

MINUTES

**Board of Governors' Meeting
December 13, 2023**

**Hyatt Lodge Oak Brook
2815 Jorie Blvd.
Oak Brook, IL 60523**

Chairman Goetten called the meeting to order at 4:08 P.M. He thanked all for attending 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
Denton Aud, Vice-Chairman
Gray Herndon Noll, Secretary
Robert Berlin
J. Hanley
Joseph R. Navarro
Eric Weis

Board Members Absent:

Kimberly M. Foxx
James Gomric
Patrick D. Kenneally

Staff:

Patrick J. Delfino, Director
David J. Robinson, Chief Deputy Director
Matthew Jones, Associate Director
David Neal, Division Legal Chief
Megan Beckwith, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Goetten called the meeting to order and made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous Board of Governors' meeting of September 29, 2023. Board Member Berlin seconded the motion. Chairman Goetten asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 29, 2023, BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING MADE BY CHAIRMAN GOETTEN AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER BERLIN. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Goetten opened the meeting by thanking the Board Members for their participation. Chairman Goetten announced the passing of Dallas Ingemunson and asked for prayers for Dallas' family.

Public Comment

Chairman Goetten next called for any public comment. No members of the public were present for public comment. Chairman Goetten requested that Director Delfino make his report.

Director's Report

Director Delfino thanked Chairman Goetten and began his report by providing a comprehensive overview of Agency fiscal and budgetary information.

Director Delfino said that the FY24 county contribution invoices were mailed to the counties and that payments are beginning to come in.

He provided the FY25 Budget Request to the Board and said that the budget request is flat. Director Delfino said he would answer any questions and asked for Board approval.

Chairman Goetten asked for a motion to approve the FY25 Budget Request as submitted. Board Member Weis made a motion, and Vice-Chairman Aud seconded the motion.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FY25 BUDGET REQUEST AS SUBMITTED MADE BY BOARD MEMBER WEIS AND SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIRMAN AUD. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

Director Delfino next reviewed all Agency activity reports and expressed his thanks for the contributions of Chief Deputy Director Robinson, Associate Director Jones, Chief Fiscal Officer Mundy, and all Agency Deputy Directors and Attorneys. He stated that all activity report information is listed in detail in the Board packet.

Director Delfino then directed the Board's attention to the proposed Agency's Contractual and Personnel List and said he would need a roll call vote.

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

Chairman Goetten asked for discussion. Hearing none, he 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 NAVARRO. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

Cannabis Expungement Fund

Director Delfino asked Associate Director Jones for an update regarding the Cannabis Expungement Fund. Associate Director Jones said that the program is moving slowly since being restarted and that he should know more in the next quarter.

Director Delfino expressed his appreciation to Associate Director Jones.

SAFE-T Act Division

Director Delfino next asked Chief Deputy Director Robinson to provide an overview of the new SAFE-T Act Division.

Chief Deputy Director Robinson said that the SAFE-T Act Division had already received more than 1,000 appeals since September 18th and pointed out that the Agency had only received 441 direct appeals from July 1st to present, to provide context to the Board on the volume of SAFE-T Act appeals coming in to the Agency. He said that the SAFE-T Act Division is comprised of in-house employees and contract attorneys who are competently handling the large volume of SAFE-T Act appeals. Chief Deputy Director Robinson discussed Appellate Court Opinions related to the SAFE-T Act appeals.

Director Delfino said that concluded his report and Chairman Goetten expressed appreciation to Director Delfino for his presentation.

Old Business

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

New Business

Chairman Goetten informed the Board that Vice-Chairman Aud was appointed judge and would be resigning from the Board. The Board congratulated Vice-Chairman Aud on his judicial appointment.

Adjournment

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE DECEMBER 13, 2023, BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING MADE BY CHAIRMAN GOETTEN AND SECONDED BY SECRETARY NOLL. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED for future approval by the Board of Governors.

MINUTES APPROVED by the Board of Governors April 25, 2024.