

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS LT. GOVERNOR, JULIANA STRATTON
 Military Economic Development Committee
 Quarterly Meeting Minutes
 January 16th, 2020

A present majority of currently represented member positions shall constitute a quorum: i.e. 10				
Position	Name	Present	Phone	Absent
Ex-Officio				
Chair, Ex-Officio (Lt. Governor's Office)	Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton	x		
Vice Chair, Ex-Officio (Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity)	Joseph McKeown	x		
	Salvador Garza	x		
Ex-Officio (Dept. of Transportation)	Kirk Brown			x
	Keith Roberts			x
Ex-Officio (Dept. of Natural Resources)	Von Bandy		x	
Ex-Officio (Dept. of the Environmental Protection Agency)	Chris Hill	x		
Ex-Officio (Dept. of Revenue)	Kristin Logue	x		
Ex-Officio (Dept. of Military Affairs)	James Smith	x		
General Assembly				
Sen. Pres. Mem.	Pending			
Sen. Min. Mem.	Sen. Paul Schimpf	x		
House Speaker Mem.	Rep. Katie Stuart	x		
House Min. Lead. Mem.	Rep. Tim Butler		x	
Public				
Pub. Mem.	Janet Smith		x	
Pub. Mem.	Ronda Sauget	x		
Pub. Mem.	Scott Lohman		x	
Pub. Mem.	Pending			
Pub. Mem.	Zachary Mottl	x		
Pub. Mem.	Christopher Kojak			x
Pub. Mem.	Frank Rezac		x	
Pub. Mem.	Kevin Wiley			x
Pub. Mem.	Pending			
Pub. Mem.	Eric Vences		x	
Military Veteran or Defense Industry				
MV/DI Mem.	Pending			
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Military Veteran				
Vice-Chair, Military Veteran Mem.	William Cobetto	x		
Guest (non-member)				
Guest, Scott Air Force Base	Col. Heathman	x		
	Christine Spargur	x		
Guest, IL National Guard	General Neely	x		
Guest, Great Lakes Naval Base	Capt. Leung			x
Guest, Rock Island Arsenal Army Base	Col. Marr		x	
Guest	Sarah Smith-Raschen			x
Guest	Irene Sherr			x
Guest	Christine Nappo	x		
Guest	Vicky Miller		x	
Guest	Col. Lance Turner	x		
Guest	Richard Stubblefield	x		
Guest, Mayor of O'Fallon, IL	Mayor Herb Roach	x		
Lt. Governor's Staff (non-member)				
N/A	Charles Watkins		x	
N/A	Dartesia Pitts		x	
N/A	Robert Mannis	x		
N/A	Levi Bain	x		

I. Call to Order

- a. Lt. Governor Stratton called the meeting to order at 10:09AM

II. Roll Call, Approval of Agenda, and Approval of Minutes from 10.17.19

- a. Roll call
 - i. Quorum established
- b. Approval of Agenda
 - i. Moved by Zachary Mottl
 - ii. Seconded by Joseph McKeown
 - iii. All in favor
 - iv. No opposition
 - v. No abstentions
- c. Approval of Minutes from 10.17.19
 - i. Moved by Ronda Sauget

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- ii. Seconded by Representative Katie Stuart
- iii. All in favor
- iv. No opposition
- v. No abstentions

III. Chairperson's Remarks

a. Lt. Governor Stratton

- i. Wished everyone a happy new year
- ii. Thanked the City of O'Fallon for hosting the Committee
- iii. Offered Mayor Roach the opportunity to make brief remarks

1. Mayor Roach

- a. Thanked everyone for coming and shared that over 20% of households in O'Fallon, IL have one or more active duty or retired military duty individuals

IV. New Business

a. Strategic Report Overview

i. Senator Schimpf

- 1. "Is this going to be a one-time, or annual report?"

a. Robert Mannis

- i. "Annual. Future reports will provide information on the Committee's progress and include additional recommendations"

1. Senator Schimpf

- a. "I like that"

ii. Salvador Garza

- 1. "This report could be an important component in Illinois' 5-year economic plan. The plan has been released, but we have the chance to update it annually"

a. Lt. Governor Stratton

- i. "I like this, and I know you and Joseph McKeown can help us make this happen as DCEO representatives"

iii. Robert Mannis

- 1. Walked through the report by providing an overview of what is to be included in the status report sections

a. General Neely

- i. "How were these three sub-committees identified?"

