

Open Session Minutes

IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY COUNCIL MEETING

July 16, 2025 1:00pm

ILEA Building, Room 201

7105 NW 70th Avenue

4640 Burma Road

Johnston, IA 50131

A meeting of the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy Council was held as a hybrid of in-person and online attendance.

Members Present: Ricardo Martinez II, Academy Council Chair
Diane Venenga, Vice Chair and Chief, North Liberty Police Department
Jana Abens, Citizen of Iowa
Nathan Fulk, Colonel, Iowa State Patrol
Vicky Long Hill, Citizen of Iowa
Melissa Henderson, Officer, Cedar Rapids Police Department
Dave McDaniel, Sheriff, Hardin County Sheriff's Office
Daniel Jansen, Captain, West Des Moines Police Department
Sadie Weekley, Lieutenant, Marshalltown Police Department
Elizabeth Quinn, Sergeant, Story County Sheriff's Office
Kevin Schneider, Sheriff, Polk County Sheriff's Office

Members Absent: Aaron McClelland, Captain, Waterloo Police Department
Ryan Ridout, DOT Director, Bureau of Investigation and Identity Protection
Charles McClintock, Senator
Izaah Knox, Senator
Eric Gjerde, Representative
Judd Lawler, Representative

Legal Counsel Present: Eric Dirth, Assistant Iowa Attorney General

Staff Present: Sherry Poole, Assistant Director, ILEA
Nicole Stevens, ILEA
Jennifer Rico, ILEA

Ric Martinez called the meeting to order.

Ric Martinez stated the proceedings are being recorded and reminded Council members that they are to abstain from participating in and/or voting on any action items involving a potential conflict of interest.

Ric Martinez began with the welcome and introductions of the Academy Council, ILEA staff and guests.

Ric Martinez determined there was a quorum.

The first item (#1*) on the agenda was the disclosure of potential conflicts of interest on the Open Session agenda. There were none.

The second item (#2*) on the agenda was public comment. There were none.

The third item (#3*) on the agenda was to move into Closed Session.

Ric Martinez entertained a motion. Diane Venenga made a motion that the Council go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the decision to be rendered in a contested case conducted according to the provisions of chapter 17A, pursuant to Iowa Code sections 21.5(1)(f). Dan Jansen seconded the motion. An individual voice vote was taken. Jana Abens-Aye; Melissa Henderson-Aye; Vicky-Long Hill-Aye; Dave McDaniel-Recuse; Kevin Schneider-Aye; Nathan Fulk-Aye; Elizabeth Quinn-Aye; Ric Martinez-Aye; Diane Venenga-Aye; Dan Jansen-Aye; Sadie Weekley-Recuse. 9-Aye; 2-Recuse (Weekley/McDaniel), motion carried.

Council left Open Session and went into Closed Session at 1:05pm.
(It should be noted that Nicole Stevens, ILEA, recused herself from the Closed Session)

Council resumed Open Session at 1:25pm.

The fourth item (#4*) on the agenda was to vote on items discussed in Closed Session.

Ric Martinez entertained a motion. Elizabeth Quinn made a motion that the Council initiate a review of the proposed decision in case number 24ILEA0016/ILEA Case No. 23-017 to examine the findings on Counts I and III and the sanctions. Diane Venenga seconded the motion. An individual voice vote was taken. Jana Abens-Aye; Melissa Henderson-Aye; Vicky-Long Hill-Aye; Dave McDaniel-Recuse; Kevin Schneider-Aye; Nathan Fulk-Aye; Elizabeth Quinn-Aye; Ric Martinez-Aye; Diane Venenga-Aye; Dan Jansen-Aye; Sadie Weekley-Recuse. 9-Aye; 2-Recuse (Weekley/McDaniel), motion carried.

The fifth item (#5*) on the agenda was a motion for Order Nunc Pro Tunc, for Case No. 25ILEA0003. (Director Brady Carney & Kristi Traynor, ILEA, joined the meeting)

Kristi Traynor advised that the State made a clerical error in their motion to redact some exhibits. The exhibit number was not included in the original motion. This will clarify the ALJ's order that Exhibit K was included in the redactions.

Ric Martinez entertained a motion. Diane Venenga made a motion that the Council approve the motion for Order Nunc Pro Tunc for Case No. 25ILEA0003, as it is clear that the Administrative Law Judge intended to accept the redacted version of Exhibit K in the order dated March 25, 2025 and further move that the Council authorize the Chair to sign an order consistent with the Council's discussion. Nathan Fulk seconded the motion. A group voice vote was taken. All Aye; 11-0, motion carried.

Ric Martinez entertained a motion. Jana Abens made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:30pm. Kevin Schneider seconded the motion. A group voice vote was taken. All Aye; 11-0, motion carried.



9/04/2025

Ricardo Martinez II, Chair
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy Council

Date