

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS LT. GOVERNOR JULIANA STRATTON
 Military Economic Development Committee
 Quarterly Meeting Minutes
 February 11th, 2021

A present majority of currently represented member positions shall constitute a quorum: i.e. 10				
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	
	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
General Assembly				
Sen. Pres. Mem.	Pending			
Sen. Min. Mem.	Pending			
House Speaker Mem.	Rep. Katie Stuart		x	
House Min. Lead. Mem.	Rep. Tim Butler			x
Public				
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
Military Veteran or Defense Industry				
MV/DI Mem.	Pending			
MV/DI Mem.	Pending			
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MV/DI Mem.	Pending			
Military Veteran				
Vice-Chair, Military Veteran Mem.	William Cobetto		x	
Guest (non-member)				
Guest, Scott Air Force Base	Col. Heathman		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			
Guest	Sarah Smith-Raschen			x
Guest	Irene Sherr			x
Guest	Christine Nappo		x	
Guest	Richard Stubblefield			x
Guest	Bill Ratzburg			
Guest	Kimberly Huth		x	
Guest	Jessica Manfre			x
Guest	Rob Davies			x

**Note: grey cells indicate that multiple representatives were designated by ex-officios to the Committee. Only one staffer out of each group of grey cells counted for quorum, motion, and voting purposes.*

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

- a. Lt. Governor Stratton called the meeting to order at 10:04AM
- b. Roll call taken and quorum established

II. Approval of the Agenda for 02/11/21, and Minutes from 10/15/20

- a. Approval of Agenda for 02/11/21
 - i. Moved by Zach Mottl
 - ii. Seconded by Janet Smith
 - iii. All in favor
 - iv. No opposition
 - v. No abstentions
- b. Approval of Minutes from 10/15/20
 - i. Moved by Scott Lohman
 - ii. Seconded by Joe McKeown
 - iii. All in favor
 - iv. No opposition
 - v. No abstentions

III. Chairperson's Remarks

- a. Lt. Governor Stratton thanked the Illinois National Guard for their work during the COVID-19 pandemic, especially their assistance with vaccine distribution and protection of the capitol during the presidential inauguration

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- b. Lt. Governor Stratton acknowledged the presence of Colonel J. Scott Heathman, Scott Air Force Base's installation commander, and thanks him for attending the meeting

IV. New Business

- a. Scott Lohman—Board President of the Rock Island Arsenal Defense Alliance—and Matt Hermann—consultant with the Roosevelt Group—presented on the Quad Cities' federal legislative updates (i.e. an overview of the work being done at Rock Island Arsenal, including priorities, goals, and results to date) and fielded questions
 - i. Questions
 1. Salvador Garza: "What are the types of incentives Rock Island Arsenal can offer private companies looking to move there, and what are the biggest challenges?"
 - a. Matt Hermann: "It has a lot to do with relationships and alliances. I think the army inventory tool will help make clear what space is available and how they can help by using it. There has been a lot of changes to the bases in the past 5 years, so it's about making that transparent"
 - b. Scott Lohman: "The last of our problems would be if we had all of our spaces leased and the government needed to take some of them back—even when we were ramping up the Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center we still had space, and we have more than factory space, we have office space as well"
 - c. Colonel J. Scott Heathman: "This tool could be really useful, Scott Air Force Base was a pilot for an understanding of how we are using our space and a study was done—they came in with a 3D scanner to get an idea of our spaces and how they could be used as a telework space potentially"
 - d. Matt Hermann: "I had been clued in on that. The Army has done something similar with the E-Prisms Program. The goal of this work is to make the information about availability more broadly useful, especially post-COVID"
 - e. Colonel J. Scott Heathman: "I think a lot of offices continue to need the physical connection of working in person, but many wanted to see how much space they could save and the study found that it landed at around 10-15% of what they could cut down"
 - f. Matt Hermann: "I'd love to take a look at that"
 - g. Lt. Governor Stratton: "Thank you Colonel Heathman for your awareness of the global shift that is happening, I think it is valuable for this Committee to have an awareness of that"
 2. Lt. Governor Stratton: "What are we thinking about moving forward and what are all our installations thinking about moving forward? I love the idea of utilizing space differently and asking what other spaces are doing. This Committee may be a place to coordinate conversation around that"
 - a. Matt Hermann: "I think your comments are spot on, and I want to commend Lt. Governor Stratton, because the places where this work is most successful are places where high level leadership is involved. Your presence shows a great investment in this work. I

