



Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

Bruce Rauner, Governor

Enterprise Zone Board Meeting Minutes

Event/Meeting:

2018 Enterprise Zone Board Meeting

Date/Time:

September 18, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Locations:

(Springfield)
Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity
Illinois Building
607 East Adams Street, IL-12, Conference Room
Springfield, Illinois 60601

And

(Chicago, via video conference)
Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity
James R. Thompson Center
100 West Randolph Street, Suite 3-400
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Board Members Present:

Sean McCarthy (Chicago); Connie Beard (Springfield); Lawrence Falbe (via phone); and Larry Ivory (Springfield)

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Staff Present:

Justin Heather (Chicago); Victor Narusis (Chicago); Ben Denney (Springfield); and Chris Albert (Springfield)

Other Attendees (Members of the Public):

David Dyer, Kewanee/Henry County Enterprise Zone (Springfield); Joe McCoy, Illinois Municipal League (Springfield); Steve McClure, Bi-State Planning (Springfield); and Jeff Torricelli, TLC LLC (Springfield)

Call to Order and Introductory Remarks from Chairman:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McCarthy at approximately 9:10 a.m. Chairman McCarthy welcomed everyone to the meeting, reminding all attendees to sign-in, and stated that he had chosen to reconvene the Board due to a discrepancy in the posting of the previous meeting's agenda. Chairman McCarthy then stated that the members of the public would be given an opportunity for comments after the Board had concluded business.

Chairman McCarthy asked Ben Denney to conduct roll call. Ben Denney read the Board member's names. Board members Sean McCarthy, Connie Beard and Larry Ivory responded as present, and Larry Falbe responded that he was in attendance via telephone.

Chairman McCarthy recognized that a quorum of members was present and asked for a motion to allow members to participate via phone. A motion was made by member Ivory and seconded by member Beard. Motion passed by unanimous decision.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes:

Chairman McCarthy asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Board's meeting on September 6, 2017. A motion was made by member Beard and seconded by member Ivory. Motion passed by unanimous decision.

Chairman McCarthy asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Board's meeting on August 29, 2018. A motion was made by member Ivory and seconded by member Beard. Motion passed by unanimous decision.

Summary of August 29, 2018 Meeting:

Chairman McCarthy stated that at the Board's meeting on August 29, 2018, the Illinois Department of Revenue provided its annual report and Vic Narusis with DCEO provided an overview of the scoring of applicants for Enterprise Zone designation. Chairman McCarthy asked if there were any questions from Board members regarding these items. Hearing none, Chairman McCarthy proceeded to the matter of the applicants for Enterprise Zone designation.

Authorization of New Enterprise Zones:

Chairman McCarthy asked for a motion to approve the four (4) applicants for Enterprise Zone designation. A motion was made by member Falbe and seconded by member Ivory. Motion passed by unanimous decision. Chairman McCarthy recognized that the Board had approved the designation of the Quad Cities, Carmi/White County/Edwards County, Kewanee/Henry County and Vandalia/Fayette County Enterprise Zones prior to the September 30, 2018 deadline and that these zones would become effective on January 1, 2019.

Public Comment:

Chairman McCarthy opened the floor for public comment.

David Dyer thanked the Board for their approval of the Kewanee/Henry County Enterprise Zone and stated that the communities were eager to implement this important economic development tool.

Adjournment:

Chairman McCarthy asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by member Ivory and seconded by member Beard. Motion passed by unanimous decision. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:20 a.m.