



**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
September 13, 2024
Zoom**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo) was held on Friday, September 13, 2024, at 2:03 p.m. at which the following were in attendance via Zoom:

Kendall, Circuit Clerk Matt Prochaska, President
Washington, Chairman David Meyer
Cook, Commissioner Alma Anaya
Cook, Commissioner Stanley Moore
Cook, Commissioner Monica Gordon
Jackson, Board Member Andrew Erbes
Kane, Chairwoman Corinne Pierog
Ogle, Chairman John Finfrock
Tazewell, Chairman David Zimmerman
Will, Executive Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant

ISACo STAFF

Joe McCoy, Executive Director
Nekya Hall, Legislative Advocacy and Research Manager
Tiffani Homer, Member Services and Communications Manager

GUESTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Board Member Erbes and seconded by Board Member Zimmerman to approve the minutes from March 22, 2024, and June 21, 2024. The motion was approved.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President's Report

President Prochaska discussed the National Association of Counties (NACo) Board of Directors, Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC) and Rural Action Caucus (RAC) meeting to be held from December 4-7 in Sonoma County, California. He encouraged ISACo Board Members to attend in able.

Vice President's Report

No report.

Secretary's Report

No report.

Treasurer's Report

Director McCoy provided the report on behalf of Treasurer Crowley. He referenced the financial documents provided to the Board in advance of the meeting and indicated that ISACo's financial condition continues to be strong. A motion to accept the report was made by Board Member Pierog and seconded by Board Member Finfrock. The motion was approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director McCoy asked Membership Services and Communications Manager Tiffani Homer to provide a report about the 2024 NACo Annual Conference. She reported that over 100 people attended the successful Illinois Counties Dinner held at the Columbia Restaurant in Ybor City.

Director McCoy reported on a Midwest County Association staff retreat attended by ISACo staff from July 31-August 2. The meeting was hosted in Madison, WI, by the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) and provided a tremendous opportunity for learning and networking with staff from other county associations in the region. The 2025 staff retreat will be hosted by the Missouri Association of Counties (MAC).

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Director McCoy asked Legislative Advocacy and Research Manager Nekya Hall to provide an update about the work being done by ISACo's Policy Committees. She also shared the timetable for considering legislative proposals for inclusion on the 2025 ISACo Legislative Agenda. Director McCoy provided an update on the status of ISACo's Wind and Solar Task Force, which is awaiting draft legislation reflecting recommendations made by the Task Force. Upon request, ISACo staff indicated they would share with the Board the current opportunities available for service on ISACo Policy Committees.

NATIONAL COUNTY ASSOCIATION REPORTS

President Prochaska and Executive Director McCoy congratulated Board Member Stanley Moore on his election as President of the National Association of Black County Officials (NABCO). The election was held during the 2024 NACo Annual Conference in Hillsborough County, Florida. Commissioner Moore was asked to share information about NABCO. The Association is non-partisan and provides an organizational structure for networking, information and resource sharing, and issue advocacy on behalf of African-American elected and appointed county officials. ISACo Board Members congratulated Board Member Moore on his new leadership role with NABCO.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Director McCoy indicated that he has been in discussions with ISACo's landlord about a possible second lease because slightly more than one year remained on the initial lease. Director McCoy negotiated a second lease with three guaranteed years and two option years for a total of five years. He explained the financial terms and referenced a memorandum with the information that was previously provided to the Board. Director McCoy had discussed the second lease proposal with Executive Committee members and the members endorsed the proposal and recommended approval by the Board. A motion was made by Board Member Bertino-Tarrant and seconded by Board Member Erbes to approve the second lease. The motion was approved.

President Prochaska asked Legislative Advocacy and Research Manager Nekya Hall to read a resolution honoring the life of departed Cook County Commissioner and ISACo Vice President Dennis Deer. Following the reading, a motion was made by Commissioner Moore and seconded by Commissioner Anaya to adopt the resolution. The motion was approved and the resolution was adopted. The resolution will be read during ISACo's Annual Lunch on December 13 and presented to Commissioner Deer's family.

President Prochaska indicated that the vacant position of ISACo Vice President needed to be filled. He nominated Cook County Commissioner Stanley Moore to complete the term of deceased Vice President Dennis Deer. President Prochaska's nomination of Commissioner Moore was seconded by Board Member Zimmerman. The motion was approved and Commissioner Moore was elected Vice President for the remainder of the 2023-2024 term.

Board Member Pierog requested that ISACo develop a resource that identifies current proposals to reform the three transit agencies in the Chicago Metro Region. Director McCoy indicated that ISACo would provide the information.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Association of Counties, a motion was made by Board Member Zimmerman and

seconded by Board Member Finrock to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.