

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JULIANA STRATTON
 Military Economic Development Committee
 3rd Quarterly Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Roll Call

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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)	Elizabeth Roxworthy	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			
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Pub. Mem.	Lamar C. Brown			x	
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Pub. Mem.	Dr. Theresa Ebeler	x			
Pub. Mem.	Sacella Smith	x			
Pub. Mem.	Darryl Thomas			x	
Pub. Mem.	Juan Martinez	x			

Pub. Mem.	Jeffrey Howery	x			
Pub. Mem.	Vacant				
Military Veteran or Defense Industry Backgrounds					
MV/DI Mem.	Kimberly Huth (Hooth)	x			
MV/DI Mem.	Carolyn Zasada	x			
MV/DI Mem.	Col. Timothy Huchel (Hukel)			x	
MV/DI Mem.	Sergeant Danyelle Foster			x	
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Agenda Vote

1st: Adriane Johnson

2nd: Kevin Considine

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12/17/2024 Minutes

1st: Kimberly Huth

2nd: Adriane Johnson

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3/5/2025 Minutes

1st: Kevin Considine

2nd: Christine Nappo

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6/11/2025

1st: Adriane Johnson

2nd: Joseph Mckeown

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Bylaw Vote

1st: Representative Swanson

2nd: Adriane Johnson

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Vote to Adjourn

1st: Adriane Johnson
2nd: Christine Nappo

Lt. Governor Stratton's Staff Present:

Lt. Governor Stratton
Nikki Giancola-Shanks
Eva Shounga
Maria Peterson

Mahi Patel

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Approval of the Agenda for 9/23/25
- III. Approval of the Minutes from 12/17/24, 3/5/25, and 6/11/25
- IV. Chairperson's Remarks
- V. New Business
 - a. Approval of Bylaws
 - b. Presentation from MxD
 - i. Questions
 - c. Base Commander Updates
 - d. Committee Updates
- VI. Member Updates
- VII. Public Comments
- VIII. Adjournment

Summary

The Military Economic Development Council met for its third quarterly meeting of 2025 in Chicago, Springfield, and virtually. Lieutenant Governor Stratton directed Mahi Patel to conduct a roll call to establish a quorum. Quorum was established and the September 23, 2025 agenda and the minutes from December 17, 2024, March 5, 2025, and June 11, 2025 meeting minutes were approved.

The Lieutenant Governor then moved to new business. Lt. Governor Stratton congratulated Elizabeth Roxworthy on her promotion and introduced Juan Martinez, Jeffrey Howery, and Danyelle Foster to the Committee. The Committee then voted on new bylaws that allow for a voice vote for approval of the Council meeting agenda and the bylaws were passed. Bernardino Baratta and Lizabeth Stuck from MxD then gave a presentation to the Committee on the work MxD does and the importance of small manufacturers to the manufacturing industry, along with the challenges of an aging workforce and what MxD is doing to develop the workforce.

MxD presented. They Discussed the importance of supply-chain and small manufacturers. Small manufactures make up over half of the total manufacturers in the US. Small manufacturers have been dying out because of how difficult it is to work with the Department of Defense. 25% of the manufacturing workforce is over the age of 65. Discussed their work and examples of projects they have done. Discussed the aging workforce and the work MxD has done to help develop the workforce.

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. Lieutenant Governor Stratton adjourned the meeting while reminding members of the 2025 quarter four meeting taking place on Thursday, November 13, from at 10-11:30 AM.

