

**ILLINOIS HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Full Membership Meeting**

**April 24, 2024, 10:00 a.m.**

Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security  
2200 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL

and

alternate meeting site:

DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management  
418 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL

**Call to Order/Welcome**

Chairman Jim Page called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone attending in Springfield and in DuPage County.

**Meeting attendees** (unless noted, individuals listed attended in Springfield)

HSAC Chair Jim Page

HSA/IEMA-OHS Director Alicia Tate-Nadeau

IEMA-OHS Deputy Director of Homeland Security Claire Moravec

**HSAC Member Delegates:**

Ameren – Heather Lowrey, Tony O’Neal

American Public Works Association (APWA) – Vydas Juskelis, Mike Millette (both attended in DuPage County)

American Red Cross – Scott Clarke

American Water –

Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois (AFFI) – Chuck Sullivan (attended in DuPage County)

Aurora University –

Central Management Services (CMS) – Brent Boesdorfer

Cities of Bloomington-Normal – Mick Humer

Cities of Champaign-Urbana –

City of Chicago – Natalie Gutierrez, Anna Statham (attended in DuPage County)

City of Joliet – Jeffery Carey

City of Naperville – Dan Nelson (attended in DuPage County)

City of Peoria –

City of Quincy – Bernie Vahlkamp

City of Rockford –

City of Springfield – Kenneth Scarlette, Joshua Stuenkel

Collaborative Health Care Urgency Group (CHUG) – Bill Pretzer, Tom Smith

Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security (DEMRS) –

DuPage County Office of Homeland Security Emergency Management (OHSEM) – Craig Dieckman, Jeff Janus  
(both attended in DuPage County)

Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police –

Illinois Association of County Engineers –

Illinois Association of Public Health Administrators (IAPHA) –

Illinois Association of School Administrators – Roger Alvey

Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) – Angie Powell

Illinois Board of Higher Education – Brook Stewart

Illinois Campus Law Enforcement Administrators – Chris Ballard

Illinois Coalition of Community Blood Centers –

Illinois College of Emergency Physicians – Jason Kegg

Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) – Bryan Pemble

Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) – Jeff Newell  
Illinois Council of Code Administrators –  
Illinois Coroners and Medical Examiners Association –  
Illinois Department of Agriculture – Sandy Gilmore  
Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) – Bradley Baker, Troy Hall  
Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) –  
Illinois Department of Innovation & Technology (DoIT) – Jennifer Rominger  
Illinois Department of Military Affairs (Illinois National Guard) – Leah Medina  
Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) –  
Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) – Andrea Dos Santos  
Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) – Gene Felchner, Joseph Gasparich  
Illinois Department on Aging – Chuck Miller  
Illinois Education Association – Christopher Novak  
Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security (IEMA-OHS) – Clayton Kuetemeyer  
Illinois Emergency Services Management Association (IESMA) – Michael Fleming, John Dwyer  
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) – Tony Falconio  
Illinois Firefighters Association – Terry Ford  
Illinois Fire Chiefs Association (IFCA) – Joseph Holomy  
Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI) – Heather Moore  
Illinois Health and Hospital Association (IHHA) – Keneatha Johnson (attended in DuPage County)  
Illinois Incident Management System (IL-IMS) – Chauntelle Biagi-Bruer  
Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) – Larry Evans, Pete Smith  
Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB) – Eric Arnold, Derek Carle  
Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team (IMERT) – Moses Lee, Christopher Jansen (both attended in DuPage County)  
Illinois Public Health Mutual Aid System – Stephen Melega  
Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN) – Mark Doerfler  
Illinois School Psychologists Association – Rosario Pesce (attended in DuPage County)  
Illinois School Resource Officers Association – Jeremy Flood  
Illinois Sheriffs' Association –  
Illinois State Board of Elections (ISBE) –  
Illinois State Police (ISP) – J.W. Price  
Illinois Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) – Matthew Miller  
Lake County Emergency Management Agency – Dan Eder  
Logan County Emergency Management Agency – Josh Gasparini  
McHenry County Emergency Management Agency – Dave Christensen  
Metro-East Emergency Management Agency (St. Clair – Madison Counties) – Samantha Bierman  
Mid-West Truckers Association – Don Schaefer  
Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) – Bernie Lyons (attended in DuPage County)  
Nicor Gas – Mark Guth (attended in DuPage County)  
Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) –  
Ogle County Emergency Management Agency –  
People's Gas and Northshore Gas Companies –  
Quad Cities – Robert DeFrance  
Regional Superintendents of Schools –  
Secretary of State Police (SOS) –  
Will County Emergency Management Agency – Allison Anderson

Other Attendees

Julie Beamer-Pfeifer – WIU/IEMA-OHS  
Bob Evans – IEMA-OHS  
Gregg Gansmann – IL AG (DuPage Co.)  
Adrian Guerrero – ISP  
Sara Lewis – IEMA-OHS  
Sara Miller – IASB (DuPage Co.)

