointment letter to Chairman Marck Kern – Replacing Jerry Dinges, St. Clair Co. Board Member
- b. Response letter from St. Clair Co. Board of Commissioners – Scott Greenwald
- c. Board Meeting Schedule 2026
- d. SILEC Board of Directors Chart
- e. ASSIST #14 Advisory Board Chart

Item No. 8 on the Agenda – Expenditures (Nov./Dec. 2025 and Jan./Feb. 2026)

Exe. Sec./Acct. Amy Eggemeyer stated that the Admin. & Trng. Expenditures for Nov./Dec. 2025 and Jan./Feb. 2026 were emailed out March 18, 2026.

Motion was made by Director Rohlfing and seconded by Director Connor to approve the expenditures for Admin. & Trng. Nov./Dec. 2025 and Jan./Feb. 2026. Motion was carried with no dissenting votes.

Item No. 9 on the Agenda – FY’26 - Auditor Engagement Letter

Exe. Sec./Acct. Amy Eggemeyer stated that Auditor C.J. Schlosser & Company LLC. sent their FY’ 26 Audit Engagement Letters on Feb. 24, 2026, and they were emailed out in the board packet March 18, 2026. The auditors are tentatively scheduled to be in the SILEC office on August 24, 2026. The final audits are due to ILET SB on October 28, 2026.

Motion was made by Director Rohlfing and seconded by Director Ford to approve the FY’26 Auditor Engagement Letters. Motion carried with no dissenting votes.

Item No. 10 on the Agenda – FY’27 – Proposed ASSIST Budget

1. Partnership Fees

Director Williams stated in 2014 SILEC increased the partnership dues from \$85 a year to \$100 a year per full-time/part-time officer and telecommunicator. The Partnership Fee has not been raised since that time. Dir. Williams asked the Board to consider raising the Partnership Fees to \$140 due to budget increases.

Director Williams stated that the Partnership Fees we receive are used as matching funds towards the funding we receive from ILET SB. For every dollar we receive from ILET SB, we are required to provide a cash match. This match comes out to be approximately 10 cents for every \$1 received from ILET SB. As our budget has increased due to inflation, our Partnership Fees have not increased.

Director Wells agreed to make a motion to increase the Partnership Fees but asked that SILEC work with agencies that cannot afford the increase. Director Williams agreed.

Director Johnson agreed to second the motion and suggested the board consider setting up a schedule to increase the Partnership Fees for the next 5 to 7 years so partnership agencies would be able to plan for the inflation increases. Director Williams is open to the board approving an increase schedule to keep up with inflation.

Director Connor suggested for auditing purposes and for discussion would it be easier to create a table to charge per department based on total number of officers verses invoicing per person? Director Williams said we can research it, but invoicing per person is how it has historically been done and the SILEC staff has systems in place to easily calculate, and invoice based on per person. He would prefer not to change it at this time.

ILETSB Representative Paul Petty asked Director Williams if an officer is working part-time for two different partnership agencies, do both agencies pay fees for the same officer? Director Williams stated no, SILEC only requires that officer be paid for one time.

Chairman Brueggeman asked for clarification, if the board votes to increase the Partnership Fees at this meeting, when would the increase go into effect? Exe. Asst./Office Mngr. Misty Stahl stated the invoice letters for FY'27 will go out in April and will be due July 1, 2026, for the time period July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. Director Williams stated that partnership agencies are allowed to pay their fees according to their particular agency's budget cycle, as long as the fees are paid by June 30, 2027.

Motion was made by Director Wells and seconded by Director Johnson to raise the Partnership Fees to \$140.00 for FY'27 Budget and moving forward. Motion carried with no dissenting votes.

2. Training Building

SILEC was contacted by ILETSB and was given the opportunity for additional funding to build a secondary training building at the Fairview Heights/O'Fallon Range.

ILETSB offered to grant SILEC \$1 million, with SILEC giving a 10% cash match. Director Williams stated SILEC does have the match funds in reserves. Plans and more details to come if we get approval from ILETSB for the funding. This building will be used as a secondary all-weather facility for SILEC training. The City of O'Fallon has agreed to lease land to SILEC for \$1 a year for the next 30 years. All maintenance and insurance will be SILEC'S responsibility. It is planned that the building will have a separate entrance and be separate from the current range on the site. There is ample room in the site's footprint for expansion if it is needed in the future.

Director Williams stated this is a vote to approve SILEC to put together a bid package. Once ILETSB approved the funding Dir. Williams would be bringing a bid package and agreement before the board for their approval before the project begins.

Motion was made by Director Fillback and seconded by Director Boerm to explore a bid package for the building of a secondary SILEC Training Facility at the O'Fallon Range. Motion carried with no dissenting votes.

3. Proposed FY'27 ASSIST Budget

Exe. Sec./Acct. Amy Eggemeyer stated that the Proposed FY'27 ASSIST Budget was included in the board packet that was emailed out March 18, 2026. This budget, which includes the tentative

new training facility, amounts to a total of \$2,701,917.39. She stated the new building basically doubles our normal ASSIST Budget, but only for this fiscal year 2027.

Motion was made by Director Rohlfing and seconded by Director Connor to approve the proposed FY'27 Training Budget, with the caveat that the Board still needs to give final approval for the new training facility. Motion carried with no dissenting votes. Director Matt Blomberg abstained.

Meeting adjourned for a meal break at 11:42am with Pastor Ben Godard doing the invocation.

Meeting was called back to order at 12:02pm by Chairman Brueggeman.

Item No. 11 on the Agenda – Nominating Committee appointed by President Watson-(2026-2028)

Director Williams stated that President Watson appointed the 2026 Nominating Committee, which consist of one person from each County.

