

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JULIANA STRATTON  
 Illinois Council on Women and Girls  
 Quarterly Meeting Minutes  
 June 9th, 2021

<b>A present majority of filled non-ex-officio positions shall constitute a quorum: i.e. 11 non-ex-officio members present</b>				
Position	Name	Present	Phone	Absent
<b>Ex-Officio</b>				
Chair, Ex-Officio (LG's Office)	<b>Lt. Governor</b> Juliana Stratton		x	
Ex-Officio (Refugee & Immigrant Services, DHS)	Lilian Jimenez (Rep. Grace Hou)		x	
Ex-Officio (Dept. on Aging)	Katherine Ostrowski (Rep. Paula Basta)		x	
Ex-Officio (Dept. of Human Rights)	Donna Hardy (Rep. James Bennett)		x	
Ex-Officio (Dept. of Children & Family Services)	Marla Courts (Rep. Marc Smith)		x	
Ex-Officio (Dept. of Healthcare & Fam. Services)	<b>Director</b> Theresa Eagleson			x
Ex-Officio (Dept. of Pub. Health)	<b>Director</b> Ngozi Ezike			x
Ex-Officio (Dept. of Labor)	Marina Faz-Huppert (Rep. Michael Kleinik)		x	
Ex-Officio (State Board of Education)	Jaelyn Matthews (Rep. Carmen Ayala)			x
Ex-Officio (Board of Higher Education)	<b>Director</b> Ginger Ostro			x
Ex-Officio (Community College Board)	Natasha Allan (Rep. Brian Durham)			x
<b>Pub. Mem. (Gov.)</b>				
Pub. Mem. (Gov.)	Candace Coleman			x
Pub. Mem. (Gov.)	Jennifer Lee			x
Pub. Mem. (Gov.)	Nikita Richards			x
Pub. Mem. (Gov.)	Veronica Espina		x	
<b>Pub. Mem. (House Min.)</b>				
Pub. Mem. (House Min.)	Ines Kutlesa		x	
Pub. Mem. (House Min.)	Rhonda Thomas			x
Pub. Mem. (House Min.)	Theresa Forthofer		x	
Pub. Mem. (House Min.)	<b>Pending</b>			
<b>Pub. Mem. (House Speaker)</b>				
Pub. Mem. (House Speaker)	<b>Pending</b>			
Pub. Mem. (House Speaker)	Kaethe Morris Hoffer		x	
Pub. Mem. (House Speaker)	Maaria Mozaffar		x	

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Pub. Mem. (House Speaker)	Wendy Pollack		x	
<b>Pub. Mem. (Sen. Min.)</b>				
Pub. Mem. (Sen. Min.)	Pending			
Pub. Mem. (Sen. Min.)	Vidhya Prakash		x	
Pub. Mem. (Sen. Min.)	Monique Garcia		x	
Pub. Mem. (Sen. Min.)	Pamela Althoff			x
<b>Pub. Mem. (Sen. Pres.)</b>				
Pub. Mem. (Sen. Pres.)	Amina Jaffer		x	
Pub. Mem. (Sen. Pres.)	Pending			x
Pub. Mem. (Sen. Pres.)	Rochelle Crump		x	
Pub. Mem. (Sen. Pres.)	Sylvia Matos-Collins		x	
<b>Rep. of Gov.'s Office Mem.</b>				
Rep. of Gov.'s Office	Dep. Governor Sol Flores			x
<b>Guest (non-member)</b>				
Guest, Representative	Representative Anna Moeller			x
Guest, Senator	Senator Jackie Collins			x
Guest	Ibie Hart			x
Guest	Kelly Fair		x	

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call**
  - a. Lt. Governor calls meeting to order at 4:05 PM
  - b. Roll call taken and quorum established
  
- II. Approval of Agenda for 06/09/21 and Minutes from 02/24/21**
  - a. Agenda
    - i. Motioned by Ines Kutlesa
    - ii. Seconded by Maaria Mozaffar
    - iii. All in favor
    - iv. No opposition
    - v. No abstention
  - b. Minutes
    - i. Motioned by Donna Hardy
    - ii. Seconded by Dr. Vidhya Prakash
    - iii. All in favor
    - iv. No opposition
    - v. No abstention
  
- III. Chairperson's Remarks**
  - a. Lt. Governor Stratton provides an overview of the day's meeting and goes over the various activities and accomplishments of the Council over the past quarter. She recaps her office's Women's History Month Virtual Summit, the filing of the Illinois Council on Women and Girls report, and welcomes the Council's new Girls Committee members. Lt. Governor Stratton also notes the busy legislative session and the work of all Council members during it.

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**IV. New Business**

- a. Samir Tanna and Vidi Luna from Illinois Action for Children present on The Impact of COVID-19 on Childcare Providers.
  - i. Lt. Governor Stratton thanks Samir and Vidi for their presentation and acknowledges the importance of the work Illinois Action for Children does. She then opens the floor for any questions.
  - ii. Wendy Pollack asks about federal funds and what part they play in the conversation around childcare.
    1. Samir Tanna responds by elaborating on the increase in federal funds and how it provides room to expand childcare, and discusses the pursual of various grants.
  - iii. Ala'a Tamam asks about diversity and inclusion as it relates to childcare, and the impact on women of color.
    1. Samir elaborates on the data regarding the disproportionate impact lack of access to childcare has on communities and women of color.
- b. Committee Updates
  - i. Ines Kutlesa provides an update on the Gender-Based Violence Committee, she notes that they have pivoted to now connecting with the State's Attorney's office instead of Illinois State Police to advance their project to reduce the rape-kit backlog.
  - ii. Ibie Hart provides an update on the Academic and Economic Opportunity Committee, she discusses work with the Girl's Committee to get them acquainted with the Illinois General Assembly website and plans to connect with presenters from Illinois Action for Children.
  - iii. Maaria Mozaffar and Nikita Richards provide an update on the Leadership and Inclusion Committee, they unveil plans to develop mentorship programs with women in the state with help from new Girls Committee.
  - iv. Dr. Vidhya Prakash provides an update on the Health and Healthcare Committee, she shares with the Council that work is underway on the Health Equity Summit.
    1. Lt. Governor Stratton notes the potential for crossover between the work of the Health Equity Summit and the Office of the Lt. Governor's internal Health Equity Working Group.

**V. Member Updates**

- a. Members Kaethe Morris Hoffer, Theresa Forthofer, and Wendy Pollack all provide updates on different legislative victories.
  - i. Lt. Governor Stratton notes her staff will be in touch to compile and track different legislative victories related to the Council.

**VI. Public Comments**

- a. No public comments provided.

**VII. Adjournment**

- a. Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Vidhya Prakash at 5:30pm
- b. All in favor
- c. No opposition
- d. No abstentions