

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS LT. GOVERNOR, JULIANA STRATTON
 Military Economic Development Committee
 Quarterly Meeting Minutes
 October 17th, 2019

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	
Ex-Officio (Dept. of Transportation)	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.	Sen. Paul Schimpf		x	
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.	Yves Fontaine			x
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			
MV/DI Mem.	Pending			
MV/DI Mem.	Pending			
Military Veteran				

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Vice-Chair, Military Veteran Mem.	Steven Huber			x
Guest (non-member)				
Guest, Scott Air Force Base	Col. Heathman		x	
Guest, IL National Guard	General Neely			x
Guest, Great Lakes Naval Base	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	Anna-Lisa Castle	x		
Guest	Bill Ratzburg	x		
Guest	Keith Roberts	x		
Guest	Robert Sinkler	x		
Lt. Governor's Staff (non-member)				
N/A	Charles Watkins		x	
N/A	Dartesia Pitts	x		
N/A	Robert Mannis	x		
N/A	Levi Bain	x		

1. Lt. Governor Stratton called the meeting to order at 10:07AM

- Roll call taken and quorum established

2. Approval of the meeting agenda for October 17th, 2019 and meeting minutes from July 25th, 2019

- Agenda
 - Motion made by Scott Lohman
 - Motion seconded by Zachary Mottl
 - All in favor
 - None opposed
- Minutes
 - Motion made by Scott Lohman
 - Motion seconded by James Smith
 - All in favor
 - None opposed

3. Chairperson's remarks

- **Lt. Governor Stratton**

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- Thanked participants for attending and turned it over to Col Marr for brief welcoming remarks
 - **Col Marr**
 - Briefly discussed the Tri-Garrison Initiative, where the Rock Island Arsenal Base brings in leaderships from other bases to discuss issues facing the military community and their families
- Discussed her office's work outside of MEDC
- Discussed the intersection of her office's work outside of MEDC and the work MEDC is looking to do

4. New business

- **Lt. Governor Stratton**
 - Per statute, my office may look to DCEO to provide administrative support for upcoming MEDC meetings
 - Moving forward, we need to make sure our subcommittees have chairs
 - We need folks to step up from the quality of life and base proximate economic development subcommittees. My office will support you all wholeheartedly, but we want members to lead the subcommittees
- **Robert Mannis, Office of the Lt. Governor**
 - Discussed the strategic report to come in the beginning of the first quarter of 2020
- **Lt. Governor Stratton**
 - Discussed subcommittee purpose and focus
 - We want to make sure we hit our target goals; we want to come up with a plan to make changes and make those changes over the next 1-2 years
- **Robert Mannis, Office of the Lt. Governor**
 - Turned it to committee members to discuss the Cybersecurity & Defense Industrial Supply Chain Subcommittee
 - **Zachary Mottl**
 - The Department of Defense is going to begin enforcing cybersecurity rules in 2020 and if companies are not compliant they will not be part of the defense industrial supply chain; small and medium business will be particularly impacted
 - **Vicky Miller**
 - Part of our mission is to help DISC in the State to become ready by new cybersecurity compliance requirement dates. The contractors working with the Department of Defense are not adhering to these polices, so we provide training and educational programs to address needs and bring awareness so that folks can move into compliance; it is hard for a small- and mid-sized companies to become compliant. A lot of companies don't know that they are responsible for their supply chain with contractors. We will lose opportunities if we don't address this
 - **Christine Nappo**
 - There will be a 5-tier structure, so the levels are not as egregious as we thought; the Department

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of Defense released an RFI seeking input in terms of the structure used for auditing entities

- **Bill Ratzburg**
 - This is like telling people to go to the dentist – it's it is not appreciated. The business we do in Illinois is business we can do without people being in compliance
- **Janet Smith**
 - This is a good opportunity to think about investing
 - As it relates to workforce development, we need to look into how we can bring young people into pathways for cybersecurity careers. As an aside, I appreciate the new role out for manufacturing in the State; through my work with the IL Defense Network, I see us having a strong plan for this
- **Col Marr**
 - We want to protect vulnerabilities across the supply chains, so it will take some education and help for some of these companies
- **Lt. Governor Stratton**
 - Thank you all. For me, I want this Committee to build off of the 5-year economic plan the Governor and I released a short while ago. I want to know more concretely what needs to happen and by when so that the State can get behind it
- **Janet Smith**
 - There is sometimes a struggle getting folks to see the urgency of getting into compliance; we're also having trouble getting folks to participate in free compliance training. I don't know if it's possible, but the more we can broadcast this as an urgent need improves the ability of our manufacturing in Illinois
- **Lt. Governor Stratton**
 - Our office will follow up with this subcommittee to look at what our office can do to assist in this area
 - We have to find a way to get information out there, so we can partner with the State and DCEO possibly to broadcast this info
 - How do we talk about dollars lost in terms of what can get done?
 - **Janet Smith**
 - We have this data for some states and for military bases, but I can provide more data. I will provide economic impact talking points that may be helpful for the Lt.

