



**Minutes of Meeting
CITIZENS' EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
December 16, 2013**

ATTENDANCE

Citizens' Efficiency Commissioners

X	Jeff Adkisson		Frank McNeil
X	Daniel Cadigan	X	Mike Murphy
	Jim Cimarossa	X	Drinda O'Connor
X	Josh Collins		Ken Page
X	Jerry Crabtree	X	Robert Plunk
	Gary Crompton	X	Kent Redfield
X	James Donelan	X	J. D. Sudeth
X	Kevin Dorsey		Kenley Wade, Sr.
X	Cliff Erwin	X	Joan Walters
X	Bob Gray	X	Robert Wesley
X	Karen Hasara		
X	Marilyn Kushak		

Others

Norm Sims- SSCRPC
Jeff Fulgenzi- SSCRPC

Amy Uden- SSCRPC
John Reynolds- SJR

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

Chair Hasara asked for approval of the November minutes. Mr. Cliff Erwin made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Dan Cadigan seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

III. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL MARCH REFERENDA

Chair Hasara indicated that the main reason for the meeting was to discuss the CEC's recommendations for members of an on-going CEC group. Chair Hasara read the names of those commissioners that had agreed to continue to serve if selected. She also indicated that two new public members had agreed to serve on the renewed CEC as well, after consideration of a request from the Executive Committee. These include Hon. Larry Bomke, former state senator, and Ms. Jackie Newman, director of the Springfield Housing Authority.

Chair Hasara then reminded commissioners of the alternatives that had been discussed in a series of conversations among the Executive Committee and the County Board related to potential referenda for the March primary election ballot. She indicated that the goal had been established of having two referenda on the ballot, one asking the public to express support for a renewal of the Commission and



its work with a smaller number of members, and one asking for approval of a slate of candidates to be appointed to continue this work.

Mr. Bob Gray asked whether the language for these referenda had been determined. Mr. Norm Sims indicated that, ultimately, the referendum language would be decided by the County Board, given that it was the government jurisdiction that would place the advisory referenda on the ballot via ordinance. However, he indicated that SSCRPC staff had been engaged in drafting language, and read the current drafts of the proposed language for each referendum to the Commissioners, as follows:

Shall the work of the Citizens' Efficiency Commission for Sangamon County be extended for 36 months so that it may continue, with a membership of seven, to carry on its mission of improving local government economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in Sangamon County by assessing and proposing opportunities for local governments to improve cooperation and coordination, reduce or eliminate duplication of effort, share services between and among local governments, and implement its recommendations?

Shall there be appointed a slate of seven members including [Names] to serve on the Citizen's Efficiency Commission of Sangamon County?

He noted that this language was subject to change. Upon a brief discussion of these referenda, Chair Hasara indicated that, if the CEC was in agreement on this course of action, they would proceed with the vote on which current commissioners should be recommended for the on-going group. She indicated that the County Board would have a special meeting the following Monday to vote on proposed recommendations.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RENEWED CEC MEMBERS

Chair Hasara asked if there were further questions and discussion on how things would proceed. Mr. Cadigan asked how the current CEC's vote for recommended on-going commissioners would function. Mr. Sims indicated that each commissioner should select five names on their ballot, and the top five would be recommended to continue. With this clarification, SSCRPC staff proceeded to pass out ballots. Commissioners voted by secret ballot, and SSCRPC staff immediately, recorded, tabulated, and verified results. After this process had been conducted, Mr. Jeff Fulgenzi and Miss Amy Uden provided the results to Chair Hasara, who read aloud the names of those who had received the top five most votes: Josh Collins, Jim Donelan, Karen Hasara, Joan Walters, and Bob Wesley.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Hasara noted that the CEC would have another meeting when the final report was completed. Mr. Sims indicated that he expected to get a draft of the final report to the CEC for comment in January and then take those comments into account before the CEC meets to vote on a final draft.

She thanked the commissioners for all of their hard work, and indicated that she was proud of the work the group had produced. She also thanked staff for their work.



Mr. Sims expressed appreciation for the opportunity SSRPC staff had enjoyed in working with the Commission. He noted that it had been an incredibly hard-working group. He also reflected that, as staff's role with the CEC may be drawing to a close, he felt it had been an excellent learning experience and a pleasure for Planning Commission staff. Mr. Fulgenzi and Ms. Uden echoed this sentiment. Ms. Walters asked for clarification on what the SSRPC's on-going role would be with reference to the CEC's work, and Mr. Sims indicated that it was currently unclear whether SSRPC staff would have any involvement beyond the issuance of the current CEC's final report. Mr. Donelan expressed his impressions of the value that had been added to the CEC's work due to the involvement of professional staff. He indicated that all present felt that staff's guidance and work had proactively assisted the CEC, and that it was his hope that some sort of support would continue for the renewed group.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Hasara asked for public comment. There was none.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments, Chair Hasara called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Murphy made the motion with Mr. Donelan seconding. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Uden
Acting as Recording Secretary