

Illinois Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 23, 2026
Meeting Location: Online (Virtual)
Approval: DRAFT
Recorded By: Shannon Alderman
Date: Friday, January 23, 2026
Time: 9:00 AM – 10:05 AM
Location: Virtual (Online)

Attendees:

Chair: Nancy Easum

Shannon Alderman, Rita Kreslin, Melissa Gonzalez, Hon. Mark Shaner (Ret.), Brenda Glahn, Rich Krajewski (DuPage County), Vince Warren, Amy Miles, Craig Beiermann, Ari Briskman, Bill Blundell, Rochelle Gillespie, Jennifer Cifaldi, Mike Pappas, Larry Shelton, Erin Doherty

Call to Order:

The meeting was opened and participants were welcomed.

Introductions:

Rita Kreslin introduced Melissa Gonzalez as the new Director of Court Monitoring.

Members and guests introduced themselves and their roles.

Presentation/Discussion:

Featured Presenter Judge Mark Shaner provided an overview of federal Commercial Driver's License (CDL) "masking" regulations. He explained what constitutes masking (e.g., supervision/deferrals/diversion, charge reductions or amendments intended to keep a CDL conviction off the record) and emphasized that masking restrictions apply whether the CDL holder is operating a commercial vehicle or a personal vehicle.

Judge Shaner summarized why the regulations exist (public safety risk associated with commercial motor vehicles and the importance of "one driver, one license, one record"), reviewed how "conviction" is defined under federal rules (including certain bail/forfeiture scenarios), and walked through practical courtroom examples of masking and non-masking scenarios—including the importance of making a clear record when a reduction/dismissal is based on evidentiary or proof issues rather than CDL status.

During Q&A, members discussed implications of masking findings. Judge Shaner noted there is no direct penalty aimed at an individual courthouse; however, Brenda Glahn explained FMCSA audits the state's CDL program as a whole. She noted Illinois must certify compliance annually, and severe noncompliance can result in decertification of the state program (i.e., inability to issue or renew CDLs), in addition to potential withholding of federal highway funds.

Brenda Glahn reported Illinois is currently under a masking finding from the prior FMCSA audit related to the Kane County incident and described corrective actions underway. These include targeted outreach to prosecutors (often copying the TSRP), offering technical assistance calls/materials, and increased monitoring/notifications tied to reductions of certain citations. Members discussed the value of adding judicial partners to educational outreach where appropriate.

Ari Briskman emphasized prevention at the citation stage by clearly flagging CDL-related citations (where feasible) and adding reminder language/notations that reductions or dismissals based on CDL status may constitute masking. Judge Shaner agreed to share materials/slides for continued education and noted upcoming judicial training opportunities, including new-judge webinars (March and November 2026) and the DUI Traffic Law Seminar (May 2026, Naperville).

Other Business:

Judge Shaner shared that a DUI Court bill previously discussed by the task force may be filed soon. Shannon Alderman noted IDOT will monitor and share updates with the group once the bill is filed and available for review.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM (motion by Brenda Glahn; second by Rita Kreslin).

Next Meeting: Friday, March 6, 2026 – 9:00 AM (Virtual/Online)