

MINUTES

**Board of Governors' Meeting
January 15, 2021**

Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-07 (as amended by Executive Order 2020-44) and amendments to the Open Meetings Act as contained in Public Act 101-0640, in response to COVID-19

Chairman Goetten called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. and said the teleconference meeting was pursuant to Executive Order 2020-07 (as amended by Executive Order 2020-44) and amendments to the Open Meetings Act as contained in Public Act 101-0640, in response to COVID-19. He thanked all for joining the teleconference and requested that Secretary Noll call the roll. Secretary Noll did so, and Chairman Goetten noted the presence of a quorum.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Ben Goetten, Chairman
Brandon J. Zanotti, Vice-Chairman
Gray H. Noll, Secretary
Denton Aud
Robert Berlin (joined at 11:05 a.m.)
Michael M. Havera
Stewart J. Umholtz (joined at 11:05 a.m.)
Eric Weis

Board Members Absent:

Kimberly M. Foxx
Colby Hathaway

Staff:

Patrick J. Delfino, Director
Matthew Jones, Associate Director
David J. Robinson, Chief Deputy Director
Megan Kelly, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Goetten stated he would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the previous Board Meeting of September 30, 2020.

Board Member Aud made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous Board of Governors' Meeting of September 30, 2020, and Vice-Chairman Zanotti seconded the motion.

Chairman Goetten asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING MADE BY BOARD MEMBER AUD AND SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIRMAN ZANOTTI. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Goetten opened the meeting by thanking all Board Members for taking time from their busy schedules to participate in the teleconference. He stated that he would proceed with the meeting in a very timely manner.

Chairman Goetten expressed his appreciation to Director Delfino and Agency personnel for continuing to provide outstanding service to Illinois State's Attorneys.

Chairman Goetten again expressed his appreciation to all participants and requested that Director Delfino make his report.

Director's Report

Director Delfino thanked Chairman Goetten and stated that FY21 county contributions were at the 25% level and that he expected to reach 100% in the near future.

He then stated that the FY22 budget request would basically remain the same as FY21 with the exception of additional appropriation authority in the drug forfeiture line item. He further explained that this was due to anticipated funds from a substantial drug funds seizure in Bureau County.

Director Delfino next explained that all activity reports, brief production, special prosecution cases, CLE trainings, and tax objection statistical results are listed in the Board packet. He stated he would answer any questions on this material.

Director Delfino then gave a comprehensive overview on all FY21 budgetary items. He again expressed his appreciation to Chief Fiscal Officer Mundy for her accomplishments and expertise in dealing with budgetary issues.

He then asked for the Board's approval on the proposed Contractual and Personnel List as submitted.

Chairman Goetten made the motion to approve the proposed Agency's Contractual and Personnel List as submitted, and Board Member Weis seconded the motion.

Chairman Goetten asked for discussion. Hearing no discussion, Chairman Goetten called for a vote.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED AGENCY'S CONTRACTUAL AND PERSONNEL LIST AS SUBMITTED MADE BY CHAIRMAN GOETTEN AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER WEIS. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

Director Delfino then asked Associate Director Jones to give an update on the Cannabis Expungement Fund. Associate Director Jones said that approximately 9 counties will likely submit billing requests for an estimated 11,000 cases. He further said that this information would be posted by the Attorney General's Office over the next few months.

Director Delfino thanked Associate Director Jones and said that he would notify all counties when funds became available.

Director Delfino then stated that this concluded his report, and Chairman Goetten thanked him for his presentation.

Best Practices Committee Report

Chairman Goetten next asked Board Member Umholtz to report on the Best Practices Committee.

Board Member Umholtz stated that while the Agency is required by statute to have a Best Practices Committee, the NDAA has made Best Practices a part of continuing legal education. He said that position makes sense and that is what we should strive to do also.

He further stated that there should be future discussions on how we can achieve this.

Chairman Goetten thanked Board Member Umholtz for his report.

Public Comments

Chairman Goetten asked for any comments from the public. There were no members of the public who wished to comment.

Old Business

Chairman Goetten next asked if there was any old business. The Board had no old business to discuss.

New Business

Chairman Goetten next asked if there was any new business. The Board had no new business.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Goetten again thanked all Board Members for their participation in the teleconference meeting and made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Vice-Chairman Zanotti seconded the motion. Chairman Goetten called for a vote.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 15, 2021, BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING MADE BY CHAIRMAN GOETTEN AND SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIRMAN ZANOTTI. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

Meeting adjourned at 11:11 A.M.

MINUTES APPROVED by the Board of Governors, March 19, 2021.