

**Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board  
Open Meeting  
April 7, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.**

The Board met pursuant to notice at  
Illinois State Police Academy – 3700 E. Lake Shore Drive, Springfield, IL  
DuPage County OHSEM – 418 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL  
and via WebEx

**Board Members Physically Present in Springfield**

Caldwell, Ralph  
Dade, (Chief) Demond  
Ferraro, John  
McCarty, Philip  
McClerren, Sam  
Nehrt, Randy  
Woker, Melinda  
Yokley, Michael

**Board Members Physically Present in DuPage**

Bergeron, Lynette  
Temes, Delores  
Zerwin, Linda

**Board Members Present by Phone/WebEx**

Daley, Laura  
Perdiou, Deno  
Piscola, Debra  
Redd, (Chief) Carla

**Board Members Not Present**

Anderson, Sen. Neil  
Coffey, Rep. Michael  
Cunningham, Sen. Bill  
Guerrero-Cuellar, Rep. Angelica  
Hightower, Tim  
Neill, Lauren

The Chairman opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

**1) Approval of the March 24, 2025, Open Meeting Minutes**

On a motion by John Ferraro, and a second by Sam McClerren, the March 24, 2025, meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**2) Legislative Update**

- ETSA Language Changes
  - The Chairman discussed the proposed changes on the draft Emergency Telephone System Act (ETSA) document with the Board members. The Board

members suggested some changes. The Chairman and the Statewide 9-1-1 Administrator will review/revise any language suggestions from the Board. Additional conversations need to be had on some of the information.

- John Ferraro stated that Illinois NENA and Illinois APCO have put together a 2-page report regarding the need to increase the surcharge amount. Several 911 authorities of different sizes and types were surveyed for this report, and an increase in the surcharge to \$2.50 was recommended with an escalator for cost of living every year for the duration of the ETSA. The Chairman stated that he would like to see this report and is willing to include the report information in his discussions with the Director's Office. The Chairman also stated that the ISP is aware of the cost increases and that they will continue to have discussions with the Legislative Affairs office.
- Randy Nehrt voiced a concern about signing off on language about the OSPs since there are no details on the costs associated with it. The Chairman stated that additional information is needed.
- The Chairman presented the Grant Distribution Draft Changes document concerning unused surcharge money going back to the 911 Authorities. The Board members reviewed and offered suggestions/changes to the language. The Chairman will discuss these changes with the legal department.
- The Chairman stated that the ISP dispatch centers are not secondary PSAPs and will not be secondary PSAPs when they have the NG911 call handling equipment. The Board discussed.
- The Board agreed to move forward with the draft legislation with the stated exceptions to contract pricing, grant language and surcharge amount.

### **3) Financial Update**

- Distribution Review
  - The Statewide 9-1-1 Bureau Chief, Sheila Bartlett, presented the findings from an in-depth review of the surcharge distribution checks. BC Bartlett presented details covering the average surcharge checks, subscriber counts, receipt by connection type, prepaid receipts, surcharge and distribution data, and network costs.
  - John Ferraro asked if there will be a special distribution this year and the Chairman and BC stated yes, but it will not be as large as last year.
  - The Chairman discussed the last slide of the presentation stating that the distribution calculation is affected by many variables.

### **4) Old Business**

- Open Meeting Acts Training (OMA)
  - The Chairman asked the Board members to email him their OMA training certification if they haven't already.
- Statement of Economic Interest & Supplemental Statement of Economic Interest
  - There are two different documents that need to be completed. The Chairman informed the Board members that if they didn't receive the letter in the mail, they can contact the Chairman for the email address of whom to contact. There is a fine if it is completed late.
- Strategic Planning

- The Chairman stated that Mission Critical Partners provided a presentation about things on the horizon for 9-1-1, OSP migration, and other items. They provided a roadmap of what should be considered for strategic planning. The Chairman asked the Board to look at the dates in August and September to see if longer meetings can be held. He asked the Board to be prepared to talk about how to address the meetings.

**5) New Business**

- N/A

**6) Public Comment**

- N/A

**7) Adjourn**

- On a motion by Ralph Caldwell, and a second by Phil McCarty, the meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m. The motion carried by a unanimous vote by the Board.