



**Illinois  
Department of Commerce  
& Economic Opportunity**

JB Pritzker, Governor

**Minutes for the August 14, 2019 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

**Board Members Present:**

(In Springfield)

Erin B. Guthrie (Director Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity {DCEO}/ Board Chairwoman), David Harris (Director Illinois Department of Revenue [IDOR]), Larry Ivory (Board Member)

**DCEO Staff Present:**

(In Springfield)

Justin Heather (Deputy Director), Jeanette Pesamoska (Legal Counsel), Ben Denney (Enterprise Zone Manager)

**Others Present:**

(In Springfield)

Marty Johnson, Craig Coil, Edie Koch, Jeanne Gustafson, Jeff Torricelli, Steve McClure, Warren Ribley, Keith Moran, Rex Barbee, Brad Cole, Mitchell Remmert, Jeff Scott, Ben Wilson

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by DCEO Director and Enterprise Zone Board Chairwoman Erin Guthrie at approximately 9:10 am. Roll call of Board members as taken and quorum of Board Members was present.

**Introductory Remarks from the Chairwoman:** Chairwoman Guthrie introduced herself, welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded all attendees to sign-in on the provided sign-in sheets. Attendees introduced themselves.

**Approval of Minutes from September 18, 2018 Meeting:** The Chairwoman asked if there were any questions or comments concerning the minutes of the September 18, 2018 meeting. Chairwoman Guthrie asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2018 meeting. Motion was made and seconded by Larry Ivory. Unanimous in favor. Motion moved.

**IDOR Report:** Director Harris and Marty Johnson of the Illinois Department of Revenue provided an overview of the Illinois Department of Revenues yearly Annual Enterprise Zone, Rivers Edge Re-Development Zone (RERZ) and High Impact (HIB) Tax Incentives report. Ms. Johnson explained that this report is a snapshot derived from information received for the past year with a cut-off date of May 31, 2018. It was noted this report is subject to change as incoming information continues to be received. Ms. Johnson presented the details on tax incentives, job creation, and capital investment data that was disclosed to IDOR by those receiving tax incentives, along with additional information submitted by purchasers of building materials for eligible projects and by service providers. IDOR has increased their efforts to emphasize to project managers, businesses and community leaders the importance of reporting statistics and continues to seek methods for reporting procedures to capture information. Inter-meeting discussion pursued concerning reporting and its requirements and Chairwoman Guthrie suggested the possibility of establishing a working group in the future that could further review this issue.

**Overview of the Applications:** Deputy Director Justin Heather provided a review of the scoring procedures and a brief summarization of the applicants noting that all zones qualified by satisfying minimum criteria. Questions were presented concerning active zones and inter-meeting discussion pursued concerning the future activity and performance tracking of zones as they move forward. Explanation and approval process timing was given noting that approved zones would be effective January 1, 2020. Chairwoman Guthrie asked for a motion to approve the zones as is for designation. David Harris made the motion to award and Larry Ivory seconded and all in favor, the motion was carried.

**Public Comments:** Chairwoman Guthrie opened the floor to the public for comment. Jeanne Gustafson commented that the Salem / Marion County could be viewed as a re-certification and its noted. Ben Wilson, representing the IEZA thanked the EZ Program and staff for all its cooperation and consideration given to the IEZA and their members.

**Adjournment:** With no further public comments, Chairwoman Guthrie asked for a motion to adjourn, Larry Ivory moved to adjourn the meeting. David Harris seconded the motion. No objections, all were in favor. Meeting adjourned.