

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
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PRIVATE DETECTIVE, PRIVATE ALARM, PRIVATE SECURITY,
FINGERPRINT VENDOR AND LOCKSMITH BOARD BUSINESS MEETING

Open Minutes

Date: July 15th, 2025
Convened: 10:04 am
Adjourned: 11:33 am
Location: Springfield/Chicago/WEBEX

Members Present: Edward Bonifas, Chair
David Pack, Member
Anthony Calderone, Member
Mark Hubatch, Member
Ray Palys, Member
George Verden, Member
Anne Gruber, Member

Member(s) Absent: Tony Majka, Member
Aimee Lipkis, Public Member
Kevin Conway, Member

Staff Present: Lori Heyen, Board Liaison
Daniel Kelber, General Counsel
Greg Largent, Board Liaison

Guests Present: Fred Nickl
Edward Williams

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.
Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

1. Approve Minutes The Board reviewed the open minutes of the February 25th, 2025, meeting. Motion was made by Calderone, seconded Gruber to approve the open minutes of the meeting as presented. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

2. Guest comments Fred Nickl has concern with how ISP and the Department handling a situation at a cannabis dispensary. The security guard on duty was asked to provide a PERC or verification that a PERC application was on file. The dispensary was temporary

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close until a licensed PERC guard arrived. He wants the confirm that this situation won't happen again. Fred would like clarification of the exam deadline now that applications are submitted through CORE.

Edward Williams asked for exam clarification.

3. Old Business

A. Rosters

B. CORE

Ms. Heyen provided update on new licensing system. Department is currently working in Phase II which involves converting all paper applications to online applications.

4. New Business

A. CORE

Current applications in CORE-115, 119, 124, 249, 263. The 102, 264 and 265 applications are coming soon. The Department will have 3 exams date starting in 2026.

B. Rosters

Department will not provide a status update for submitted rosters. Agencies can use the bulk license look up. Board would like this added to old business. Board would like a solution to receiving updates on denied applications.

C. Biometric Information Privacy Act

The Board wants this added to next board meeting. The board determined an action item was needed to coordinate efforts with the applicable associations to lobby together.

Motion to move into Closed Session:

Motion was made by Calderone, seconded by Gruber to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2c (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 10:56 am. Motion passed with a unanimous vote of members via roll call.

5. Closed Session:

A. Deliberations

Deliberations were held in closed session on cases presented to the Board.

B. Review of Closed Minutes

The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the February 25th, 2025, meeting.

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Moved back into Open Session:

Board Chair adjourned the Closed Session and moved the meeting back into Open Session at 11:10 am.

6. Motions

Accept recommendations for indefinite suspension:

The Board reviewed 6 default cases and moved to indefinitely suspend for a minimum of 30 days. A summary of the names for the cases is included. Motion was made Calderone, seconded by Gruber to accept the recommendations made in closed session. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

Accept recommendation to lift stay and suspend license:

The Board reviewed 2 case and moved to refuse to renew. The name for the case is included. Motion was made by Calderone, seconded by Gruber to accept the recommendation made in closed session. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

Accept request for restoration without retake of exam.

The Board reviewed 1 case and moved to allow the restoration without retaking the exam. Motion was made Calderone, seconded by Gruber.

Accept close minutes and keep minutes closed:

Motion was made by Calderone, seconded by Gruber to approve the closed minutes as presented and keep them closed. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

Direct board chair to sign on behalf of the board:

Motion was made by Calderone, seconded by Gruber to direct the Board Chair to sign the findings of facts and action sheets, on behalf of the Board. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

7. Board Chair Time

Mr. Bonifas proposes the CTS exams become online and can be taken anytime.
Discussion regarding CCPD and security cameras.
Discussion on allowing fingerprint techs to work while application is being processed.

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8. Liaison Time

A. New members

Kevin Conway, Mark Hubatch and John Frycek

10. Adjournment

Ms. Heyen reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for October 7th, 2025.

Motion was made by Gruber, seconded by Calderone to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 am.

Exceptions and Comments

Deliberations-Let it be noted for the record that the Director's decision regarding disciplinary matters is withheld from the minutes and rendered at the time the Board presents their Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendations.

Names referenced in cases deliberated and applications reviewed for this meeting:

Flannagan, Joseph 205-00714
Porter-Toney, Ajea 2024-07522
Sloss, Jakuan 2024-10141
Sapoznik, Alan 2024-09601
Morton, Cody 2024-09321

The consensus on the above default cases was to Indefinitely suspend PERC minimum of 30 days.

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Tompkins, Christopher-2024-11854
Camp, Eric Devon 2020-03206

The consensus on the above cases was to place PERC licenses in a Refuse to Renew status.

Lewis Brown and American Public Defense, Inc– Board Member David Peck said this case had already been disciplined. License was placed on probation for 5 years and can never get armed license. Board has no response.

Vitaloli, Nicole- board moved to allow licensee to restore license without a reexam.