

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JULIANA STRATTON
 Military Economic Development Committee
 2nd Quarterly Meeting Minutes
 Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Roll Call

A present majority of filled member positions shall constitute a quorum: i.e. 11 members present				
Position	Name	Present	Phone	Absent
Ex-Officio				
Chair, Ex-Officio (LG's Office)	Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton	X		
Vice Chair, Ex-Officio (Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity)	Joseph McKeown			X
Ex-Officio (Dept. of Transportation)	Vacant			
Ex-Officio (Dept. of Natural Resources)	Natalie Phelps Finnie			X
Ex-Officio (Dept. of the Environmental Protection Agency)	Chris Hill		X	
Ex-Officio (Dept. of Revenue)	Kristin Logue			X
Ex-Officio (Dept. of Military Affairs)	Kevin Little			X
General Assembly				
President of the Senate	Sen. Adriane Johnson	X		
Speaker of the House	Rep. Stephanie A. Kifowit			X
House Minority Leader	Rep. Dan Swanson	X		
Senate Minority Leader	Sen. Craig Wilcox			X
Public				
Pub. Mem.	Kevin Considine			X
Pub. Mem.	Lamar C. Brown			X
Pub. Mem.	Scott Lohman	X		
Pub. Mem.	Christine Nappo	X		
Pub. Mem.	Elizabeth A. Roxworthy			X
Pub. Mem.	Sacella Smith	X		
Pub. Mem.	Darryl Thomas	X		
Pub. Mem.	Dr. Theresa Ebeler		X	
Pub. Mem.	Vacant			
Pub. Mem.	Vacant			
Military Veteran or Defense Industry Backgrounds				
MV/DI Mem.	Kimberly Huth			X
MV/DI Mem.	Carolyn Zasada	X		
MV/DI Mem.	Col. Timothy Huchel	X		
MV/DI Mem.	Vacant			
Guest (non-member)				
Guest	Col. Aaron Williams	X		
Guest	Nicole Castelein	X		
Guest	Christine Spargur		X	

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Guest	Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Asuncion	X		
Guest	Rep. Gregg Johnson	X		
Guest	Captain Stephen Yargosz		X	

Lt. Governor Stratton’s Staff Present:

- Charles Watkins, Chief Strategist
- Eva Shonuga, Staff Attorney
- Maria Peterson, Dunn Fellow
- Alex Sprinkle, 2024 ISPP Scholar
- Nikki Giancola-Shanks, Policy Director
- Alfred Burse, Manager of Intergovernmental Affairs

Agenda

- I.Call to Order and Roll Call
- II.Approval of the Agenda for 6/11/25
- III.Approval of the Minutes from 12/17/24 and 3/5/25
- IV.Chairperson’s Remarks
- V.New Business
 - a) Committee Updates
- VI.Member Updates
- VII.Presentation from Rock Island Arsenal
 - a) Q&A
- VIII.Public Comments
- IX.Adjournment

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Summary

The Military Economic Development Council met for its second quarterly meeting of 2025 at the Rock Island Arsenal and virtually. Lieutenant Governor Stratton directed Maria Peterson to conduct a roll call to establish a quorum. While quorum was established, there was a miscount of the roll, and the approval of the June 11, 2025 agenda and the meeting minutes from December 17, 2025 and March 5, 2025, were not approved.

The Lieutenant Governor then moved to new business. Lt. Governor Stratton introduced Col. Timothy Huchel to the Committee. The Committee then heard updates from Scott Air Force Base and Great Lakes Naval Base. The committee heard updates from the subcommittees of Quality of Life, Base Proximate Economic Development, and Cybersecurity and Defense Industrial Supply Chain, as well as any member updates.

Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Asuncion then gave a presentation to the Committee on the initiatives and updates of the Rock Island Arsenal. Lieutenant Governor Stratton adjourned the meeting while reminding members of the 2025 quarterly two meeting taking place on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 10 AM. With quorum still established but not recognized due to the roll call miscount, the meeting adjourned.

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