1. Robert Mannis

- a. "In the first Committee meeting under this administration, members raised potential issue areas for us to focus on. Our office then developed these

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areas of focus based on themes found in these issues”

i. Lt. Governor Stratton

- ii. “I’d like to add that this is a living document, so if there are things you want to add to this, there will be the possibility to do so”

b. Recommendations Discussion

i. Cybersecurity and Defense Industrial Supply Chain

1. Zachary Mottl

- a. “We see the CMMC issues as urgent right now. The requirement is that whether you are a small or large manufacturer that you become compliant with CMMC requirements. Illinois does so much defense work that if we become compliant we can bring more work into the state. There are many resources to help businesses get compliant, and I want to make sure we are a clearinghouse for information on where businesses can go to become compliant”

2. Senator Schimpf

- a. “Are we taking any legislative approaches to this?”

i. Zachary Mottl

1. “For small businesses, I believe we need a cross-component approach that does include legislation”

a. Lt. Governor Stratton

- i. “I think DCEO has done some work around this and it would be great if they can help with this. I think there could be some working groups around this that we should also include”

3. Vicky Miller

- a. “We are having some cybersecurity trainings on Feb. 14th around the new CMMC requirements”

i. Lt. Governor Stratton

1. “This is great, can you share this information with my team so that we can distribute it to the Committee?”

a. Vicky Miller

- i. “Yes”

ii. Base Proximate Economic Development Committee

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1. Base Realignment and Closure Listening Sessions

a. **Ronda Sauget**

- i. “The economic impact of base retention in Illinois will be incredibly helpful for communities through the state. I cannot emphasize enough just how supportive I will be of that”

b. **William Cobetto**

- i. “There is a document put out by the US Department of Defense that has the economic impact of bases by state. This might be a god resource to utilize when having economic impact discussions”

c. **Lt. Governor Stratton**

- i. “One thing that will be helpful is sharing what’s already been documented so that we can compare and figure out what future data to be collected in the economic impact discussion”
- ii. “We should begin to think about who the people are who can help gather this information and make this a consistent process — maybe a university?”

1. Joseph McKeown

- a. “This is the type of work that DCEO wants to do”

2. Salvador Garza

- a. “DCEO can be a partner at the table to help develop economic impact report”
- b. “We should present ranges; not one number because it’ll always change”

d. **Zachary Mottl**

- i. “Are we close to having any closures?”

1. Robert Mannis

- a. “It does not seem like it is going to happen”

2. Salvador Garza

- a. “There is a federal report focused on the bases throughout the US, by state. It would be a good for us to receive this report, review it, and take it apart from a strategic lens”

e. **Scott Lohman**

- i. “Just because there is no talk about base realignment and closure in Illinois doesn’t mean we can sit down and not move forward”
- ii. “The urgency of base realignment and closure needs to be at the top of the list”

