

Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR TRAINING BOARD

February 27, 2023, 10am

ILEA, Room 201/Zoom

7105 NW 70th Avenue

Johnston, Iowa 50131

A meeting of the Public Safety Telecommunicator Training Board was held as a hybrid of in-person and online attendance.

Members present: Chad Roberts, Iowa Department of Public Safety
Judy Flores, Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association
Angela Dobyns, Iowa Assoc of Public-Safety Communications Officials
Chris Jasper, Iowa Chapter National Emergency Number Association
Jessica Klinker (Chair), Iowa State Police Association
Rhonda Braudis, Iowa EMS Association

Members absent: Mike McKelvey, Iowa Peace Officers Association
Blake DeRouchey, Iowa Dept of Homeland Security/EM
Pete Roth, Iowa Police Chiefs Association
Jared Ogbourne, Joint Council of Iowa Fire Service Organizations
Margot McComas, Iowa Department of Public Health

Legal Counsel present: Kristi Traynor, Assistant Attorney General

Staff present: Sherry Poole, Interim Director, ILEA
Anna Voss, Telecommunicator Instructor, ILEA

Guests present: None

Meeting commenced at 10:00 am.

Jasper moved to approve the agenda, with a second by Flores. All ayes, no nays, motion passed.

Flores moved to approve the January 24th meeting, with a second by Jasper. All ayes, no nays, motion passed.

The Assistant Attorney general gave a presentation on open meetings law. The presentation covered the basic purpose of the law is to give the public access. The presentation also covered the the enabling statute(Iowa Code section 80B.11C), protection of the public, and open session protocols and responsibilities.

The Executive Order 10 update was presented by Sherry Poole. The Order requires a comprehensive repeal and review of all rules. This is a repeal and replace to reduce restrictive language, and remove duplications between rules and code. ILEA has not yet been assigned its timeline for the review, but that should be assigned in March 2023. While this will be a heavy lif, Poole envisions a collaborative effort as we move forward.

The survey Committee provided outcomes of the survey. There was a discussion of the results, of which 271 responded. Information was separated out to what courses were taken, what the results were, including benefits, availability, locations, frequency, topics, & what people felt should be included in the curriculum. Jessica requested the information be uploaded to Teams, which the AAG advised would be permissible as the public would have access and knowledge of this, but noted that the board members would be unable to have a discussion about the results outside of a public meeting. This will allow ability to break down and review for the next meeting. Chad Roberts asked if we have a number of telecommunicators in the state. Jasper was able to provide a number, as given by Blake DeRouchey, of which 979 were reported on the annual reports.

A Bylaws Committee update was presented by Chris Jasper. The Committee had several areas that it wanted to ask ILEA staff about specific wording. Additional questions were reviewed from the meeting. The AAG advised Bylaws can be seen as illegal rule making and most agencies/boards don't have bylaws. Jasper noted there were several areas that showed contradiction to Iowa Code. Jasper requested to place the Bylaws discussion on next agenda for action to potentially repeal the Bylaws.

Committee Members were reminded of the next meeting scheduled for April 17th at 10 a.m.

Jasper moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Braudis. Meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.