

Illinois Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 6, 2026
Meeting Location: Online (Virtual)
Approval: Approved
Recorded By: Shannon Alderman
Date: Friday, March 6, 2026
Time: 9:00 AM - 10:37 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, Andrea Winner, Amy Miles, Ari Briskman, Jennifer Cifaldi, Mike Pappas, Erin Doherty (MADD), Kaci Wray (NHTSA), Joseph Wagner

Call to Order:

The meeting was opened and participants were welcomed. The January 23, 2026 meeting minutes were approved by motion of Rita Kreslin and second by Brenda Glahn.

Introductions:

Jennifer Cifaldi introduced Joseph Wagner of the O'Fallon Police Department, noting his DUI enforcement, DRE, SFST, EMT, and training experience and his interest in supporting impaired-driving efforts in southern Illinois and St. Clair County.

Members and guests introduced themselves and their roles.

Presentation/Discussion:

Rita Kreslin provided an update on several legislative proposals previously developed by the task force and AAIM. She reported that sponsor deadlines for the current session had passed, but AAIM plans to continue refining the proposals with clearer strike-and-insert language, bullet-point explanations, and short position papers before pursuing them again. Members discussed the value of improving presentation materials and engaging additional legislative and prosecutor stakeholders earlier in the process.

Members then discussed House Bill 4333, which would lower the per se BAC limit from 0.08 to 0.05. Erin Doherty shared MADD talking points and data from Utah and international studies indicating lower BAC limits can reduce crashes and change driver behavior without increasing DUI arrests or reducing alcohol consumption. Jennifer Cifaldi, Ari Briskman, Mike Pappas, Amy Miles, and Shannon Alderman discussed impairment beginning well below 0.08, the importance of using the term "illegal limit" rather than "legal limit," and the deterrent effect such a law may have on driver decision-making.

Judge Mark Shaner provided an update on DUI court legislation, House Bill 5383. He reported the bill had been filed with outdated draft language and is expected to be amended. Discussion focused on the task force's longstanding position that DUI cases should not be dismissed upon successful completion of a DUI treatment court because the conviction should remain on the driving record for repeat-offender accountability and licensing consequences. Brenda Glahn explained the Secretary of State's concern that removing a DUI from the record would undercut future sanctions if a participant relapses and reoffends. Judge Shaner also flagged House Bill 5588, the proposed Restorative Justice Community Court Act, as legislation the group should continue monitoring.

Brenda Glahn reported the Secretary of State is not advancing any new DUI or drug-impaired-driving legislation this session, but is working on a statewide "Blue Envelope" program to assist drivers on the autism spectrum during traffic stops. Members discussed how the envelope would provide documents and communication guidance for both drivers and officers.

Nancy Easum led a discussion on re-engaging the task force subcommittees so the group can continue moving priorities forward under the Illinois Impaired Driving Strategic Plan. Rita Kreslin agreed to circulate the current committee structure, focus areas, and related materials so committee leads can reconvene their groups, review the strategic plan, and report back with one priority area for further action. Brenda Glahn and Jennifer Cifaldi agreed to help lead the criminal justice committee, and members supported holding the next educational meeting on the legislative process and use of the General Assembly website.

Other Business:

Members agreed the next educational meeting will be held Friday, April 17, 2026 at 9:00 AM, with Brenda Glahn leading a presentation on how legislation moves through the Illinois General Assembly, including practical guidance on timelines, process, and website navigation. The full task force also tentatively scheduled its following substantive meeting for Friday, May 29, 2026 at 9:00 AM. Rita Kreslin also agreed to locate and redistribute the most recent bylaws, policy, and related task force governance documents.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 AM (motion by Rita Kreslin; second by Jennifer Cifaldi).

Next Meeting: Friday, April 17, 2026 - 9:00 AM (Virtual/Online)