



Cook County Emergency Telephone System Board

Via Teleconference
March 31, 2023
10:30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members in attendance in person;

Board Member Michael Kuryla

Board Members in attendance virtually;

Board Member Thomas Fleming
Board Member Elizabeth Ryles
Board Member Tisa Morris
Board Member John Cornier
Board Member John Matthews

Board Members Absent;

None

Staff and Guest in attendance in person;

Martin Bennett, Executive Director
Shereen Gamble, Administrative Analyst
Valerie Rhodes, Director of Support Services
Tanya Walker, Lauterbach & Amen
Krista Pyrcioch, Lauterbach & Amen
Erika Smith, Lauterbach & Amen

Staff and Guest in attendance virtually;

Prathima Yeddanapudi, States Attorney
Bolanle Babatunde, Mitchell Titus
Brent Baccus, Mitchell Titus
Qianhui (Vivian) Du, Mitchell Titus

Executive Director Bennett called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

Executive Director Bennett read the following Virtual Meeting Proclamation;

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911

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Des Plaines, IL 60016

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“JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, in the interest of aiding the people of Illinois and the local governments responsible for ensuring public health and safety issued a Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation in response to the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. The current trend regarding increasing test positivity and the impact of new variants allows for board members to attend virtually. The meeting will be held physically on site for those wishing to attend in person with socially distant seating.

Executive Director Bennett informed all board members and attendees that today’s meeting will be the last virtual meeting. Future board meetings will take place in person at 9511 W Harrison in Des Plaines, in LL11.

Attendance was taken.

Executive Director Bennett welcomed ETSB’s new States Attorney, Prathima Yeddanapudi.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Board Member Kuryla made a motion and Board Member Morris made the second to approve the Board meeting minutes of February 17, 2023 as presented.

Roll Call Vote;

Cornier	Yes
Fleming	Yes
Kuryla	Yes
Matthews	Yes
Morris	Yes
Ryles	Yes

Motion carried.

AUDIT

FY2022 AUDIT RESULTS

Ms. Bolanle Babatunde and Mr. Brent Baccus with Mitchell Titus presented the FY2022 audit results. There are still some key open items they need to issue and finish quality reviews before they issue the final report. They feel the estimates are appropriate and the financial statement disclosures meet the requirements of U.S. GAAP. No fraud was suspected or detected from items reviewed. There were no difficulties during the audit that was started in February. The two significant deficiencies included the payroll system and having too many adjustments after the start of the audit.

Executive Director Bennett explained the salaries reconciliation as this has come up in past audits. Typically, the audit is presented in March so the numbers for 2022 were already in progress. ETSB adjusted these budget line items to be reflected appropriately in the Sheriff’s 2023 budget. There are 3 funds employees are paid from: the ETSB fund, the Municipal Consolidated Dispatch fund, and the Sheriff. ETSB gets the document from the County advising how much is owed for salaries, then ETSB asks the Bureau of Technology to send over payroll data for all employees to compare the information. These changes should eliminate the issue in the future.

Ms. Babatunde advised management noted there is no evidence that indicates substantial doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern; Mitchell Titus concurred. The draft of the FY2022 audit is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Ms. Babatunde noted that there are some technical developments coming up in GASB, none of which should have a significant impact on ETSB, based on Mitchell Titus' review.

No questions asked by board members.

Board Member Fleming made a motion to approve the release of the audit to the comptroller's office and Board Member Matthews made the second.

Roll call vote;

Cornier	Yes
Fleming	Yes
Kuryla	Yes
Matthews	Yes
Morris	Yes
Ryles	Yes

Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

MARCH 2023 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The deadline for all bills to be reported out of committee was March 24th in the House and March 31st in the Senate. Some 3,000 bills were reported out of committee, although many of those will not be acted upon. The bills that potentially impact the ETSB include the following:

- HB 1364/SB1403 – these bills are the rewrite vehicles for the Emergency Telephone System Act which sunsets on December 31, 2023. The current language in these bills extends the sunset date to December 31, 2025 and makes a technical change concerning MLTS phones. Both bills are on the floor in their respective chambers. The State Police are circulating language to add additional language to these “shell” bills. That language is being discussed by the Illinois NENA and APCO Joint Legislative Committee and has not been added to the bills. It is likely that this additional language and suggestions from INENA and ILAPCO will be discussed in April.
- HB 2412/SB2292 – these bills provide for the reorganization of the Department of State police. As written, the legislation will place the State Police radio network under the authority of the Division of the State Police which also oversees the Office of the 9-1-1 Administrator. Currently, we do not see any threat to the 9-1-1 program or surcharge funding, but we are monitoring these bills.
- HB 1364/SB 1403 – these bills propose the establishment of statewide 988 Task Force to examine the implementation and funding for 988 in the State of Illinois. There does seem to be support for the establishment of this task force from the Governor's Office. Membership on the Task Force would include representatives of those agencies or providers affected by 988. This would include the 9-1-1 community. We are also monitoring this bill to ensure that surcharge funds are not a target to fund this

effort.

