



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

July 24, 2025

2:03 p.m.

Zoom

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo) was held on Thursday, July 24, 2025, at 2:03 p.m., at which the following were in attendance via Zoom:

Kendall, Circuit Clerk Matt Prochaska, President
Cook, Commissioner Stanley Moore, Vice President
Washington, Chairman David Meyer, Secretary
Cook, Commissioner Alma Anaya
Jackson, Board Member Andrew Erbes
Lake, Chairwoman Sandy Hart
Peoria, Board Member Dan Phelan

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

President's Report

President Prochaska reported on the success of the Illinois delegation dinner at the recent National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference in Philadelphia, PA. The event received positive feedback and saw an increase in attendance with 120 participants. He reported on the NACo Board of Directors' creation of a Midsized County Caucus. He

also announced his candidacy for NACo 2nd Vice President, citing favorable discussions with representatives from other state delegations.

Vice President's Report

No report.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Meyer discussed his experience at the NACo Annual Conference.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Crowley was not able to participate in the meeting. Prior to the meeting, Executive Director McCoy shared the financial reports prepared by Treasurer Crowley. During the meeting, Director McCoy provided an update on ISACo's strong financial condition.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

President Prochaska asked Director McCoy to provide his report. Director McCoy spoke about the America250 Commission and asked Board members participating in the meeting if their counties are making plans to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the creation of our Republic. Chair Hart mentioned that Lake County will be forming an ad hoc committee to collaborate on related activities. Other organizations involved in this include the Lake County Forest Preserve District, the visitor's bureau and Lake County Municipal League (LCML). Director McCoy urged counties to participate in planning for the 250th anniversary of the United States in 2026 by adopting a model resolution that ISACo has previously shared with the membership. This resolution will continue be shared in future communications with Illinois counties.

Director McCoy reported that he and President Prochaska participated in a Professional Development Academy (PDA) Leadership Roundtable held on July 22 in Chicago. The session brought together elected officials, public safety professionals, IT experts, and administrators to candidly address the financial and operational headwinds local governments face in today's climate. Director McCoy encouraged Board members to enroll their staff members in PDA programs if looking for training opportunities. Board Member Phelan asked for additional information. Director McCoy indicated he would share the information with Board Member Phelan following the meeting.

Director McCoy informed the Board that ISACo staff would be attending a Midwest County Association Staff Retreat from July 30-August 1. The retreat is being hosted by the Missouri Association of Counties (MAC) in Lake of the Ozarks.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

President Prochaska requested that Legislative Advocacy and Research Manager Hall provide a legislative update. Ms. Hall detailed the 2025 spring legislative session, noting that 6,744 bills were introduced, with 432 approved by both chambers. She reported that the General Assembly will reconvene for the fall Veto Session from October 14-16 and 28-30. Discussions on transportation-related legislative priorities and ISACo's Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC) legislation are ongoing.

NATIONAL COUNTY ASSOCIATION REPORTS

President Prochaska asked Vice President Moore to report on the activities of the National Association of Black County Officials (NABCo). Vice President Moore is the current President of NABCo. He reported that NABCo is performing well and will soon be featured on NABCo's website, facilitating easier membership access.

OLD BUSINESS

In the absence of a quorum, Director McCoy indicated that consideration of a proposed contract between ISABCo 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 2:36 p.m. with no vote required.