



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

March 6, 2026

2:00 p.m.

Zoom

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo) was held on Friday, March 6, 2026, via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m., at which the following were in attendance:

Kendall, Circuit Clerk Matt Prochaska, President
Winnebago, Auditor Bill Crowley, Treasurer
Jackson, Vice Chairman Andrew Erbes
Kane, Chairwoman Corinne Pierog
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 to the next meeting due to the absence of a quorum.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President's Report

President Prochaska discussed the February NACo Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C., including the Illinois Counties Dinner and ongoing efforts related to his candidacy for NACo 2nd Vice President.

Vice President's Report

N/A

Secretary's Report

N/A

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Crowley discussed the organization's balance sheet and profit and loss statement. He reported that ISACo's financial position remains stable.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director McCoy provided a summary of ISACo's meeting in Washington, D.C. with U.S. Senators Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth regarding federal issues affecting counties. The meeting was organized by ISACo and occurred at the NACo Legislative Conference.

Director McCoy and Member Services and Communications Manager Tiffani Homer also discussed preparations for the 2026 ISACo/UCCI Lobby Day scheduled for April 14.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

President Prochaska asked Legislative Advocacy and Research Manager Nekya Hall to provide a report. Miss Hall reviewed ISACo's proactive legislative agenda for the spring session, including legislation related to community revitalization, expansion of local option county motor fuel tax authority, Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC) reforms, and proposed changes to Illinois' wind and solar siting law.

The Board discussed growing concerns regarding state legislative proposals that preempt county and municipal authority over zoning, land use, housing density, building codes, and related local regulatory powers. Members cited recent legislation involving solar facilities, battery storage, transit-related taxation, fire protection districts, and housing development mandates as examples of increasing state intrusion into local decision-making authority.

Director McCoy provided an overview of the Governor's proposed housing initiative, commonly referred to as the Build Act. Discussion focused on provisions preempting local zoning authority, increasing mandated housing density, statewide authorization of accessory dwelling units, and limitations on local building code requirements related to stairway standards in certain residential buildings. Members expressed concern regarding the erosion of county authority and the potential impacts on local planning and public safety oversight.

Director McCoy also discussed additional legislation, including HB 4835, which could further limit county zoning and development authority through restrictions on parking requirements, park dedication authority, and adaptive reuse regulations.

Members additionally discussed HB 5584, legislation that would tie salaries for several countywide elected officials to the salary of the State's Attorney. President Prochaska provided legislative history on the issue. Discussion ensued regarding the removal of county board authority over local compensation decisions and the proposal's potential impact on Personal Property Replacement Tax (PPRT) revenues.

Also discussed was the Governor's proposal to reduce the percentage of revenue shared with counties and municipalities through the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2027. Director McCoy indicated ISACo supports existing legislation to increase the percentage of LGDF shared with counties and municipalities.

NATIONAL COUNTY ASSOCIATION REPORTS

President Prochaska provided updates regarding NACo activities and ongoing national county advocacy efforts.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and the absence of a quorum, President Prochaska adjourned the meeting at 3:19 p.m.