

**Minutes of Meeting  
CITIZENS' EFFICIENCY COMMISSION  
November 30, 2011**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Citizens' Efficiency Commissioners**

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| × | Jeff Adkisson   |   | Jim Fulgenzi, Jr. |
| × | Mike Aiello     | × | Bob Gray          |
| × | Daniel Cadigan  | × | Karen Hasara      |
| × | Mike Chamness   | × | Marilyn Kushak    |
| × | Patrick Coburn  |   | Frank McNeil      |
| × | Josh Collins    | × | Mike Murphy       |
| × | Jerry Crabtree  | × | Robert Plunk      |
| × | Gary Crompton   |   | Kent Redfield     |
| × | James Donelan   | × | J. D. Sudeth      |
| × | Kevin Dorsey    | × | Kenley Wade, Sr.  |
| × | Cliff Erwin     | × | Joan Walters      |
|   | Lee Fields, Jr. |   |                   |

**Others**

Jeff Fulgenzi- SSCRPC  
Amy Uden- SSCRPC  
Sheila Stocks-Smith- community  
Richard Treat- community

Brian Oaks- PCCC  
Cinda Edwards- LLCC  
Charlotte Warren- LLCC  
Rich Vertrees- LLCC

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Karen Hasara called the meeting of the Citizens' Efficiency Commission to order and welcomed Commissioners and guests.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairperson Hasara asked for any additions or amendments to the minutes. There were none. Mr. Kenley Wade made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Gary Crompton seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

**III. REPORTS ON VARIOUS JURISDICTIONS**

Mr. Bob Gray introduced three guest speakers from Lincoln Land Community College, including Chair of the Board of Trustees Cinda Edwards, President Charlotte Warren, and Vice President of Administrative Services Rich Vertrees. Dr. Warren presented the Commission with information on LLCC's revenues, expenditures, and current efforts toward efficiency. After summarizing the functions and funding streams of LLCC, she described numerous aspects of LLCC's student body, programs, personnel, and cost-saving measures. These measures include joint purchasing, hiring adjunct faculty, energy conservation efforts, and constant evaluation of operations improvements in areas such as student services and IT. Commissioners then asked questions of Dr. Warren and Mr. Vertrees concerning enrollment, facilities, the workforce program, and the administration of the

community college district. After some discussion, the Commission thanked the LLCC presenters for their informative report.

Mr. Mike Aiello then welcomed Mr. Brian Oaks for a report on the Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority. As General Manager of the Prairie Capital Convention Center, Mr. Oaks presented information on Convention Center funding, operations, and economic impact. He discussed the history of the Center, upcoming renovations, and event opportunities for the PCCC. Mr. Oaks also noted that the funding sources for the PCCC differ from those of comparable convention centers, and detailed the PCCC's business plans and recent efforts to increase convention revenue and economic impact. Mr. Oaks suggested several considerations for efficiencies, including more cooperation between local marketing and tourism entities. He recommended Mr. Joel Satterfield of Traveler's Choice as a resource for the CEC as it considers tourism operations in Springfield. He responded to commissioners' questions regarding governance operations, taxing mechanisms, community investment in tourism, and various types of events held in the Convention Center. Commissioners thanked Mr. Oaks for his time and information.

For the next meeting, Commissioners established that they would hear reports on Village Governments and the Airport Authority. Ms. Marilyn Kushak suggested that the Commissioners appointed by Sangamon County will prepare a report for the January 11, 2012 meeting.

#### **IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairperson Hasara expressed appreciation to several people for their work, including Ms. Joan Walters and Mr. Norm Sims, who prepared reports for the Commission since the last meeting. She also thanked SSCRPC staff members Jeff Fulgenzi and Amy Uden for their efforts on behalf of the CEC.

Mr. Jeff Fulgenzi informed the Commission that a user-friendly link to the CEC web page is being added to the SSCRPC web site to ensure the information is easily accessed by the public.

