

## ***State Immigration Enforcement Council***

### ***MINUTES OF THE MARCH 16, 2026 COUNCIL MEETING***

Chairman Grady Judd called the State Immigration Enforcement Council (SIEC) meeting to order on March 16, 2026, held at the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Headquarters, Tallahassee, Florida via Microsoft Teams Meeting.

#### **CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

Chairman Judd called the meeting to order and welcomed council members, and those attending online.

Chairman Judd asked that all attendees mute their microphones, except for the Council members. He expressed gratitude to the Council Members for their willingness to serve and welcomed their active participation. He also thanked other individuals who joined the meeting online. Chairman Judd mentioned that the State Immigration Enforcement Council values public input on matters being discussed, and he will allow time for public comments at the end of the Council's scheduled agenda items.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT OR ABSENT**

***The roll was called and the following 7 Council Members represented a quorum:***

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| 1. <b>Honorable Sheriff Grady Judd, Chairman</b><br>Polk County Sheriff's Office<br>1891 Jim Keene Blvd.<br>Winter Haven, FL 33880<br>Telephone: 863-298-6200 | 5. <b>Chief Charles Broadway</b><br>Kissimmee Police Department<br>8 N Steward Ave.<br>Kissimmee, FL 34741<br>Telephone: 407-846-3333                |
| 2. <b>Honorable Sheriff Bob Gualtieri</b><br>Pinellas County Sheriff's Office<br>10750 Ulmerton Road,<br>Largo, Florida 33778<br>Telephone: 727-582-6200      | 6. <b>Chief Ciro Dominguez</b><br>Naples Police Department<br>355 Riverside Circle<br>Naples, FL 34102<br>Telephone: 239-213-4844                    |
| 3. <b>Honorable T.K. Waters (Absent)</b><br>Jacksonville Sheriff's Office<br>501 E. Bay Street<br>Jacksonville, FL 32202<br>Telephone: 904-630-7600           | 7. <b>Chief Robert Bage</b><br>Fort Walton Beach Police Department<br>7 Hollywood Blvd. NE<br>Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548<br>Telephone: 850-833-9546 |
| 4. <b>Honorable Bill Prummell</b><br>Charlotte County Sheriff's Office<br>7474 Utilities Road<br>Punta Gorda, FL 333982<br>Telephone: 941-639-2101            | 8. <b>Chief Doug Goerke</b><br>St. Cloud Police Department<br>4700 Neptune Road<br>St. Cloud, FL 34769<br>Telephone: 407-891-6700                    |

## **AGENDA ITEM 1: APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Judd requested a motion to approve the September 25, 2025 meeting minutes.

**COUNCIL ACTION:** *Sheriff Prummell moved to approve the September 25, 2025 meeting minutes; seconded by Chief Bage; motion carried.*

## **AGENDA ITEM 1: RESOLUTION 2025-007 - GRANT RULES**

Chairman Judd presented this agenda item to the Council, pursuant to s. 908.1032(4)(b) and (e), F.S., recommended to the State Board of Immigration Enforcement, under Resolution 25-001, in priority order, expenses that should be reimbursable under the Local Law Enforcement Immigration Grant Program. The State Board of Immigration Enforcement later adopted this resolution in July 2025. The Emergency Rule was filed on July 23, 2025.

As part of its role in advising the State Board of Immigration Enforcement, the State Immigration Enforcement Council recommends the following rule change for reimbursable expenses:

Transporting unauthorized aliens in custody has been identified as a priority by the State Immigration Enforcement Council and the State Board of Immigration Enforcement. Law enforcement agencies that maintain detention facilities operating under a current Intergovernmental Service Agreement (IGSA) with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and that house federal immigration detainees may request grant funding for transport vehicles to support the safe and secure movement of detainees related to immigration enforcement activities. The Council finds it is appropriate that state-provided grant funding be used to reimburse the purchase of multi-passenger vehicles (vans) and associated upfitting costs to be used by agencies that are designated IGSA detention facilities for the effective transportation of unauthorized aliens to and between county, state, and federal detention facilities. Only one transport vehicle per qualifying IGSA detention facility will be approved.

Recommended rule change: add an exception to the rule prohibiting reimbursements for vehicles, vessels, or aircraft. The new exception would allow for reimbursement of multi-passenger vehicles (vans) and associated upfitting costs for said vehicles used by agencies designated as IGSA detention facilities to transport in-custody unauthorized aliens to and between county, state, and federal detention facilities or other federal offices.

Resolution #25-001-4. S. 908.1033, F.S. allows for reimbursement for equipment, travel, and lodging related to the 287(g) program under the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1357.

- a. The Council recommends that the State Board of Immigration Enforcement prioritize and reimburse these categories only to the extent that the equipment, travel, and lodging are directly related to detaining and transporting unauthorized aliens or directly related to active participation in ICE task force activities.
- b. The Council recommends that the State Board of Immigration Enforcement prioritize reimbursement for actual additional travel and lodging costs incurred related to ICE task force activities.
- c. All equipment purchases must receive prior approval before the purchase is made, and reimbursement is requested. Requests will be reviewed by the Executive Director and must be approved by the State Board of Immigration Enforcement.
- d. No vehicle, vessel, or aircraft will be approved for reimbursement, with an exception for designated Florida Sheriff transportation agencies (as previously authorized in rule) and IGSA detention facilities to purchase one multi-passenger vehicle (van) and associated upfitting costs.
- e. All equipment submitted for approval or reimbursement must have a direct nexus to immigration enforcement.

**COUNCIL ACTION:** Discussion was held and *Sheriff Gualtieri moved to approve this agenda item; seconded by Chief Goerke; the motion carried.*

## **AGENDA ITEM 2: DISCUSSION: POLICY AND A PATH FORWARD**

Chairman Judd asked FDLE Director Melissa Bujeda to give a status report on the data collection.

Discussion was held, and Chairman Judd asked FDLE staff to collaborate with the State Board of Immigration Enforcement Executive Director Coker and the Council to obtain the best data possible, including a list of agencies that employ 287g officers to determine which ones comply, the total number of sworn officers, the number of officers currently holding DIO credentials, the number of officers who have submitted DIO applications but are still pending and identify agencies who is reporting and what they are reporting. The Council will collect the additional reporting data, share it and review it at the next quarterly meeting. The completed report will then be sent to all Florida law enforcement agencies before being sent, along with the Council's recommendation to the State Board of Immigration.

Chairman Judd talked about various cases involving individual circumstances of illegal aliens in which ICE has chosen not to place detainers but has also chosen to deport individuals for varying reasons. He said that the top priority should be to remove the individuals that have been through the immigration system who are violating the law, the individuals who have avoided the immigration system and entered the country illegally.

A discussion with council members followed.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED**

Seeing no further business before the Council and no public comments Chairman Judd requested a motion to adjourn, and *Chief Goerke moved that the Council adjourn the meeting; seconded by Chief Broadway; the motion carried.*