

## **Open Session Minutes**

### **IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 24, 2025**

**1:00pm**

**Online Only**

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  
Nathan Fulk, Colonel, Iowa State Patrol  
Jim Steinkuehler, Sheriff, Crawford County Sheriff's Office  
Kevin Schneider, Sheriff, Polk County Sheriff's Office  
Melissa Henderson, Officer, Cedar Rapids Police Department  
Daniel Jansen, Captain, West Des Moines Police Department  
Sadie Weekley, Lieutenant, Marshalltown Police Department  
Aaron McClelland, Captain, Waterloo Police Department  
Ryan Ridout, DOT Director, Bureau of Investigation and Identity Protection  
Elizabeth Quinn, Sergeant, Story County Sheriff's Office  
Jana Abens, Citizen of Iowa

Members Absent: Vicky Long Hill, Citizen of Iowa  
Eric Gjerde, State Representative  
Steven Holt, State Representative

Staff Present: Brady Carney, Director, ILEA  
Sherry Poole, Assistant Director, ILEA  
Jack Heuton, ILEA  
Kristi Traynor, ILEA  
Nicole Stevens, ILEA

Guests Present: None

Ric Martinez called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

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 to move into Closed Session.

Ric Martinez entertained a motion. Aaron McClelland 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). Diane Venenga seconded the motion. An individual voice vote was taken. Sadie Weekley-Aye; Elizabeth Quinn-Aye; Jim Steinkuehler-Aye; Jana Abens-Aye; Ryan Ridout-Aye; Ric Martinez-Aye; Aaron McClelland-Aye; Diane Venenga-Aye; Melissa Henderson-Aye; Nathan Fulk-Aye; Kevin Schneider-Aye and Dan Jansen-Aye. All Aye; motion carried.

Council moved into Closed Session at 1:02pm.

Council resumed Open Session at 1:15pm.

The second item (#2\*) on the agenda was to vote on items discussed in the Closed Session.

Ric Martinez entertained a motion. Diane Venenga made a motion that if neither party requests a review, the Council initiate a review of the proposed decision in case number 25ILEA0007, to examine the findings on moral turpitude. Jim Steinkuehler seconded the motion. Elizabeth Quinn-Aye; Sadie Weekley-Aye; Jim Steinkuehler-Aye; Jana Abens-Aye; Ryan Ridout-Aye; Ric Martinez-Aye; Aaron McClelland-Aye; Diane Venenga-Aye; Melissa Henderson-Aye; Nathan Fulk-Aye; Kevin Schneider-Aye and Dan Jansen-Aye. All Aye 12-0, motion carried.

Ric Martinez entertained a motion. Jim Steinkuehler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Schneider seconded the motion. A group voice vote was taken. All Aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:20pm.

  
Ricardo Martinez II, Chair

Iowa Law Enforcement Academy Council

  
Date