



Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

Bruce Rauner, Governor

Minutes for the August 3, 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: Sean McCarthy, Connie Beard, Jovita Carranza, and Lawrence W. Falbe
(In Springfield)

DCEO Staff Present: Ben Denney (Springfield), Brad Tietz (Springfield), Ed Taft (Springfield), Justin Heather (Springfield), Kendalynn Jackson (Springfield), Nicholas Bender (Chicago), and Vic Narusis (Springfield)

Other Present: Adam Stroud (PGAV Planners), Andrew Hamilton and Steve McClure (Opportunity Alliance, LLC), Ben Wilson (Illinois Enterprise Zone Association), Betty J. Steinert (Greater Sterling Development Corporation), Bill Walker (City of Greenville), Bob Vickrey (City of Peru), Chauntelle Biagi-Bruer (Bureau Putnam), Craig Coil (The Development Consortium), Dan Ramey (City of Centralia), Jeff Bergfeld (City of Henry), Jeff Torricelli (TLR, LLC), John Thompson (City of Lee), Julian Jacquin (Economic Development Resources), Kala Lambert (City of Centralia), Keith Moran (Moran Economic Development), Mike Van Mill (Illinois Enterprise Zone Association), Mike O'Grady (Bloomington Normal Economic Development Council), Nora Fresco (North Central Council of Government), Tiffany Moodie (Marshall County) and Tim McAnarney (Peru)

Other Present: Andrew Hamilton Jr. (Opportunity Alliance, LLC)
(In Chicago)

- 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 9:06 a.m.

- 2. Introductory Remarks from the Chairman:** Chairman McCarthy introduced himself and welcomed the Board and members of the public to the meeting. Chairman noted that Board members received access electronically to the materials contained in their binders prior to the meeting, along with the minutes from the July 13, 2016 meeting. He also reminded everyone that although DCEO recently received the Illinois Department of Revenue's (IDOR) 2015 annual report data, no decision will be made regarding Zone selections until the Board has an opportunity to view that material. IDOR Director and Board Member Connie Beard shared that the figures will reflect distinct changes in some areas as IDOR was able to capture more information, partly as a result of increased reporting compliance. She also mentioned that IDOR is hoping to get better business compliance reporting in the future by developing a comprehensive database of businesses that are located within each Enterprise Zone.
- 3. Approval of Minutes from July 13, 2016 Meeting:** The Chairman made motion to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2016 Meeting. Connie Beard seconded the Motion. All were in favor, no objections. Motion carried.
- 4. Discussion of Pending Enterprise Zone Application:** DCEO General Counsel and Ethics Officer for the Board Justin Heather thanked the Board and members of the public for past recommendations for proposed rule changes, and shared that DCEO's recommended rule changes were approved. Larry Falbe requested that a copy of the revised JCAR rules be provided to the Board. Ed Taft continued reviewing the Enterprise Zone application scoring and executive summaries. Jovita Carranza noted that it appeared DCEO provided some additional helpful guidance to this year's applicants resulting in more responses to Criteria 10 compared to last year. The Board questioned why second year applicants showed a difference in scoring. Vic Narusis explained that some criteria are scored relatively, some applicants changed the size of their LLMA, and some either answered/or did not answer previous unanswered/answered questions. The Board asked DCEO to provide the Board with certain information at the next Board Meeting with respect to several questions.

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Staff noted that DCEO received a public comment in response to the public notice for Peoria Rural regarding the proposed territory for the pending application. The Board discussed it was hesitant to get involved in decisions made at the local level on which territory to add in the proposed Zone. Connie Beard made comment that while the DCEO rule changes don't necessarily require legal description; IDOR would like to have enough descriptive narrative to be able to create an accurate GIS system.

- 5. Other Business:** The Board would like to know how the IDOR report will factor into the selection of the applications. Justin Heather explained that the report breaks down figures per zone, including job creation/retention and tax expenditure data. Larry Falbe requested that the Board be provided that report prior to next meeting.

- 6. Public Comments:** Nora Fresco explained that for those applications completed by NCIC, the LLMA was determined by 45-50 minutes commuting patterns taking into account employee residential zip codes. Craig Coil commented that the prior DCEO administration allowed for the locals to define their own LLMA with the understanding that the local units understand their particular commuting patterns better than anyone else and that as long as justification was provided, it would be accepted. Mr. Coil also commented that he was previously told by the prior DCEO administration that a proper legal description is whatever the county recorder accepts, i.e. metes and bounds, PIN's, etc. Betty Steinert shared that she utilized the NIU center for assistance with completing the application and was told she could expand her LLMA to areas that she had never considered based upon commuting patterns. Adam Stroud informed the Board that the Greenville/Bond application involved plans to create a Designated Zone Organization (DZO) that would receive public land per the "shopstead" provision of the Enterprise Zone Act 20 ILCS 655/10 and asked the Board if preference would be granted, as indicated in the Statute. Kendalynn Jackson explained that Greenville/Smithboro submitted a DZO application this year after the application for new Zone Designation was received. Connie Beard read the relevant section of the statute and stated it appears that preference is to be given to the applicant in the scoring process. Justin Heather indicated that he will look into the matter. Mike Van Mill reminded attendees that the IEZA is preparing for its fall conference and will send information out in near future.

- 7. Adjournment:** With no further business before the Board, Chairman McCarthy recommended the Board adjourn. Connie Beard moved to adjourn the meeting. Larry Falbe seconded the motion. No objections, all were in favor. Motion carried.