

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JULIANA STRATTON
 Illinois Council on Women and Girls
 2nd Quarterly Meeting Minutes
 Wednesday, June 25, 2025

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Rep. of Gov.'s Office Mem.				
Rep. of Gov.'s Office	Isabella Hurtado			X
Guest (non-member)				
Guest	Smirti Chivukula	X		
Guest	Melissa Flores	X		
Guest	Helena Teferra		X	
Guest	Hailey Wilson		X	

Office of the Lieutenant Governor Staff Present

- Nikki Giancola-Shanks, Policy Director
- Eva Shonuga, Staff Attorney
- Joanna Byrne, Digital Communications Specialist
- Maria Peterson, Dunn Fellow
- Alex Sprinkle, ISPP Scholar
- Alfred Burse, Manager of Intergovernmental Affairs

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Approval of the Agenda for 6/25/25
- III. Approval of the Minutes from 3/11/25
- IV. Chairperson's Remarks
- V. New Business
 - a. Committee Updates

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- VI. Member Updates
- VII. Public Comments
- VIII. Adjournment

Summary

The Illinois Council on Women and Girls met for its second quarterly meeting of 2025 in both the Chicago and Springfield office, as well as virtually. Lieutenant Governor Stratton directed Maria Peterson to conduct a roll call to establish quorum. As quorum was established, per the bylaws of the council, there was a roll call vote to approve the agenda for the Q2 meeting:

Motion: Director Jane Flanagan

Seconded: Jaclyn Matthews

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A vote was then taken to approve the minutes from the Q1 meeting on March 11, 2025.

Motion: Jaclyn Matthews

Seconded: Jennifer Hebel

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With the agenda and Q1 minutes approved, the Lt. Governor welcomed everyone to the 2nd quarterly meeting of the Illinois Council on Women and Girls. Lt. Governor Stratton acknowledged the end of the 2024-2025 Girls Lead Program and invited the Council to the end celebration occurring immediately after the meeting. The Council then welcomed new members Representative Debbie Meyers-Martin and Highland Park Mayor Nancy Rotering to the Council. The Lt. Governor acknowledged that it was Kaylyn Ahn's last meeting as a Council member, as she is leaving for Oxford University in the fall. The Council heard updates from the Leadership and Inclusion, Gender-Based Violence, Academic and Economic Opportunity, Health and Healthcare, and Girls Committees. The Council then heard updates from Council members, and the Lt. Governor invited public comment. Lt. Governor entertained a motion to adjourn, reminding members of the next meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, from 4-5:30 pm.

Motion: Director Jane Flanagan

Second: Jaclyn Matthews

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