

## **Illinois Sex Offender Management Board**

### **Meeting Minutes**

February 19, 2026

Attendance: Adam Belcher, Abdi Tinwalla, Eliabeth Tarzia, Shataun Hailey, Sharon Coleman, Vernon Foli, Kristoff Petro, Allison Radice, Carol Costello, Jonathan Warshawsky, Marshon Conrad, Brian Van Meter, Stephany Trejos (Interim Chair), Tracy Tholin, Scott Watkins, Andrea Kirch

Absence: Sarah Brown-Foiles, Jacqueline Bullard, Sharon Coleman, Patrick Delfino, Alison Foley, Dan Hunt, Mary Jackovac, Ky Newsome, Elizabeth Tarzia, Carrie Ward

Called to Order at 10:03 am

### **Board Transitions and Appointments**

- Sarah Brown-Foiles is resigning as chairperson effective March 30, coinciding with her departure from the Illinois Department of Corrections.
- Stephany Trejos will be Interim chair duties will be handled to ensure continuity of board operations. Appointment application has been submitted, will abstain from voting until officially appointed.
- Najma Adam (DCFS) has also resigned; Dr. Allison Radis is temporarily assuming her position. Appointment application has been submitted, will abstain from voting until officially appointed.
- Board vacancies are being actively filled, with appointments managed through the governor's office and attorney general.
- Members were reminded to check their appointment status and renewal needs (typically five-year terms).
- Board members Jonathan Warshawsky (DJJ) and Captain Watkins (ISP) have submitted reappointment applications; it is unknown how long the reappointment application process will take.

### **Conference Updates**

- The Illinois ATSA Conference is scheduled for March 19-20; registration is open and complimentary for SOMB board members.
- The conference website is live, and members are encouraged to register early due to limited capacity.
- Keynote speakers: Steve Sawyer (group therapy) and Dawn Pflugradt (women who offend, new research, and acute training).
- Members should inform organizers quickly if they need to cancel, as food orders are finalized by March 1.

### **Audit & Compliance**

- Recent SOMB audit showed improved compliance, with the only non-compliance issue relating to unfilled board vacancies outside the board's control.
- Efforts are ongoing to ensure all vacancies are filled and appointments are up to date.

- Communication with the Attorney General's office is active regarding upcoming renewals.

### **Training Initiatives and Ideas**

- There is interest in increasing the number of board-sponsored training courses, with funds available for use.
- Suggested topics include structured assessment of protective factors, based on ATSA survey feedback.
- Emphasis on offering a variety of training courses, both online and in-person, and expanding topics to cover both adult and juvenile issues.
- Illinois ATSA now supports an updated registration process, with SOMB sponsoring continuing education credits.
- Board encouraged to propose additional training topics, aiming at possibly one training course per quarter.
- A suggestion was made for a roundtable between providers and the court system to discuss practical and procedural issues, especially regarding juvenile and adult registration, and the petition process.
  - Potential for internal experts (attorneys, ISP members) to provide training on juvenile registration and removal petitions.

### **Next Meeting Agenda Items**

- Board members proposed training topics to the interim chair.
- Interim chair to organize and distribute proposed topics for board voting, potentially via interim meeting or email poll.
- Ensure that reappointment applications and vacancy statuses are monitored and updated in board records.
- Explore the feasibility of a roundtable session with providers, court representatives, and other stakeholders.

Call for meeting to be adjourned

Motions seconded

Meeting adjourned at 10:19am