

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

S.I.L.E.C. Office (*U.S. Senator Alan J. Dixon Justice Center Bldg.*) - Belleville, IL  
March 13, 2024 – Wednesday – 8:00a.m.

**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by President Richard Watson.

Members of the Board of Directors present:

Jeff Connor	Stephen Evans	Caso Faro	Kevin Hemann
Marc Hoffmann	Steve Johnson	Marc Kiehna	Matthew King
Vicki Koerber	James Leitschuh	David Meyer	Jarrod Peters
Carole Presson	Neal Rohlfig	Tom Stalcup	Christopher Timmermann
Jeremy Walker	Richard Watson		

Members of the Board of Directors absent:

Roger Barfield	Jerry Dinges	Tyrone Echols	Brian Fletcher
Patty Gregory	Ryan Kneedler	Mike Kuhl	James Lansing
Dora Mann	Ross Schultze	Kenneth Sharkey	Dan Travous
Don Weber	Jerald Wilson		

Staff Present:

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

Guest: Brent Shownes, Police Training Specialist/Investigator, ILETSB

The Pledge Allegiance was recited, and Director Evans gave the Invocation.

Yes – there was a quorum present.

President Watson called a recess at 8:05 a.m. and invited the board members to break for breakfast in the cafeteria while the Executive Committee held their meeting.

President Watson called the SILEC regular board meeting back to order at 8:23 a.m.

Director Williams started the meeting by welcoming Matthew King, Madison County Brd. Member, Mayor Tom Stalcup, Wood River, IL., Judge Jeremy Walker, Randolph County, Vicki Koerber, Monroe County Brd. Chairwomen, and Brent Shownes with ILETSB.

**Item No. 6 on the Agenda – Approval of Minutes – November 15, 2023**

Director Watson stated that the minutes from the November 15, 2023 SILEC Board meeting were e-mailed out on March 4, 2024.

Motion was made by Director Rohlfig and seconded by Director Evans that the minutes of November 15, 2023 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 4, 2024.

- a. FY'25 – Proposed Training Budget Overview
- b. Nominating Committee appointed by President Watson-(2024-2026)
- c. SILEC/SIPCA Awards Banquet Expenditures
- d. FY'2025 - Statement of Partnership Agencies
- e. Email from Madison County to appoint Matthew King to replace William Meyer, Madison County Board Member
- f. Congrats Letter to Matthew King, Madison County Board-District 13
- g. Updated Board of Directors Chart

Director Williams asked the board members to please check the Board of Directors Chart that was sent out and contact us with any changes or corrections. He mentioned that we discovered Director Christopher Timmermann's email address has a typo, so please double check your contact details and notify us of any changes that need to be made.

**Item No. 8 on the Agenda – Expenditures (Nov./Dec. 2023 and Jan./Feb. 2024)**

Director Williams stated that the Admin. & Trng. Expenditures for Nov./Dec. 2023 and Jan./Feb. 2024 were e-mailed out March 4, 2024.

Motion was made by Director Rohlfing and seconded by Director Presson to approve the expenditures for Admin. & Trng. Nov./Dec. 2023 and Jan./Feb. 2024. Motion was carried with no dissenting votes.

**Item No. 9 on the Agenda – Executive Committee Report**

**FY'2025 - Proposed Training Budget Overview**

Director Williams stated that the Budget Committee met and approved the FY'25 Training Budget with a 5% increase to account for inflation.

At the ILETSB meeting last week it was announced that funding levels for FY'25 were likely going to remain at the same level as FY'24. Director Williams stated we should know by the May meeting at what level our budget will be approved.

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

**2024 Nominating Committee appointed by President Watson**

Director Williams stated that President Watson appointed the 2024 Nominating Committee, which consist of one person from each County.

The following is a list of the **2024 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 – Patti Gregory  
Washington County – Ross Schultze

2024 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. Director Williams stated that any director may nominate themselves or another director to serve on the 2024-2026 Executive Board. Hearing no nominations from the floor, Chairman Hermann announced that the following slate of officers are put forward by the 2024 Nominating Committee be considered for election at the May SILEC Board of Directors board meeting.

