

**Law and Justice Commission
MTU 8**

Minutes

February 13, 2024

Members Present:

Nichol Bleichner	Mark Kotte	Tim Edmiaston
Adam Kapchinske	Josh Dinger	Nick Thacker
Travis Cornwall	Chad Wamsley	Chad Witkowski
Jason Williamson	Mike Nolan	

Staff Present:

Robert Siron	Denelle Hetrick
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Members of the Public Present:

Randy Wilson

- I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bleichner at 1:05 p.m. at Heartland Community College in Normal, IL
- II. Roll call and establishment of quorum: Sign-in sheet passed around and quorum was established.
- III. Motion was made by Wamsley and seconded by Edmiaston to approve the 12/12/23 meeting minutes – all in favor - motion carried.
- IV. Financial Report: Motion to approve December 2023-January 2024 expenses made by Kotte and seconded by Dinger – voice roll call vote taken with all voting yea – motion carried.
- V. Correspondence
- VI. New Business
 - A. Siron stated the personnel policy to allow for part-time employees to be given vacation time in accordance with the new Illinois law: 820 ILCS 192/Paid Leave for All Workers Act. Motion was made by Cornwall and seconded by Witkowski to pre-load 40 hours of paid time off for part-time employees on January 1 of each calendar year – voice roll call vote taken with all voting yea – motion carried.
 - B. Motion was made by Dinger and seconded by Williamson to allow the Executive Board to approve the FY 2025 Budget Request – voice roll call vote taken with all voting yea – motion carried.
 - C. Siron stated the needs assessment will be sent out soon and staff would really appreciate input from the member agencies.
- VII. Old Business
 - A. Siron stated the scheduling of an EVOC Instructor course is currently being worked on. He stated the airport has given permission to use space there for EVOC courses.

VIII. Curriculum

- A. Siron stated the virtual reality systems are ready to be checked out.
- B. Bleichner recommended the AISM/SAVEIM courses for supervisors be brought in.
- C. Siron stated the MTU is still working on the future of defensive tactics courses. Wamsley stated he and Witkowski went through a demonstration of the FBI defensive tactics program and they were pleased with it. Wamsley requested a manual for the course and requested to know if they have an expert that would be willing to testify if needed.

IX. Executive Session – No executive session was requested

X. Public Input – Wilson stated the ILEAS conference dates are 3/25-3/26/24. He stated the rules and regulations keep changing for the less lethal alternatives for law enforcement grant. An extension on the grant is going to be requested.

XI. Motion made by Cornwall and seconded by Dingler to adjourn - all in favor - motion carried

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at Heartland Community College, Room NRC 1201.