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- iii. “One thing that gets left out a lot is that we should look outside our borders — how can we build support for Illinois’ bases federally?”
- f. **Robert Mannis**
 - i. Identified a working group to address the economic impact report in support of base retention in Illinois:
 - 1. Salvador Garza
 - 2. Joseph McKeown
 - 3. Ronda Sauget
 - 4. William Cobetto
 - 5. Frank Rezac
- 2. Base and Base-Proximate Community Economic Development
 - a. **Joseph McKeown**
 - i. “DCEO has spoken to some counties around military bases to begin thinking about economic development efforts”
 - 1. **Lt. Governor Stratton**
 - a. “There should be partnerships with chambers of commerce as well”
 - b. **Scott Lohman**
 - i. “The impact of the real ID requirement on tourism at bases will be significant”
 - c. **Senator Schimpf**
 - i. “I think something that would be useful with this is the mechanism for base commanders to ensure that the state knows what their infrastructure needs are. For instance, there are some flooding challenges at Scott Air Force Base and I only recently learned about this”
 - 1. **Lt. Governor Stratton**
 - a. “I am thinking of ways we may be able to get IDOT to do a briefing around this before the base commanders have to reach out. There should be a direct line of communication that explains the infrastructure needs”
 - 2. **Salvador Garza**
 - a. “In terms of the schedule of projects, is there the opportunity for the state and federal government to work together — perhaps the state does work on the front end and the federal government provides reimbursements on the back end?”
 - i. **General Neely**
 - ii. “That would be a challenge. The national guard has projects funded by state government and

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projects funded by the federal government. What we're trying to do is look at innovative ways to utilize resources"

iii. Lt. Governor Stratton

iv. "The point of this conversation first and foremost is the idea of gathering information and making people aware of what's happening"

v. Robert Mannis

vi. "Does the legislature have any formal pipelines to get information on the needs of bases?"

vii. Senator Schimpf

viii. "Not that I know of"

ix. Col. Heathman

x. "I would be supportive of a 'State of the Base' brief to IDOT, and I would like to have counties and mayors involved from along base installations involved in this State of the Base report

xi. Lt. Governor Stratton

xii. "I really like this idea"

iii. Quality of Life

1. Ronda Sauget

a. "IDFPR has hired a military liaison person to help shepherd military spouse licenses through"

2. Representative Stuart

a. "I would be open to trying to work at extending the tax credit for spouses of service members"

3. Col. Heathman

a. "The IDFPR director to Scott Air Force Base and she was exceptionally helpful in getting connecting us with a liaison to assist with military spouse licenses — we were and are appreciative of what she did"

c. Lt. Governor Stratton

i. Thanked everyone for a robust discussion and outlined next steps her office would take to finalize the strategic report

V. Member Updates

a. Col. Heathman

i. Briefly discussed Scott Air Force Base's economic impact 1-pager

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- ii. Identified his mission and vision as a base leader is to strategically plan for what's ahead
- iii. Mentioned that Scott Air Force Base is receiving a "readiness inspection" in February 2020 and that the base is looking forward to it
- iv. Mentioned that Scott Air Force Base is receiving a "wing-wide" unit inspection in September
- v. Discussed Scott Air Force Base's (then) upcoming annual air show scheduled to happen on May 30th-31st and encouraged everyone to attend

b. Frank Rezac

- i. Mentioned that it would be great for MEDC to see the military facilities other than the bases so that committee members can learn about those facilities and their surrounding communities

c. General Neely

- i. Mentioned that it would be good to see flying missions return to Illinois
- ii. Mentioned that Illinois is one of the states being considered for a center of excellence
 - 1. The way the Pentagon is operating the program is that they would have centers of excellence would partner with local artificial intelligence organizations to develop forward-thinking technology

d. Ronda Sauget

- i. Mentioned she plans to attend a meeting with Secretary of the Air Force Barbara Barrett at the end of January

VI. Public Comments

a. Mayor Roach

- i. I want to be complimentary of the Scott Air Force Base commander and his predecessors. The five mayors in the area have met with the base commanders on a regular basis and we're now very happy to have the state involved in similar meetings
- ii. Scott Air Force Base has implemented programs that train folks and organizations on how to get involved with military contracts

1. Lt. Governor Stratton

- a. I would love to learn more about these programs to uplift these efforts

VII. Adjournment

- a. Moved by Zachary Mottl at 11:30AM
- b. Seconded by Ronda Sauget
- c. All in favor
- d. No opposition
- e. No abstentions