



MEDC Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2019

Introduction

Lieutenant Governor Stratton: Opening remarks

- Administration is attempting to put the State on a path that expands opportunities for the people of the State of Illinois

Justice, Equity, and Opportunity Initiative is described in detail. (The executive order itself and what it is about)

- How can Governor Pritzker help with the JEO initiative?
- How can we make sure that it addresses all the issues dealing with things that are more important?

Military Economic Development Meeting

- Thursday, July 25. Great Lakes Naval Base

Ethics and Sexual Harassment Training

- Send out a yearly notice to each member.

New Business:

Each member present shared with the Lt. Governor their area(s) of concern as it relates to this committee.

- Smith: Cyber security for manufacturing sector/companies
- Sauget: HB 1652 – Report every year for military members. (Licensure issues)
- Scott Lohman: member of Rock Island
- Zack Mottl: Cyber security issues and onerous is a big deal because it creates jobs (Prime contractor and defense contractor)
- Chris Kojack: Currently, infrastructure within the state is getting what they need.
- Kirk Brown: bottle neck with transportation ... making sure the transportation
- Eric Vences: Rantoul Development
- Representative Katie Stuart: Discussed school districts
- Senator Schimpf: Need to build on reciprocity for service members.
 - We want members to stay in Illinois
 - Department of Defense's "Skills Bridge Program" allows active duty service members to terminal leave
- James Smith: Representing General Neely
 - Airbase Springfield: Wants a flying mission, maintains the jobs there
 - 54 communities in the state with the Armies
 - Cyber protection of the team
- Frank Rezac
 - Military bases and their activity: **Preserve and protect**

- Focus on the reserve components
- Protection of coast guard, navy, and army reserve
- Economic development also important

Concerns about licensure and small business owners

Structure of the next meeting: Focused on addressing the concerns of the members

Member Updates:

Dr. Janet Smith

- Awarded money for the Illinois Defense Network (Strengthen Illinois Defense Resilience)
- Building out the work
 - Entrepreneurship, management, supply chain
- Quarterly meeting was held
 - Office of Economic Adjustment
- Partnerships were listed
- Senator Durbin
 - Built out supply chain mapping in the first phase (rich database updated)
 - Business to diversity and build resistance
 - Help the SME – cyber security
 - Produce Impact Studies for intensive regions
 - Using data to assist
 - 5.4 Billion contracts 70% ... supplies and equipment
 - Sustainability imp. for phase 2
 - UIC College of Business is launching a degree in supply chain management
- May 8-9
- Eric Vences
 - Kurt Kinnevan – Army Core of Engineers
 - Automating Agriculture
 - Jobs for the Rantoul: 20-50 positions

Ronda Sauget

- Scott Air Force base
- Col. Mark 2019 Leader of the Year Award National Cyber Commander
- First time ever of such form this region

No public Comments

Adjourned: Motion by Min. leader and Seconded by Senator Katie Stuart