



Military Economic Development Committee
Quarterly Meeting Agenda

Juliana Stratton – Lieutenant Governor

Date & Time

Thursday, July 23rd, 2020
 10:00AM-11:30AM

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Agenda

- I. Call to order
 - a. **Lieutenant Governor** calls the meeting to order at 10:05AM for July 23rd, 2020.
- II. Roll call

A present majority of currently represented member positions shall constitute a quorum: i.e. 11				
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)	Kirk Brown			x

	Keith Roberts		x	
Ex-Officio (Dept. of Natural Resources)	Von Bandy			
Ex-Officio (Dept. of the Environmental Protection Agency)	Chris Hill			
Ex-Officio (Dept. of Revenue)	Kristin Logue		x	
Ex-Officio (Dept. of Military Affairs)	James Smith			
General Assembly				
Sen. Pres. Mem.	Pending			
Sen. Min. Mem.	Sen. Paul Schimpf			
House Speaker Mem.	Rep. Katie Stuart			
House Min. Lead. Mem.	Rep. Tim Butler			
Public				
Pub. Mem.	Janet Smith		x	
Pub. Mem.	Ronda Sauget		x	
Pub. Mem.	Scott Lohman		x	
Pub. Mem.	Yves Fontaine			
Pub. Mem.	Zachary Mottl		x	
Pub. Mem.	Christopher Kojak			
Pub. Mem.	Frank Rezac		x	
Pub. Mem.	Kevin Wiley			
Pub. Mem.	Pending			
Pub. Mem.	Eric Vences		x	
Military Veteran or Defense Industry				
MV/DI Mem.	Pending			
MV/DI Mem.	Pending			
MV/DI Mem.	Pending			

MV/DI Mem.	Pending			
Military Veteran				
Vice-Chair, Military Veteran Mem.	William Cobetto		x	

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- a. Quorum has been established.
- III. Approval of minutes from 7/23/2020 meeting.
 - a. Motion to accept agenda has been made by **Eric Vences**. motion seconded by **Joseph McKeown**.
 - i. Approval of minutes from 6/23/2020. Motion made by **Zachary Mottl**. Motion Seconded by **Scott Lohman**.
- IV. Chairwomen's remarks
 - a. **Lieutenant Governor** spends time thanking the group for all their hardwork on the committee and in the nearly published report. Lieutenant Governor also thanks Illinois National Guard for its work under Richard Neely and their actions to help the state during this pandemic. As one of Illinois pre-eminent voices on Military affairs in Illinois, members of this group have put forward and worked diligently to develop recommendations for this report. There is a focus on intentionality. 60 years ago, the military became a leader in our nation in the integration of our communities under president Truman. The State of the Base report October 15th, 2020 will allow military members to address Illinois Lawmakers with their needs and base updates. The Lieutenant Governors team will reach out to invite the Governor to this base report review. Inviting as many members of the military community and the General Assembly would be great.
- V. New Business
 - a. State of the Base presentation
 - i. **Isabella Hurtado** describes how the Lieutenant Governor's office has begun reaching out to Illinois major military bases to organize time and speaking opportunities for the State of the Base report. By partnering with each military installation, we look forward to highlighting the needs and activities of each base.
 1. **Frank Rezac** asks if the base report will be addressing any of the military reserves in the state.
 2. The **Lieutenant Governor** ensured there is never an aim to forget any military community. There will be an internal discussion around how to include those voices and perspectives into the report.
 3. **Robert Mannis** will connect with Frank Rezac after call.
 4. **Scott Lohman** mentions the Corps of Engineers would also be another topic to think about.
 5. **Ronda Sauget** mentions the United States Coast Guard would also be another group to consider.

6. **Salvador Garza** adds that the consideration of one or several leading groups that advocates for our military members to be considered for the event.
 7. **Colonel Scott H. Man:** Mentions there may be a way to include the military reserves in his brief.
 8. **Lieutenant Governor** focuses on maintaining an inclusive list for the event and asks if there is any more feedback.
- b. MEDC Report Publishing
- i. **Lieutenant Governor** states that her office is looking to have the report published on October 15th, 2020. There will be plans to coordinate with officers, state agencies, and military communities to make sure this report is spread throughout the state and its contents are shared out.
- c. Recommendation Progress
- i. Chair reports
 1. *Quality of Life:* **Ronda Sauget** states there has been good work completed around professional licensure. Strategic research on key aspects of other state practices is being done. Professional license portability for military spouses has also been researched further. Substantial work has been done and a strong foundation has been established. This group has created a survey and sent it out to military bases. Some of the work around military licensure has yet to materialize because of COVID. The Quality of Life group would like to work with IDFPR to make sure the practices in military licensure are compliant. Long term, the group hopes to work with IDFPR more and more specifically hopes to work with IDFPR about professional development.
 2. *Base Proximate Economic Development:* **Lieutenant Governor** notes that this subcommittee still needs a chair and will receive support from her office. **Robert Mannis** states that there are three recommendations from the subcommittee. State of the Base report is moving forward October 15th and this will lead to post base realignment and closure listening sessions. This will ensure strategic value of the various bases across the state is known to community members across Illinois. There is also an ongoing effort to make a complete list of military installations/facilities of the state.
 3. *Cybersecurity and Defense Supply Chain:* **Zachary Mottl and Janet Smith will be giving updates.** Janet notes that the task of the committee is to: 1) raise awareness of CMMC and its regulations and 2) how to provide resources to companies on compliance. There is a concern regarding how businesses will be able to put forward the resources and time to comply with federal regulations. How can this group use

the Lieutenant Governors office to reach out to these businesses? Everything has been affected by COVID. The ability for us to grapple on how to put these regulations into practice is a little difficult. There will be webinars early Fall to encourage participation among employers in the Defense network to become CMMC compliant. New data has arrived regarding Illinois grants from the federal government pertaining to Department of Defense. Happy to announce that UIC has received \$300,000 to help contribute to Illinois Defense Network. **Zach** adds that there is a solicitation out for funding to help with CMMC assessments.

4. **Lieutenant Governor** notes that there should also be a focus on equity around diverse communities when discussing these groups.

VI. Member updates

- a. **Ronda Sauget** states there will be an event hosted for federal and state contracting for people who are interested (minorities, women, etc.). There will be a marketing campaign to raise the level of informed contractors in Illinois. Will send out a flyer to Bobby or Levi.
- b. **Salvador Garza** asks for outreach help from Lieutenant Governor and her office in regards to CARE act funding webinars.
- c. **William Cobetto** noted that there is a need for C-130J's to be added to the Airforce in Illinois. COVID operations are winding down. Less than 500 testing facilities running now.

VII. Public comment

- a. None.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. **Lieutenant Governor** notes the next meeting will be October 15th 2020. Motion to adjourn meeting made by **Janet Smith**. Meeting adjourned at 11:07AM.