Mr. Dan Cadigan acknowledged correspondence received from the Sangamon County Farm Bureau. Chairperson Hasara expressed that she is in the process of responding to the letter, and intends to direct the Farm Bureau's concerns to the appropriate committees. Commissioners discussed several other letters that have been received, and noted that all suggestions received in correspondence will be assigned to an appropriate committee for follow-up. Ms. Walters expressed willingness to review correspondence and make committees aware of relevant suggestions.

#### **V. REPORT ON PUBLIC NEWSPAPER SURVEY**

Mr. Aiello updated the Commission on his conversations with the State Journal Register regarding a public newspaper survey. He indicated that SJR staff would be willing to run a newspaper poll if the CEC developed questions or suggestions on which they would be interested in receiving public feedback. Mr. Jeff Fulgenzi also expressed SSCRPC staff's ability to develop public surveys, and agreed to assist Mr.

Aiello in following up on the survey project. Ms. Kushak and Mr. Donelan noted the continual importance of getting more broad-based public input.

## VI. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT

Chairperson Hasara invited Commissioners to break into committee groups and discuss committee logistics. Commissioners had opportunity to confer regarding committee chairs, vice-chairs, and recorders, and to discuss their initial meeting dates. When Committees reassembled, they presented the following information:

### **Public Works Committee:**

**Chair: Jim Donelan**  
*Vice-Chair:* J.D. Sudeth  
*Recorder:* Joan Walters  
Mike Aiello  
Josh Collins  
Cliff Erwin  
Rev. Lee E. Fields, Jr.  
Bob Gray  
Mike Murphy

**First Meeting:**  
**Monday, December 12;**  
**3:00pm**  
  
SSCRPC Conference Room,  
Sangamon County Building  
Room 212

### **Administrative, Management, and Budget Committee:**

**Chair: TBD**  
*Vice-Chair: TBD*  
*Recorder: TBD*  
Dan Cadigan  
Jerry Crabtree  
Gary Crompton  
Jim Donelan  
Rev. Lee E. Fields, Jr.  
Marilyn Kushak  
Dr. Kent Redfield  
J.D. Sudeth  
Kenley Wade

**First Meeting:**  
**Monday, December 12;**  
**11:30am**  
  
SSCRPC Conference Room,  
Sangamon County Building  
Room 212

### **Public Safety Committee:**

**Chair: Bob Gray**  
*Vice-Chair:* Gary Crompton  
*Recorder:* Mike Chamness  
Mike Aiello  
Rev. Lee E. Fields, Jr.  
Mike Murphy  
Robert Plunk  
Dr. Kent Redfield  
J.D. Sudeth

**First Meeting:**  
**Wednesday, December 7;**  
**3:00pm**  
  
Illinois Association of School  
Administrators Building  
2648 Beechler Court  
Springfield, Illinois 62703

**Community Development Committee:**

**Chair: Cliff Erwin**

*Vice-Chair: TBD*

*Recorder: TBD*

Jeff Adkisson

Mike Aiello

Jerry Crabtree

Josh Collins

Dr. Kevin Dorsey

Jim Fulgenzi

Mike Murphy

Kenley Wade

**First Meeting:**

**Wednesday, December 14;**

**2:30pm**

Hoogland Center for the Arts

SSCRPC staff then expressed willingness to assist the committees in facilitating their first meeting by compiling group email lists and providing necessary assistance in posting committee agendas, which must be posted at least 48 hours before the meeting.

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. J.D. Sudeth raised the question of the CEC's intended voting process for Commission recommendations and decisions. After consulting the Commission's By-laws, Chairperson Hasara confirmed that a majority vote of those present, informed by Committee recommendations and group discussion, will decide future questions concerning CEC recommendations.

**Next meeting date—December 14, 2011 at 3:00 PM, Location to be the Hoogland Center for the Arts.**

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairperson Hasara extended the opportunity for the Commission to hear public comments. There were none.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Donelan moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Erwin seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Uden  
Acting as Recording Secretary