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can bet that the new federal administration's leaders for the bases will be focused on renewable energy, license reciprocity, etc.—there is no reason the U.S. Department of Defense shouldn't be focusing on Illinois in this work”

- b. Lt. Governor Stratton: “I want to commend Governor Pritzker too because he is very engaged with this work and prioritizes it”
- b. Matt Phillips, Military Liaison for the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (“IDFPR”), introduced himself and provided an update on his work to the Committee
 - i. Matt discussed the work IDFPR is doing around licensure expedition for military spouses, and the efforts that have been implemented so that the applications of military individuals are expedited. He noted that over 400 individuals have been assisted over the past couple of years
 1. Kimberly Huth: “In St. Clair County, we’ve been working with Chairman Kern on a bill meant to help with military spouse licensure”
 2. Matt Philips: “It sounds as though the bill is specifically focused on license reciprocity, then?”
 3. Kimberly Huth: “It is focused mainly on making sure that all licenses that are in good standing will be accepted”
 4. Lt. Governor Stratton: “Kimberly, thank you for bringing that to our attention. We look forward to seeing the bill and what’s in it”
 5. Representative Katie Stuart: “There are few states that have as high standards for teachers as Illinois does, so we have to be careful to not lose the opportunity to have them in our classrooms due to licensure issues. I’ll be sure to connect with Representative Greenwood on this bill”
 6. Kimberly Huth: “The standards we’re using to model the bill are mostly Arizona and Utah, so if you look at those, they will answer some key questions”
 7. Ronda Sauget: “What we’ve seen from the U.S. Department of Defense before is a note on the quality of professionals we’ve had when we were thinking about putting that sort of legislation together—there are interstate compacts and many other efforts we are trying to work on to maintain the quality of the professional. The other part of the Airforce report we struggled with was quality of our schools. Of course, I’m interested to see the bill and work with you all”
- c. Committee updates
 - i. Ronda Sauget noted that the Quality of Life Subcommittee has been working on a set of long-term and short-term goals to help speed up licensure, as well as a veteran’s services list to make available for veterans across the state. The Subcommittee looks forward to seeing the IDFPR report on licensure soon
 - ii. Salvador Garza noted that the Base Proximate Economic Development Subcommittee is continuing to work on getting a better idea of military assets in our state, especially as it may relate to base realignment and closure (“BRAC”)
 1. Matt Hermann: “I don’t think that BRAC will be a top issue for the new federal administration, but looking at our assets allows us to get an idea of our resources and having a strategy to be better reflective of what we can offer”

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- iii. Zach Mottl noted that the Cybersecurity and Defense Industrial Supply Chain Subcommittee has been focusing on reminding everyone of the standards regarding cybersecurity compliance for manufacturers. He thanked Lt. Governor Stratton for having taken the time to speak at IMEC—a cybersecurity training for U.S. Department of Defense contract firms—to emphasize the importance of these standards. He added that the Subcommittee wants to continue elevating this issue

V. Member Updates

- a. Colonel J. Scott Heathman: “I want to just say that I can feel and see the impact of this body on our work every day. Our base was actually designated as an Airforce resource lab, and we are the first innovation hub which provides us an opportunity to develop relationships with academia. A number of other bases have reached out, and we want to keep working in coordination with the Air Force research lab. I also want to add that our special needs offices—there are three different areas: clinic, family support, and assignments—have all been combined now under one roof to make resources more easily available. The only other place this has been done is Joint Base McGuire in New Jersey, and now that we’ve done this here in Illinois, around 1,000 families will be positively impacted”
 - i. Lt. Governor Stratton thanked Colonel Heathman for the positive news and notes it is a testament to his leadership

VI. Public Comments

- a. No public comments

VII. Adjournment

- a. Moved by Lt. Governor Stratton at 10:37AM
- b. Seconded by Janet Smith
- c. All in favor
- d. No opposition
- e. No abstentions