



MEETING MINUTES

Illinois High-Speed Rail Commission
Meeting | March 18, 2024

Location:

IDOT Headquarters, 2300 S Dirksen Parkway, Room 347, Springfield, IL 62764

IDOT Office of Intermodal Project Implementation, 69 W. Washington Street, Suite 2100,
Chicago, IL 60602

Virtual Webex Webinar Meeting option available

Meeting Date and Time:

Monday, March 18, 2024

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Commission Member Attendees:

**Asterisk indicates attendance in-person*

- Erin Aleman – Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning*
- Tim Butler – Illinois Railroad Association*
- James Derwinski – Commuter Rail Board*
- Michael Paul Dunn Jr. – Region I Planning Council*
- Karl P. Gnadl – Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District*
- Robert Guy, III – SMART-TD*
- Richard Harnish – High Speed Rail Alliance*
- Raymond Lai – McLean County Regional Planning Commission*
- Jason Osborn – Illinois Department of Transportation*
- Cassandra Rouse – Illinois State Highway Toll Authority*
- Bria Scudder – State of Illinois
- Brian Shanahan – Transportation Communications Union*
 - Arrived for workshop following Commission meeting
- P.S. Sriraj – University of Illinois Chicago
- Senator Steve Stadelman – Senate*
- Brian Vercruysse – Illinois Commerce Commission*
- James Wild – East-West Gateway Council of Governments

Commission Members Not in Attendance:

- Senator Don DeWitte – Senate
- Representative Martin J. Moylan – House
- Bogdan Vitas Jr. – Illinois Municipal League

Non-Commission Member Attendees:

- Amanda Lundeen – Illinois Department of Transportation
- Tim McMahon– Illinois Department of Transportation
- Kaitlyn Mitchum – Illinois Department of Transportation
- DeAnna Smith – Illinois Department of Transportation*
- Michael Vanderhoof – Illinois Department of Transportation*
- Nafeel Farooqui – Quandel Consultants
- Charles Hoppesch – Quandel Consultants*
- Julia Hiatt – Quandel Consultants*
- Melanie Johnson – Quandel Consultants
- Charles Quandel – Quandel Consultants*
- Laura Quandel – Quandel Consultants
- Dave Simon – Quandel Consultants*
- Janet Henderson – Images*
- Berenice Alvarez – Morreale Communications*
- Diane Bustamante – Morreale Communications*
- Mary McIlvain – Morreale Communications*
- Elaina Katz– State of Illinois
- Roger Huff*
- LJ Pemberton
- David Phillips*

OVERVIEW OF MEETING

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Commission Chairman Jim Derwinski began the meeting at 1:30pm. The meeting proceeded with a roll call of Commission members to confirm quorum has been met. With 12 Commission members present in-person at either the Chicago or Springfield Illinois Department of Transportation offices and 3 present in the virtual meeting room, quorum was confirmed.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

The January 25th Commission meeting minutes were supplied on March 15, 2024. Chairman Derwinski asked the Commission if there were any requested changes to the minutes. With no requested changes, there was a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The minutes were approved and passed with no objections.

III. 2024 COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE REVIEW

The 2024 Commission meeting schedule was updated to accommodate the Commission member's availability. The Commission members reviewed the proposed updated 2024 Commission meeting schedule. The Commission voted on the proposed meeting schedule. The meeting schedule passed with no objections.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was open to public comment. No public comments were made.

V. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

No action items were identified.

Following the High-Speed Rail Commission meeting, the Commission took part in a Technical Assistance and Support Workshop until 3:30 p.m.