

Tri-River Police Training Region

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Tri-River Police Training Region Advisory Board Minutes of June 24, 2026 Meeting

The June 24, 2026 Tri-River Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m. by Chairman Brian Benton in the Community Room at the Plainfield Police Department, and a quorum of members and proxies was established.

Members in attendance:

Pat Kinsella for Interim Chief Sean Koren
Chief John Arizzi
Sherrie Blackburn for Interim Chief Robert Brown
Chief Al Swinford
Kevin Lanz for Chief Leanne Chelepis
Dustin Seale for Chief Alicia Steffes
Chief Edward Clark
Matt Brooks for Chief Adam Bogart
Chief Marc Reid
Chief Brian Benton
Brandon Tilton for Chief Micah Nuesse
Anthony Lazzaroni for Chief Scott Koerner
Chief Robert Miller
Chief Michael Imhof
Mimi Bejda for Chief Brandt Hromadka
Chief Phil Arnold
Steve Formenti for Sheriff Mike Kelley
Village of Channahon President Missey Schumacher
Mark Revis, Will County Board
Hilary Davis, ILETSB Representative

Members absent:

Chief Eric Allen
Sheriff Ken Briley
Chief Justin Meyer
Chief Ryan Gulli
Chief Robert Dykstra
Chief Adam Zink

Others in attendance:

Anthony Novak, Plainfield PD
Jason Louthan, Mokena PD
Luke Ostreko, Plainfield PD
Bradley Hertzmann, Tri-River, Executive Director
John Perona, Tri-River, Police Training Coordinator
Becky Novak, Tri-River, Administrative Assistant

Mobile Training Region #16 – Funding assistance
provided through the ASSIST Program Illinois Law
Enforcement Training and Standards Board

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APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Anthony Novak made a motion to approve the May 27, 2026 meeting minutes, seconded by Chief Miller and carried by all members present. Motion passed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

No Report

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Chairman Benton went around the room for introductions and welcomed all to the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **PERSONNEL:**

Chief Arnold informed everyone this would be his last meeting, as he is set to retire on July 17th. A new Chairperson of the Personnel Committee will need to be appointed. We wish him well, and he will be sorely missed!

- **FINANCE:**

Director Hertzmann reviewed the Financial Report dated 6/24/2026. A copy was distributed. (Report will be attached to these minutes to be archived)

June Highlights:

- Tri-River classes held: (4) LE Defensive Driving courses \$21,573.00, Acting Patrol Officer in Charge \$2,209.80, Gang Combat Dynamics \$5,500.00, Instructor Development \$7,310.00, Animal Cruelty and its Link to Domestic Violence \$1,260.75, Sexual Assault Investigator (Day 2) \$1,000.00, CSI 2 \$12,892.00
- IDOT Grant classes held: (0) \$0.00
- H.S. Grant classes held: (1) \$10,000.00
- ILETSB/CIT/SRO/LHI Grant classes held: (1) \$1,292.22
- FY26 Grant reimbursements: IDOT \$20,400.82, CIT/SRO/LHI \$27,945.50, HS \$10,000.00
- Received FY26 4th QT ASSIST Grant Payments: MTU 16 \$152,845.31, CPD In-Service Fund \$100,000.00

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- **POLICY AND BYLAWS:**

No Report

- **TRAINING:**

No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

Tri-River Membership Dues for FY27

- We have received payment from about 50 departments, totaling \$195,520.00. Becky will send out a reminder in July to those who haven't paid.

Revised FY27 Budget approved

- Director Hertzmann sent the revised budget, to include the 4% merit raises approved at last month's meeting, to Paul Petty. Our total budget was amended to \$636,430.13. All agreements have been signed for FY27 grants, so John can now begin scheduling the grant-funded classes.

ILETSB Quarterly Board Meeting review

- The budget was passed and ILETSB approved the quarterly payments to the MTUs. They also approved MTU buildouts, stating that there will be money available for MTUs for building or moving into a new facility. Chief Arnold asked if it would be possible to collect the funding available for this year and add it to next year's funding to widen the scope of options. Director Hertzmann said he could check in to it.
- Any courses requested to be kept were reactivated in LETM. Moving forward, if you are planning on putting on a new course, reach out to Director Hertzmann first, as it is likely an equivalent approved course already exists, and you could use that one to create your lesson plan.
- Hilary Davis said the next verification process was discussed at the Quarterly Board Meeting. Officers with the last names H - O will need to complete their verification in January. Notifications to these officers will go out in October. The first verification went very well, with about 98% compliance. Those not in compliance were on medical leave or due to other circumstantial reasons. ILETSB was very pleased.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of Tentative Advisory Board meeting dates for FY27

- Director Hertzmann passed out the FY27 Advisory Board Meeting Calendar. A motion was made by Chief Arnold, and seconded by Chief Arizzi, to approve the FY27 dates. Motion carried by all members present and passed. We will post the dates in the lobby and also to our website.

Approve contracting with Wermer, Rogers, Doran & Ruzon for FY26 Fiscal Audit

- We were quoted at \$15,700.00, which is slightly higher than last year. A motion was made by Matt Brooks, and seconded by Chief Arnold, to move forward with them to conduct our audit. Motion carried by all members present and passed.

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John Perona mentioned if officers have specific mandates they are having trouble meeting, we can try to put them in contact with an agency who is holding an in-service class covering that mandate.

Chief Miller said Plainfield is looking for a Records Supervisor if anyone knows any qualified individuals.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE:

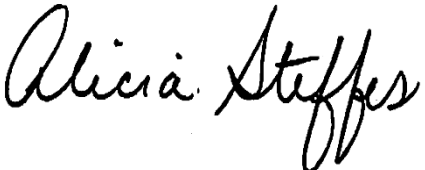

The next meeting date is set for July 22, 2026, at our office location at the Plainfield Police Department Community Room, 14300 Coil Plus Drive, Plainfield, IL 60544.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chief Arnold made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Anthony Lazzaroni, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Submitted by:

Transcribed by:

	
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Chief Alicia Steffes, Secretary, Advisory Board

Becky Novak, Administrative Assistant, Tri-River