



**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**

**October 2, 2025**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Zoom**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo) was held on Thursday, October 2, 2025, at 2:05 p.m., at which the following were in attendance via Zoom:

Kendall, Circuit Clerk Matt Prochaska, President  
Cook, Commissioner Stanley Moore, Vice President  
Winnebago, Auditor Bill Crowley, Treasurer  
Jackson, Board Member Andrew Erbes  
Kane, Chairwoman Corinne Pierog  
Lake, Chairwoman Sandy Hart  
Will, Executive Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant

**ISACo STAFF**

Joe McCoy, Executive Director  
Nekya Hall, Legislative Advocacy and Research Manager  
Tiffani Homer, Member Services and Communications Manager

**GUESTS**

N/A

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes was deferred until the following meeting.

**OFFICER'S REPORTS**

*Vice President's Report*

Vice President Moore inquired about future ISACo events. President Prochaska answered the question in his report.

### *President's Report*

President Prochaska responded to a question from Commissioner Moore concerning ISACo's plans for the upcoming NACo conferences. Matt confirmed that ISACo will host a dinner for the Illinois delegation at both the legislative conference in Washington, D.C., and the annual conference in New Orleans. The D.C. venue will be the Anderson House, a historic Gilded Age mansion and headquarters of the Society of the Sincere, which Matt noted was an appropriate venue for America's 250th anniversary.

### *Secretary's Report*

No report.

### *Treasurer's Report*

Treasurer Crowley presented the balance sheet and profit & loss statement. The organization's finances are stable and growing, and at least one or two more revenue checks from NACO are expected before year-end. A check register was not provided because a new payroll vendor has incorrectly mixed employee payroll data with the main operating account.

The committee accepted the report and acknowledged the prudent decision to withhold the check register to protect employee privacy.

Director McCoy and Treasurer Crowley are working with the accountant to get the payroll and operating accounts separated correctly.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

President Prochaska asked Director McCoy to provide his report. Director McCoy announced the annual luncheon is scheduled for December 12, 2025, at the Union League Club in Chicago. He thanked former Kendall County Board Chairman Scott Gryder for making the venue accessible through his membership.

Director McCoy asked Member Services and Communications Manager Homer to provide an update. Tiffani reported that the weekly *News and Views* e-newsletter has approximately 1,400 subscribers and the *Counties Count! Podcast* has released 14 episodes so far in 2025. She also reported that a new royalty program with corporate partner Public Surplus has begun to generate revenue for ISACo.

## **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

President Prochaska requested that Legislative Advocacy and Research Manager Hall to provide a legislative update. Prior to delivering her report, Nekya announced she has accepted a part-time position as the Executive Director for the Conference of Women Legislators (COWL), which she will perform in addition to her role at ISACo.

She reported that the upcoming veto session (Oct 14-16 and Oct 28-30) is expected to feature a sweeping omnibus energy bill and a potential mass transit funding bill. ISACo remains neutral on the transit bill due to differing opinions among member counties.

A discussion ensued about the energy bill, which would further centralize control over wind and solar siting at the state level. The bill would limit county authority but leave the "cosmetic vote" for county boards on projects that meet state criteria. This has led to counties facing lawsuits for voting "no" in contravention of the statute. After a lengthy debate about the loss of local control versus the legal risk, a consensus emerged to ask the bill's sponsor to amend the legislation to remove the requirement for a symbolic county board vote on wind and solar projects, as the authority to deny them has already been preempted by the state.

Director McCoy outlined the potential impacts of a federal government shutdown, noting that while mandatory payments like Social Security will continue, services at VA regional offices, national parks, and grant processing for HUD, EPA, and rural development will likely be paused or reduced. Questions were raised about specific impacts on workforce boards, CMAP, and DEI-related transportation grants.

Governor Pritzker has issued an executive order to prepare for financial challenges, requiring state agencies to identify 4% in potential budget cuts for FY26 and halt non-essential spending.

ISACo staff was asked to do the following:

- Research shutdown impact on workforce boards
- Research shutdown impact on CMAP funding
- Research shutdown impact on DEI/transportation grants

Finally, Board members were invited to submit proposals for ISACo's 2026 legislative agenda. The window for submitting proposals will remain open until the December Board of Directors meeting.

## **NATIONAL COUNTY ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

No report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

In the absence of a quorum, Director McCoy indicated that consideration of a proposed contract between ISACo and a service provider for local officials training would be deferred until a subsequent meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Association of Counties, the meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m. with no vote required.