



**Illinois
Department of Commerce
& Economic Opportunity**

Bruce Rauner, Governor

Minutes for the August 4, 2015, Enterprise Zone Board Meeting

Location: 607 E. Adams St, Floor 12
Director's Conference Room
Springfield, IL 62701

Members Present: James M. Schultz, Connie Beard, Jovita Carranza, Lawrence Falbe, and Larry Ivory

Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity ("Department") Staff Members

Present: Marty Johnson, Heidi Brown-McCreery, Justin Heather, Brett Schubert

Also Present: Paul Borek, Andy Hamilton, Steve McClure, Mark Williams, Craig Coil, Julian Jacquin, Ken Springer, Betty Steinert, Fredi Schmutte, Jamie Myers

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Department Director and Enterprise Zone Board Chairman James M. Schultz at approximately 1:02 p.m. upon acknowledging the presence of a quorum of the Board.
- 2. Introductory Remarks from the Chairman:** Director Schultz welcomed the Board and members of the public to the meeting and reminded the Board of the goals of the Enterprise Zone program and discussed the timeline for consideration of applications.
- 3. Approval of Minutes from July 15, 2015 Meeting:** Minutes approved on motion and second without objection.
- 4. Discussion of Pending Enterprise Zone Applications:** The Board and DCEO personnel finalized the rankings of the applications submitted by the applicants. Based upon the Department's recommendations and the Board's consideration of the pending enterprise zone applications, the Board, on motion and second, approved 49 applicants for enterprise zone designation to become effective January 1, 2016. The Board discussed potential mandates for future applications as well as application training to improve the application process.
- 5. Other Business:** The Board discussed the need for additional meeting dates to discuss legislative suggestions and best practices.
- 6. Public Comment:** Steve McClure, commented the importance of Economic Development being measured by more than one (1) year of collected data. Mark

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Williams, City of Rockford, thanked the Board and again mentioned the upcoming Illinois Enterprise Zone Association Meeting in October.

- 7. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:47 p.m.

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