



# Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

Bruce Rauner, Governor

## Minutes for the September 9, 2015 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

Members Present: James M. Schultz (Springfield), Connie Beard (Springfield), Larry Ivory (Springfield), Jovita Carranza (Chicago), and Lawrence W. Falbe (Chicago)

DCEO Staff Present: Justin Heather (Springfield), Kendalynn Jackson (Springfield), Ed Taft (Springfield), Marty Johnson (Springfield), Andrew Perkins (Springfield), Heidi Brown-McCreery (Springfield), Jared Walkowitz (Chicago) and Brett Schubert (Springfield)

Other Present: Keith Moran (Springfield), Steve McClure (Springfield), Ed Paesel (Springfield), Allen Barker (Springfield), Julian Jacquin (Springfield)

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by DCEO Director and Enterprise Zone Board Chairman James M. Schultz at approximately 10:04 am. A quorum of Board Members was present.
- 2. Reflection on the Enterprise Zone Application Review Process:** At approximately 10:07 am, the Board provided insight and suggestions on changes aimed at improving the review process. Recommendations were made to: create electronic application, limit number of Zones to certain area, tier scoring system for Criteria #2 job creation/retention and investment, obtain more information on companies that give commitments, more transparency, creation of report card to measure success, implement more effective statutory enforcement on reporting, modify statute to allow for applicants to apply outside the 2 year restriction, and provide more training to consultants and local units. Board provided positive feedback on DCEO scoring process, staffing, information, applicant summaries, memos and follow up.

**3. Recess:** A brief recess was taken.

**4. Public Comments:** At approximately 11:00 a.m., meeting was opened to public comments. Steve McClure supported idea of developing an electronic application, requested application be made available as soon as possible, and expressed multi –unit applications require more work. Ed Paesel stated that Illinois is competing with Indiana, he was misinformed by DCEO “Enterprise Zone Q & A” and the program helps keep businesses in the area. Julian Jacquin argued that new applications are new Zones and should not be help to the 2 year limitation, and requested access to application scoring materials. Keith Moran expressed concern that rural areas were disadvantaged in the scoring process, and requested that official legal descriptions be provided after Zones were selected due to associated costs.

**5. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:35 am.