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Governor to consider in communicating about this issue

- **Col Marr**
 - On the flip side and from an economic point, costs are not absorbed by the contractor, they are passed onto the government; the way costs are passed onto the government impacts how a company in Illinois will work with the government
- Turned it to committee members to discuss the Base Proximate Economic Development Subcommittee
 - **Frank Rezac**
 - We need to know the future grounds for Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC); we need to ensure there is effective collaboration for the good of the country
 - **Lt. Governor Stratton**
 - I heard you discuss infrastructure and community support. So, we need to know about what you would like the committee to do
 - The Governor's federal dept. chief of staff Pat Collier should be a part of our meetings moving forward as we begin to think about BRAC
 - **James smith**
 - There was a good inventory of what the military is in IL; we don't know what we can all be doing that is mutually supportive; one of our main concerns is how to bring the entire military community together to ensure that once BRAC comes in we are ready for defending against that
 - **Lt. Governor Stratton**
 - We want to know what the impact is on the state of Illinois
 - **Col Marr**
 - SWAT analysis has to be done in conjunction with surrounding communities; economic benefits of communities helps quality of life for workforce in the area. On an additional note, IGSA's (inter-gov. support agreements) helps us to bypass some of the requirements that governments have. Everyone is looking to save money and it's difficult to incentivize municipalities to take on more responsibilities. Also, a couple years ago in the national defense authorization act, there was a program authorized and no funds were appropriate for the program. It allows an installation and municipality to partner on a project that would benefit both parties
 - **Lt. Governor Stratton**
 - Thank you for sharing this. I look forward to my office contributing to the work of this subcommittee

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- Turned it to committee members to discuss the Quality of Life Subcommittee
 - **Senator Schimpf**
 - This subcommittee wanted to continue working on spouse reciprocity – licensure agreements – and education – programs for children and service members that are trying to utilize earned member benefits – and transition assistance for folks coming out of the military
 - **Col Marr**
 - Absolutely love the issue areas discussed by the Senator; especially love the spouse reciprocity issue because not many states do that and this helps much with employee retention

5. Member updates

- **Col Heathman**
 - Recently
 - Senator Durbin visited Scott Air Force Base
 - We met with a group of civic leaders from nearby areas
 - We had folks from DECO visit and we spoke about ways that we can work with them around education (STEM & STEAM) opportunities
- **Capt Leung**
 - The Great Lakes Naval Station invites the Lt. Governor to come view one of our recruitment graduations
- **Scott Lohman**
 - The Quad Cities has three groups that will be combined into the Quad City Alliance. These groups are working with the Rock Island Arsenal Base on different issue areas relevant to the Base and surrounding communities
 - **Lt. Governor Stratton**
 - Thank you. Keep the Committee and my office posted on the work of the new expanded entity
 - A core engineer project is substantial for Illinois
- **James Smith**
 - The IL Dept. of Military Affairs would like to have U.S. Dept. of Defense flying mission back in IL. The IL Dept. of Military Affairs is working with the U.S. Dept. of Defense to ensure we bring a flying mission back to Illinois; we've had a lot of congressional delegations and it looks like this is a possibility

6. Public comment

- **Robert Sinkler**
 - There is a design agreement related to levees and waterways by the Army Corps of Engineers that should be signed by the State. Anything the government can do to help advance this would be great because we should be in alignment with the federal government's guidelines
- **Anna-Lisa Castle**
 - Briefly discussed the Brandon Rhodes Project and the impact of Asian carp on the fishing industry
 - Shared the story of her granddad that worked at Rock Island Arsenal

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7. Meeting adjourned at 11:23AM

- Motioned made by Lt. Governor Stratton
- Motion seconded by Scott Lohman
- All in favor
- None opposed