

ILLINOIS HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Membership Meeting

February 7, 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) – Mike Millette (attended in DuPage County)

American Red Cross – Scott Clarke

American Water –

Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois (AFFI) – Luke Howieson (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 (both attended in DuPage County)

City of Joliet – Jeffery Carey

City of Naperville –

City of Peoria –

City of Quincy – Bernie Vahlkamp

City of Rockford – Tim O’Keefe

City of Springfield –

Collaborative Health Care Urgency Group (CHUG) –

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

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

Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police – Dan Ryan

Illinois Association of County Engineers – Cliff Frye

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 –

Illinois Coalition of Community Blood Centers – Jim Watts

Illinois College of Emergency Physicians – Jason Kegg

Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) – Bryan Pemble

Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) – Todd Jorns
 Illinois Council of Code Administrators – Jerry Tienstra
 Illinois Coroners and Medical Examiners Association –
 Illinois Department of Agriculture –
 Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) –
 Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) – Joe Gasparich
 Illinois Department of Innovation & Technology (DoIT) – Jennifer Rominger, Dan Sluga
 Illinois Department of Military Affairs (Illinois National Guard) –
 Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) – Brian Snodgrass
 Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) – Andrea Dos Santos, Bobby Elzie
 Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) – Gene Felchner
 Illinois Department on Aging – Chuck Miller
 Illinois Education Association –
 Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security (IEMA-OHS) –
 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) – Dan Bordage (attended in DuPage County)
 Illinois Incident Management System (IL-IMS) – Chauntelle Biagi-Bruer
 Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) – Larry Evans, Pete Smith (attended in DuPage County),
 Bryant Seraphin
 Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB) – Heather Hotz, Derek Carle
 Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team (IMERT) –
 Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN) –
 Illinois School Psychologists Association – Rosario Pesce (attended in DuPage County)
 Illinois School Resource Officers Association –
 Illinois Sheriffs' Association – Bruce Kettelkamp
 Illinois State Board of Elections (ISBE) – Amy Kelly
 Illinois State Police (ISP) – Brendan Kelly, J.W. Price, Scott Ahrens
 Illinois Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) – Matthew Miller, Chris Miller
 Lake County Emergency Management Agency – Dan Eder, Mike Jackson (attended in DuPage County)
 Logan County Emergency Management Agency –
 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 –
 Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) –
 Ogle County Emergency Management Agency – Brian VanVickle (attended in DuPage County)
 People's Gas and Northshore Gas Companies – Charles Graham (attended in DuPage County)
 Quad Cities – Robert DeFrance
 Regional Superintendents of Schools –
 Secretary of State Police (SOS) –
 Will County Emergency Management Agency – Allison Anderson

Other Attendees

Sami Ahmed – IEMA-OHS

James Dyas – ICC

Julie Beamer-Pfeifer – WIU

Bob Evans – IEMA-OHS

Douglas Dorando – IEMA-OHS

Gregg Gansmann – IL Attorney
General’s Office
Sara Lewis – IEMA-OHS
Tara Perry – IEMA-OHS

Tammy Porter – IEMA-OHS
Matthew Starr – IEMA-OHS
Nichole Strayer – IEMA-OHS

Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2023, full membership meeting.

Motion to Approve: Gene Felchner, IDOT

Seconded: Mick Humer, Cities of Bloomington-Normal

Motion carried.

Public Comments

None.

Homeland Security Updates

HSAC Chair Jim Page announced that some member organizations did not meet attendance requirements for 2023 (at least 50 percent of scheduled meetings) and that letters would be going out pending IEMA-OHS legal review. For individuals unable to complete their required 2023 annual training because of IT issues, paper versions will be made available.

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

Deputy Chief Security Information Officer Dan Sluga, Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology, provided a cybersecurity briefing.

Old Business

- Chairman Page shared that a few committees still haven’t submitted their information for the HSAC Annual Report due to the Governor’s Office March 1. Page will reach out to those committees.
- Update on Unmet Needs List Projects – Acting IEMA-OHS PGA Division Chief Bob Evans provided an update on the list that was approved by the HSAC in October 2023: to date over \$1 million has been pushed out for unmet needs projects from the list. As FFY 20 HSGP and SFY 24 PAR are both near their closing dates, organizations are asked for timelines to complete the projects. The sooner grantees can let IEMA know they will not be able to expend all funds by the deadline, the more unmet needs projects can be funded.

New Business

- Bob Evans reviewed the timeline for committee project submissions for the FFY 24 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) and SFY 25 Preparedness and Response (PAR) Grant Program. He reported that a federal budget has not been passed yet and that there will be a condensed time frame to submit applications once the Notice of Funding Opportunity is issued (currently a tentative NOFO release date of March 22). National priorities are expected to be the same as last year. Attachment A’s will be sent out to committee chairs this week, and committees should review current and potential new projects, with a focus on how they fit into the overall strategy. Attachment A’s are due back by March 20. The Council of Chairs will review project submissions at their meeting on March 27. After that, focus will turn to SFY 25 PAR funds. A special Council of Chairs meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 17 to review the state application in advance of the April 24th full meeting, when the HSAC will vote on the submission to FEMA and go over PAR funding.
- Bob Evans clarified the use of grant funding for the new Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act for part-time or hourly staff paid by preparedness grants. According to FEMA, if an organization has part-time or hourly staff currently funded with federal preparedness grant funds, then those grant funds can be used to pay for up to one week of leave in accordance with the act.

- Vision 2028
 - Deputy Director of Homeland Security Claire Moravec discussed the collaboration process to develop Illinois’ Homeland Security Strategy and gave an overview of its goals and objectives. She said Vision 2028 takes a “whole of state” approach to homeland security and reminded the HSAC that all projects recommended for funding must directly align with Vision 2028 goals.
 - Vision 2028 is due to the governor’s office by Feb. 28

Motion to support Vision 2028 as presented with the caveat that last-minute modifications may occur prior to submission to the Governor’s Office.

Motion to Approve: Derek Carle – ILETSB

Seconded: Joe Holomy – IFCA

Discussion took place, including how Vision 2028 expands on Vision 2025 and the changing threat landscape.

Roll-call vote; motion carried.

Other Business

- Upcoming Meetings/Events
 - Council of Chairs Meeting – February 28, 2024, at 10 a.m.
 - Council of Chairs Meeting – March 27, 2024, at 10 a.m.
 - Full Membership Meeting – April 24, 2024, at 10 a.m.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Dan Sluga, DoIT

Seconded: Dan Ryan, IACP

Motion carried.