The following is a list of the **2026 NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

CHAIRMAN – Mayor Kevin Hemann, Madison County
Bond County – Christopher Timmerman
Clinton County – Mike Kuhl
Monroe County – Vicki Koerber
Randolph County – Jeremy Walker
St. Clair County – Eric Van Hook
Washington County – Ross Schultze

2026 Nominating Committee Chairman Kevin Hemann announced that the Nominating Committee met and approved a slate of officers who will be recommended for consideration to serve a two-year term on the Executive Committee.

Chairman Hemann asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing no nominations from the floor, Chairman Hermann announced that the following slate of officers are put forward by the 2026 Nominating Committee be considered for election at the May 27th SILEC Board of Directors board meeting.

President – Sheriff Richard Watson
First Vice President – Sheriff Neal Rohlfing
Second Vice President – Sheriff Jeff Connor
Third Vice President – Sheriff Jarrod Peters
Treasurer – Marc Hoffmann
Secretary – Sheriff Josh Hill
Law Enforcement Representative – Chief Kirk Brueggeman
Immediate Past President – David Meyer

Item No. 12 on the Agenda – SILEC/SIPCA Awards Expenditures - January 22, 2026

Asst. Dir. Kevin Schmoll reported the final figures from the SILEC/SIPCA Awards Banquet.

We had **280** in attendance and **65** awardee's, plus **(1)** Unit Awards

- Total Cost - **\$23,783.77**
- SILEC Paid - **\$9,066.89**
- SIPCA Paid - **\$9,066.88 *(1) SIPCA Plaque**
- Attendees Paid - **\$5,650.00**

The 2027 Annual SILEC/SIPCA Awards banquet will be held on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2027, at The Regency Center, O'Fallon & Catering, O'Fallon, IL. Asst. Dir. Schmoll added by changing the venue from Fairview Heights to The Regency Center, O'Fallon, IL. had brought a lot of positive feedback.

Item No. 13 on the Agenda – FY'26 – Statement of Partnership Agencies

Asst. Dir. Schmoll verified that there is a total of 80 Partnership Agencies with 76 paid and 4 agencies that have not paid. The Illinois Atty. General confirmed that they are sending their Partnership Fee, while McKendree University-Public Safety, Brooklyn PD and Summerfield PD are unpaid. Both Pocahontas PD and Williamson PD were disbanded due to their size.

Item No. 14 on the Agenda – Staff Activity Report

Asst. Dir. Schmoll went over the following staff activity.

- a. Criminal Justice Summit – **Feb. 25-26, 2026**, at the Thelma Keller Convention Center in Effingham. We had **423** attendees.
 1. Maj. Ed O'Carroll (Ret.), Trey Amick & Alicia Kozakiewicz – "Transformational Leadership for Solving Crime in the Digital Age"
 2. Lt. Douglas Pool & Staff – "Statewide Terrorism & Intelligence Center"
 3. Kenny Winslow & John Millner – "Legislative Updates"
 4. ILETSB Administrative Staff – "Training Verification and Decertification"
 5. Michael Collazo – "2023 Nashville Covenant School Tragedy-Incident Debriefing"
- b. SILEC hosted 115 courses, trained 2,247 Officers 10,055 hours of training from November 20, 2025, through March 12, 2026.
- c. FY' 27 Annual Training Needs Survey went out. The Training Needs Survey will help us evaluate the training needs recommended for FY'27.

Item No. 15 on the Agenda – P/T Basic Academy Update

Field Monitor/PT Academy Coordinator Van Muschler gave an update on the Part-Time Police Academy.

The Part-Time Academy Session 36 has 20 students and graduates in July 2026. The next Part-Time Academy Session 37 begins in August 2026.

Coordinator Muschler stated that MTU #14 will be coordinating and operating all the Part-Time Academy training in MTU #14, MTU #10 and MTU #15 starting with upcoming Part-Time Academy Session 37. The on-line training will be done together, with the face-to-face, in-person training being done remotely at the recruit's respective MTU. Some of the more expensive in-person required training courses will be scheduled to be done all together at MTU #14's training facilities to be more cost effective.

Coordinator Muschler stated we are also looking to recruit more instructors to add to our instructor pool for Session 37.

Full-Time Academy Director Eric Danford reported that the next Full-time Academy session begins in May 2026 and is up to 80 recruits.

Item No. 16 on the Agenda – Unfinished Business - None.

Item No. 17 on the Agenda – New Business

Director Williams congratulated Trooper Casey Farco, ISP for graduating from the FBI National Academy.

ILETSB Representative Brent Shownes clarified these points.

1. Terminate Officer

- a. If you Terminate an officer, and the Termination meets the requirements of a Professional Conduct Report – do the Form R (PCR) 1st then after submitting that, complete and submit the Form E SEPARATION.

2. Verification

- a. Verification forms are due March 31st. Deputy Director Cobb talked at the SICJS and explained not to sweat if they do not get one of the practical training mandates – HRTS & De-Escalation. Get them done as soon as you can.
This is the first rollout of verification so we will work with Agencies. Just call ILESTB.

3. De-Escalation Training

- a. Training will be held on April 15th at the ILETSB HQ building. Flyers available.

4. Conditional Waiver

- a. If you get a conditional waiver from the ILETSB on a new hire, understand that these individuals cannot perform law enforcement duties before their conditional waiver has been met. However, they can do office duties and ride along. They cannot be in uniform or armed. They have 6 months to complete their waiver.

Item No. 18 on the Agenda – Good of the Order - None.

Item No. 19 on the Agenda – Adjournment

Motion was made by Director Rohlfing and seconded by Director Wells to adjourn. Having completed all items on the agenda the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


By: Misty Stahl
Recording Secretary

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

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

@ 11:15am

Bella Milano Restaurant, O'Fallon, IL.

REMEMBER TO RSVP TO: misty@silec.org