Tara Perry – IEMA-OHS  
Ashley Reichert – ISP  
Mat Schnepple – IL-IMS  
Matthew Starr – IEMA-OHS  
Nichole Strayer – IEMA-OHS

### **Minutes**

*Motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2024, full membership meeting.*

*Motion to Approve: Joe Holomy, IFCA*

*Seconded: Gene Felchner, IDOT*

*Motion carried.*

### **Public Comments**

None.

### **Homeland Security Updates**

Homeland Security Advisor/IEMA-OHS Director Alicia Tate-Nadeau outlined the reduction in federal homeland security funding for FFY24 – a 10% cut for Illinois.

Chief Intelligence Officer Aaron Kustermann, Illinois State Police State Terrorism and Intelligence Center, provided an intelligence briefing.

Jennifer Rominger, Security Program Manager, Department of Innovation and Technology, provided a cybersecurity briefing.

### **Old Business**

- Discussion of FFY24 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) project submission recommendation from Council of Chairs:

Chairman Page summarized the recommended projects, most of which reflected cuts. Page pointed out the challenge of considering the funding minimums (3% for election security and 30% for law enforcement), spending caps for personnel, state/local splits, and core mission areas when formulating the budget. He explained how some items being cut could be moved to the state Preparedness and Response (PAR) grant – specifically, capital replacement, equipment that’s not on the federal AEL list, and operational costs for response for personnel paid with preparedness funds – keeping in mind not all equipment can be moved off federal grants because of the personnel spending cap.

Page thanked applicant organizations for their cooperation in adjusting their budget requests after the extent of Illinois’ reduced funding was known. Page and Evans pointed out that the FFY 24 performance period starts July 2025 – and that the following open grants are in progress: FFY 21 (extended by FEMA, with an expiration date of July 2025), FFY 22, and FFY 23. Starting in September 2024, the reallocation process for any returned funds will begin, with a focus on items from the prioritized unmet needs list.

Discussion took place on the impacts of the funding reduction on grant recipients.

- *Motion to approve FFY24 HSGP project submissions.*

*Motion to approve: Dave Christensen, McHenry Co. EMA*

*Seconded: Joe Holomy, IFCA*

*Voice roll call vote was conducted.*

*Motion passed.*

## **New Business**

- Discussion of SFY 25 Preparedness and Response (PAR) grants:

Bob Evans, IEMA-OHS Division of Preparedness and Grants Administration, explained that it will not be known until the final state budget is approved – likely at the end of May – if the PAR grant request for \$7.5 million will be awarded. Depending on the final allocation received, any necessary adjustments/reprioritizations of budgeted projects will be made at the next Council of Chairs meeting. The SFY 25 PAR period of performance will run from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

Chairman Page explained that the HSAC also has a version of proposed PAR projects totaling \$5 million, in the event the \$7.5 million request is not approved.

- Leadership after April 30, 2024:

Following Chairman Jim Page’s retirement April 30, all HSAC inquiries can be directed to IEMA-OHS Deputy Director of Homeland Security Claire Moravec until a replacement is named.

## **Other Business**

- Upcoming Meetings/Events

- Council of Chairs Meeting – May 22, 2024, at 10 a.m.
- Council of Chairs Meeting – June 26, 2024, at 10 a.m.
- Full IL-HSAC Meeting – July 17, 2024, at 10 a.m.

- Recognition of Jim Page:

HSA/IEMA-OHS Director Alicia Tate-Nadeau presented Page with a plaque in appreciation of his years of service and leadership with the Illinois Terrorism Task Force/Homeland Security Advisory Council – a total of 19 years as ILEAS’s appointee and as chair. He received a standing ovation.

## **Adjournment**

*Motion to Adjourn: Jennifer Rominger, DoIT*

*Seconded: Mark Doerfler, IPWMAN*

*Motion carried.*