



Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

Bruce Rauner, Governor

Minutes for the September 7, 2016, Enterprise Zone Board Meeting

Location: Illinois Building
607 East Adams Street, Floor 12
Director's Board Room
Springfield, Illinois 62701

James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 3-400
Illinois Conference Room
Chicago, Illinois 60601
(Via Video Conference)

Members Present:

(In Springfield) Sean McCarthy, Connie Beard, Larry Ivory,
(In Chicago) Jovita Carranza, Larry Falbe

DCEO Staff Present:

(In Springfield) Ben Denney, Justin Heather, Kendalynn Jackson, Ed Taft, Vic Narusis
(In Chicago) Brad Tietz, Erica Acosta, Nick Bender

Other Present:

(In Springfield) Adam Stroud (PGAV Planners), Andrew Hamilton (Opportunity Alliance, LLC), Betty J. Steinert (Greater Sterling Development Corporation), Bill Walker (City of Greenville), Chauntelle Biagi-Bruer (Bureau Putnam), Craig Coil (The Development Consortium), Dana Gustafson (Bureau/Putnam), Dan Ramey (City of Centralia), Dan Sulsberger (City of Flora), Gary Kroeshen (Marshall County), Jeff Torricelli (TLR, LLC), Jerry Hicks (LaSalle County), John Thompson (City of Lee), Julian Jacquin (Economic Development Resources), Kala Lambert (City of Centralia), Keith Moran (Moran Economic Development), Kevin Lindeman (North Central Council of Government), Marty Johnson (IDOR), Nora Fresco (North Central Council of Government), Scott Harl (Peru), Shari Albrecht (Jersey County Business Association), Steve McClure (Opportunity Alliance, LLC), Terri Whitfield (Springfield) and Tim McAnarney (Peru).

(In Chicago) Dave Chandler (Center for Neighborhood Technology), Ed Paesel (South Suburban Mayors and Managers Ass.)

1. **Call to Order:** A quorum of the Board being present, the meeting was called to order by DCEO Acting Director and Enterprise Zone Board Chairman Sean McCarthy at approximately 9:05 a.m.
2. **Introductory Remarks from the Chairman:** Chairman McCarthy introduced himself, welcomed everyone and made a Motion to allow members Jovita Carranza and Larry Falbe to appear by video conference from the Illinois Conference Room at the James R. Thompson Center. Motion seconded by Larry Ivory, with all in favor. Motion moved.
3. **Approval of Minutes from August 3, 2016 Meeting:** The Chairman made motion to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2016 meeting. Motion was seconded by Connie Beard, with all in favor. Motion moved.
4. **Review of Outstanding Issues from August 3, 2016 Meeting:** Ed Taft provided further details on outstanding questions posed by members during last meeting. He discussed resurfacing of Airport Landing in Centralia Project which did not indicate any permanent job creation, confirmed that all applications had transcripts except 2 which needed certifications and that all applications contained legal descriptions, explained why Illinois Valley did not qualify for Criteria 2 as it failed to satisfy the second part of the question relating to job creation/retention, opined that the Enterprise Zone Act is not clear on what preference should be granted an applicant that utilizes the DZO Shopstead disposal of property and suggested proposing Legislative clarification on this matter, acknowledged that the LLMA justification for Bureau/Putnam, Illinois Valley and Marshall County which was based on Census Bureau's American Community Survey commuter data and surveys and noted that increasing the size of the LLMA doesn't necessarily equate to a higher score, suggested Board provide guidance on balancing maximum points and maintaining contiguous and compact LLMA, confirmed that Village of Dalzell is not part of Bureau Putnam Enterprise Zone, clarified Greenville had 11 LLMA tracts in 2015 and 26 LLMA tracts in 2016, and confirmed the majority of specific commitments were between 10-15 years. Justin Heather, DCEO General Counsel and Ethics Officer for the Board, explained that future applicants will not need to provide a legal description, but PIN #'s along with a map clearly showing boundaries is sufficient. Justin Heather also opined that the overlapping territory provision, JCAR 520.310(c) is only relevant to boundary amendments.
5. **IDOR Report:** Illinois Department of Revenue Director and Enterprise Zone Board member Connie Beard discussed the Illinois Department of Revenue Enterprise Zone, River Edge Redevelopment Zone and High Impact Business 2015 Tax Incentive Report. She explained that IDOR estimates there are approximately 120,000 businesses located within the Illinois Enterprise Zones. That information was obtained by IDOR through the use of a GIS mapping system. Less than 700 businesses have filed annual reports with IDOR. They hope to increase better compliance in the future and are planning on launching a website program to help Zone Administrators provide names of businesses in the Zones. IDOR plans to supplement the report with additional business reports that missed the initial filing deadline. Member Jovita Carranza

asked if IDOR would gather input from the business community on suggestions to ensure compliance. Director Beards indicated they would.

- 6. Review of and further actions regarding pending Enterprise Zone applications:** The Chairman commented that all supplemental information sent in to the Board after application deadline, was received and reviewed by the Board. Connie Beard was curious if that information could affect the scoring as it was provided after the deadlines. Justin Heather concluded that it was classified as public comment and could not affect the scoring. Larry Falbe suggested that the application reflect a hard rule that supplemental material received after the deadline will not be considered. Larry Falbe moved a motion to approve the 12 highest ranking applicants for Enterprise Zones. Connie Beard seconded motion and all were in favor. Motion granted. Jovita Carranza commented on how impressed she was that the applications focus on all the right areas of the labor market, unemployment and poverty prevention. She also complemented the scoring and review process of the applications stating that she found the process to be very consistent.
- 7. Public Comments:** Chairman McCarthy opened up for public comment. Larry Falbe made request to have top 12 Enterprise Zones read. Justin Heather read the top 12 Enterprise Zones: 1) Lincoln-Logan, 2) Bloomington-Normal, 3) Calumet Region, 4) Rantoul, 5) Greater Centralia Area, 6) Lee-Ogle, 7) Olney-Richland-Newton-Jasper, 8) Beardstown, 9) Peoria Rural, 10) Flora-Clay, 11) Bureau-Putnam Area, 12) Greenville-Bond County. Andrew Hamilton asked if the Board approved any applications this year under the Upper Illinois River Valley Development Authority Act. Justin Heather confirmed none were approved under that Act. Tim McAnarney asked if the 2 applications that did not have certified transcripts could be disqualified. Justin Heather opined that it is not a material non-compliance, as long as it is cured. Steve McClure thanked the Governor, Director McCarthy and Mr. Heather for their work in getting the JCAR amendments implemented. Dave Chandler denied that Calumet was missing certification of transcript. Connie Beard suggested that we change the application to clarify that the transcript must be certified by providing guidance on what proper certification is. Keith Moran denied that Beardstown was missing certification of transcript.
- 8. Adjournment:** With no further public comments, Chairman McCarthy recommended the Board adjourn. Connie Beard moved to adjourn meeting. Larry Falbe seconded the motion. No objections, all were in favor.