

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS LT. GOVERNOR, JULIANA STRATTON  
 Military Economic Development Committee  
 Quarterly Meeting Minutes  
 April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

<b>A present majority of currently represented member positions shall constitute a quorum: i.e. 10</b>				
<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Ex-Officio</b>				
Chair, Ex-Officio (LG's Office)	Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton		x	
Vice Chair, Ex-Officio (Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity)	Joseph McKeown		x	
	Salvador Garza		x	
Ex-Officio (Dept. of Transportation)	Keith Roberts		x	
	Kirk Brown			x
Ex-Officio (Dept. of Natural Resources)	Von Bandy			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)	James Smith		x	
<b>General Assembly</b>				
Sen. Pres. Mem.	Pending			
Sen. Min. Mem.	Sen. Paul Schimpf			x
House Speaker Mem.	Rep. Katie Stuart		x	
House Min. Lead. Mem.	Rep. Tim Butler			x
<b>Public</b>				
Pub. Mem.	Janet Smith			x
Pub. Mem.	Ronda Sauget		x	
Pub. Mem.	Scott Lohman		x	
Pub. Mem.	Pending			
Pub. Mem.	Zachary Mottl			x
Pub. Mem.	Christopher Kojak		x	
Pub. Mem.	Frank Rezac		x	
Pub. Mem.	Kevin Wiley			x
Pub. Mem.	Pending			
Pub. Mem.	Eric Vences		x	
<b>Military Veteran or Defense Industry</b>				
MV/DI Mem.	Pending			
MV/DI Mem.	Pending			
MV/DI Mem.	Pending			
MV/DI Mem.	Pending			
<b>Military Veteran</b>				

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Vice-Chair, Military Veteran Mem.	William Cobetto		x	
<b>Guest (non-member)</b>				
Guest, Scott Air Force Base	Col. Meyer		x	
	Christine Spargur		x	
Guest, IL National Guard	General Neely			x
Guest, Naval Station Great Lakes	Capt. Leung		x	
Guest, Rock Island Arsenal Army Base	Col. Marr		x	
Guest	Sarah Smith-Raschen			x
Guest	Irene Sherr			x
Guest	Christine Nappo			x
Guest	Vicky Miller			x
Guest	Richard Stubblefield		x	
<b>Lt. Governor's Staff (non-member)</b>				
N/A	Charles Watkins		x	
N/A	Levi Bain		x	
N/A	Kirsten Davis		x	
N/A	Narciso		x	
N/A	Valarie Rand		x	

**Quorum determined.**

**I. Call to Order**

- a. Lt. Governor Stratton called the meeting to order at 10:33AM on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.

**II. Roll Call**

- a. Roll call taken and quorum determined.

**III. Approval of Agenda for 04.23.20 and Minutes from 01.16.20**

- a. Agenda for 04.23.20
  - i. Moved by Fran Rezac
  - ii. Seconded by Christopher Kojak
  - iii. All in favor
- b. Minutes from 01.16.20
  - i. *NOTE: the motion to approve minutes took place at the start of new business*
  - ii. Moved by Frank Rezac
  - iii. Seconded by Zachary Mottl
  - iv. All in favor

**IV. Chairperson's Remarks**

- a. Lt. Governor Stratton
  - i. "I hope you and your families are well. We know that COVID-19 is changing the way that our society functions. The Pritzker-Stratton administration is doing everything they can to help the people of Illinois. Every decision we make is based on science and data to help protect the people of Illinois, and we will continue to make decisions on sound science and data."

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- ii. “I want to thank our servicemembers, nurses, doctors, teachers, and all Illinoisans for coming together collectively to stop the spread of COVID-19 by bending the curve. Recently, I’ve been speaking with military base leaders and I just want to let you all know how proud I am to help protect base personnel and ensure Illinois’ bases are mission ready.”
- iii. “I’m hoping this Committee can help modify its plans. I know the last meeting we was used to discuss our strategic report, but I feel that today our discussion should be guided towards making sure our goals are responsive to the situation we are in. We should look at the recommendations we established and the work of this Committee to ensure we are addressing new and exacerbated challenges caused by COVID-19.”

**V. Military Leader Update**

- a. Major General Cobetto:
  - i. Provided an update on the how the Illinois National Guard is managing with the COVID-19 global pandemic and measures being taken to ensure the safety of service members, civilian employees, and the communities they serve
- b. Captain Leung:
  - i. Provided an update on the how the Great Lakes Naval Station is managing with the COVID-19 global pandemic and measures being taken to ensure the safety of service members, civilian employees, and the base’s surrounding communities.
- c. Colonel Marr:
  - i. Provided an update on the how Rock Island Arsenal is managing with the COVID-19 global pandemic and measures being taken to ensure the safety of service members, civilian employees, and the base’s surrounding communities.
- d. Colonel Meyer:
  - i. Provided an update on the how Scott Air Force Base is managing with the COVID-19 global pandemic and measures being taken to ensure the safety of service members, civilian employees, and the base’s surrounding communities.
- e. Lt. Governor Stratton:
  - i. I cannot express how grateful all Illinoisans are for all of your leadership, especially during these trying times.

**VI. New Business**

- a. Review and Discuss the Strategic Report
  - i. Levi Bain:
    - 1. Walks the Committee and guests through the current edition of the draft report and then opens the floor up for questions and comments.
  - ii. Ronda Sauget:
    - 1. “It’s fantastic the group is considering the economic impact of bases.”
  - iii. Frank Rezac:
    - 1. “This draft report says that ‘no major bases have been closed.’ However, everyone has their own view of what bases are major.”
      - a. Levi Bain:
        - i. “Perhaps we ought to change the wording to not include ‘major.’”
    - 2. “We need a State of the Base report speaking to not just Illinois’s major bases, but also speaking to the guard, reserves, and smaller military facilities in the state because they must be protected as well.”
      - a. Levi Bain:

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i. "I agree."

3. "Lastly, we should spell out the 'P4 criteria' listed in this draft report because I'm not sure what it is."

a. Levi Bain:

i. "I agree the current draft version needs to be flushed out to include terminology that is well defined for all readers."

iv. Frank Rezac:

1. "Unfortunately, in base realignment and closure actions, there is a big political component. It's important we get information to legislators for their support of military bases in Illinois."

v. Ronda Sauget:

1. "I think it's important to just be involved. I sit on a group that meets with Air Force leadership at the Pentagon, and I think it would be fabulous if this Committee had the ability to have a conversation with leadership from different military branches."

a. Levi Bain:

i. "I think that's a good idea and would be interested in seeing if different folks would be interested in engaging in those efforts as well."

vi. Salvador Garza:

1. "I know the language is implied, but I'm aware various bases offer different incentives. For us to be able to have an impact we need to further fortify our efforts in attracting ventures and strengthening preexisting ventures around economic opportunities. I'd like for it to be stated that we can enhance the economic state around Illinois's military installations instead of it being implied."

vii. Lt. Governor Stratton:

1. "Thank you all for your feedback.

2. "With the recommended changes in mind, it seems the report is relatively fleshed out and the work of this Committee moving forward is clear."

b. **Motion to Accept the Report Template for Finalization**

i. Moved by Ronda Sauget

ii. Seconded by Joseph McKeown

iii. All in favor

**VII. Member Updates**

a. No member updates.

**VIII. Public Comments**

a. No public comments.

**IX. Adjournment at 12:00PM**

a. Moved by Frank Rezac

b. Seconded by Lt. Governor Stratton

c. All in favor