President – Richard Watson  
First Vice President – Neal Rohlfing  
Second Vice President – Jeff Connor  
Third Vice President – Jarrod Peters  
Treasurer – Marc Hoffmann  
Secretary – Jim Leitschuh  
Law Enforcement Representative – Steve Evans  
Immediate Past President – David Meyer

Motion was made by Director Koerber and seconded by Director Walker to approve the 2024 Nominating Committee. Motion was carried with no dissenting votes.

**FY'2024 - Auditor Engagement Letters**

Director Williams stated that Auditor C.J. Schlosser & Company, LLC did our audit FY'23 and we have received our engagement letters for the fiscal year 2024 audit.

Motion was made by Director Hoffmann and seconded by Director Connor to approve the FY'24 Auditor Engagement Letters. Motion carried with no dissenting votes.

**Annual Awards Banquet – Jan. 18, 2024**

Director Williams stated that Assistant Director Kevin Schmoll will cover more on this topic under Staff Activity Report.

**FY'2025 - Statement of Partnership Agencies**

Director Williams stated that we have received about 50% of the FY'25 Partnership Fees. We are on track to receive 98% of all the FY'25 Partnership Fees by the due date.

Director Williams announced that we lost Alton & Southern RR and Irvington PD as Partnership agencies. Both were disbanded due to size. Director Williams foresees that we may lose more Partnership agencies in the future for the same reasons.

**Item No. 10 on the Agenda – Staff Activity Report**

Asst. Director Schmoll went over the following staff activity.

- a. January 18, 2024 - Awards Banquet Update
  - We had 292 in attendance and 46 awardees.
  - Total Cost - \$20,267.13
  - SILEC Paid - \$10,272.66
  - SIPCA Paid - \$10,469.52 \*(1) SIPCA Plaque

Asst. Director Schmoll announced the 2025 Awards Banquet will be at the Four Points Sheraton-Fairview Heights, IL. on Thursday, January 23, 2025. He reminded the directors to be thinking about nominations for next year's Awards Banquet. Director Williams invited the SILEC board to attend the banquet and to contact our office to make arrangements.

- b. Criminal Justice Summit – Feb. 28 & 29, 2024 at Effingham at Thomas Keller Convention Center. We had 380 attendees.
  - 1. Jack Harris – “Keeping Good People Good”
  - 2. Heather Mac Donald - “The War on COPS”
  - 3. John Manning - “Worldwide Public Safety & National Security”
- c. SILEC hosted 79 courses, trained 2,141 Officers, for a total combined 7,271 Hours of training from November 15, 2023 through March 13, 2024.

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

**Item No. 12 on the Agenda – New Business** – None.

**Item No. 13 on the Agenda – Good of the Order**

New Director Matthew King thanked the committee for the opportunity to serve on the SILEC Board and thanked the board for all the work they do.

Director Williams invited the SILEC Board Members on a tour of the Southwestern Illinois Justice & Workforce Development Campus after the meeting.

Director Connor asked Director Williams to give a brief explanation of the Partnership Fee funding structure and the size of the MTU and who it covers for the new members of the SILEC Board. Director Williams explained we currently have about 100 partner agencies. We cover about 1,500 police officers and about 450 civilian employees that we provide training. Each agency pays an annual fee of \$100 per officer and

telecommunicator, which allows them to attend any of the trainings we host for free. The seven member counties pay more and have different fee structures based on the larger amount of officers that need training. We also allow Federal and State agencies or members of other MTU's to attend our trainings if there are seats available. Director Williams gave the example that recently a National Park police officer affiliated with the Arch Memorial Grounds in Missouri attended a training hosted by SILEC.

**Item No. 14 on the Agenda – Adjournment**

Motion was made by Director Meyer and seconded by Director Koerber to adjourn. Having completed all items on the agenda the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



By: Amy Eggemeyer  
Recording Secretary



**MARK YOUR CALENDER**  
**\*\*\*\* Next Meeting\*\*\*\***  
**Wednesday, May 15, 2024**  
**@ 8:00am**  
**Porter's Steakhouse – Collinsville, IL**  
**REMEMBER TO RSVP TO: [misty@silec.org](mailto:misty@silec.org)**