STATEWIDE 9-1-1 ADVISORY BOARD

The Advisory Board met on Monday, March 20th in Springfield. Discussion centered on the proposed language for the rewrite of the Emergency Telephone System Act. Language proposed by the 9-1-1 Administrator is currently being reviewed. There was also discussion regarding clarifying the acceptable uses of 9-1-1 surcharge funds. Illinois NENA and Illinois APCO held a town hall meeting on March 15th to discuss the Administrator's proposed chart of the use of surcharge funds. The general position of both ILAPCO and INENA is that the FCC guidelines established in October of 2022 should form the basis for the guidelines. Discussion is ongoing and it appears that the Administrator may want to push this discussion into rulemaking instead of the legislation. ILAPCO and INENA would like to see the use of surcharge funds contained in any amendment to the statute.

FEDERAL ISSUES

No action has been taken in Congress on either the 9-1-1 SAVES ACT (Reclassification of Telecommunicators) or any funding for NG911.

Executive Director Bennett notified the Board that we continue to attend the Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory meetings and keep in contact with Linda Zerwin who is the representative for the large counties to make sure we continue to be protected and are on the same page as the other counties as these bills continue to surface.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER OPERATIONS

TELECOMMUNICATOR WEEK

National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week, April 9th-April 15th, is a big deal for the 9-1-1 center. We invite our contract agencies to visit and talk with the TCs. We're grateful for this week to celebrate with them. If any board members are available, please come celebrate with us.

ABC7 CHICAGO NEWS REPORT

ABC7 did a news report on our quiet rooms. They did an excellent job at highlighting the quiet rooms and how the staff uses the rooms to decompress, especially after stressful incidents. Telecommunicators are extremely thankful. If you haven't seen the report, reach out and it will be sent. Executive Director Bennett received phone calls or emails from about 6 centers across the states with questions about the set-up. The lighting and sound make our quiet rooms unique. Executive Director Bennett thanked the board members for their support throughout the construction projects that took a couple years to complete.

As part of the quiet room story, Dr. Joel Robertson talked about different ways for employees to disconnect and how that's good for their brain health. Executive Director Bennett and Director Kinsella met with him in March about a program they want to implement in the center. He plans to attend our next board meeting to present the Protect the Protectors Program, which was discussed last year.

FINANCIAL REPORT

MARCH BILL PAYMENT RESOLUTION

The March Bill Payment Resolution is attached for the Board's review.

The significant items to report are;

Payments to the Sheriff's Police for Surcharge and Contract Agency Dispatching \$1,077,575.34

Reimbursement to Cook County for the balance of salaries for FY2022 \$873,701.61

Total Bills \$2,078,949.03

Board Member Kuryla made a motion and Board Member Ryles made the second to approve the March Bill Payment Resolution as presented in the amount of \$2,078,949.03

Roll call vote;

Cornier	Yes
Fleming	Yes
Kuryla	Yes
Matthews	Yes
Morris	Yes
Ryles	Yes

Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Krista Pyrcioch from Lauterbach & Amen provided and presented the financial report. Ms. Pyrcioch reported that there were no significant changes when generating the January financials. Most of the numbers are estimates as it's the start of the year, especially for the surcharges since nothing has been paid for the current year. There were no questions regarding the January 2023 financials.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

The next meeting will be an in-person meeting. We're looking forward to having everyone together.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Board Member Morris made a motion to adjourn the meeting of March 31, 2023, Board Member Fleming made the second.

Roll call vote;

Cornier	Yes
Fleming	Yes
Kuryla	Yes
Matthews	Yes
Morris	Yes
Ryles	Yes

Motion carried.

The March 31, 2023 Cook County Emergency Telephone System Board meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Next Meeting

June 16, 2023

10:30 a.m.

9511 W. Harrison, LL11

Des Plaines, IL 60016

Valerie Rhodes, Director of Support Services Date