

OFFICE OF ILLINOIS LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JULIANA STRATTON

Restore, Reinvest, and Renew Program Board (“R3PB”) Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

Meeting Location(s)

Lawndale Christian Legal Center
1449 S. Keeler Avenue,
Chicago, IL 60623

Main Conference Room –
Office of the Lieutenant Governor
Illinois State Capitol
214 State House
Springfield, Illinois 62706

A present majority of filled R3PB member positions shall constitute a quorum: i.e. at least 18 members present.				
Member		Attendance		
EX-OFFICIO	OFFICE	IN PERSON	PHONE/ VIDEO	ABSENT
Echols, Kristina	Chairperson by Proxy	X		
Adams, Delrice	Director of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority	X		
Brown, Dagené	Designee for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services	X		
Estrada, Rebecca	Designee for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity	X		
Deputy Majority Leader/Speaker Pro Tempore Gordon-Booth, Jehan	Deputy Majority Leader/Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives, Designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives			X
Hughes, Latoya	Director of the Illinois Department of Corrections		X	
Majority Leader Lightford, Kimberly	Majority Leader of the Senate, Designated by the President of the Senate			X
Marchiori, Raymond	Director of the Illinois Department of Employment Security	X		

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Jamil, Omar	Designee for the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice	X		
Perez, Christelle	Designee for the Office of the Illinois Attorney General	X		
Dr. Phillips, Janice	Designee for the Illinois Department of Public Health			X
Quintero, Dulce	Secretary of the Illinois Department of Human Services	X		
Representative Windhorst, Patrick	Designee for the Minority Leader of the House			X
Senator Anderson, Neil	Designee for the Minority Leader of the Senate			X
ELECTED OFFICIALS	BOARD POSITION	IN PERSON	PHONE/ VIDEO	ABSENT
Urich, Patrick	Public official of a municipal geographic jurisdiction in the State that include an R3 Area.		X	
Alderman Hall, William	Public official of a municipal geographic jurisdiction in the State that include an R3 Area.	X		
Mayor Williams, DeShawn	Public official of a municipal geographic jurisdiction in the State that include an R3 Area.			X
Clerk Valencia, Anna	Public official of a municipal geographic jurisdiction in the State that include an R3 Area.	X		
Mayor Harvey, Carolin	Public official of a municipal geographic jurisdiction in the State that include an R3 Area.		X	
Mitchell, Dale	Public official of a municipal geographic jurisdiction in the State that include an R3 Area.	X		
COMMUNITY PROVIDERS	BOARD POSITION	IN PERSON	PHONE/ VIDEO	ABSENT
Montoya, Anthony	Community-based provider or community development organization, within Cook County.			X

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Gonzalez, Adam	Community-based provider or community development organization, within Cook County. Also has experience serving immigrant communities.	X		
Hubbard, Michael	Community-based provider or community development organization, outside of Cook County.	X		
EXPERTS IN VIOLENCE REDUCTION	BOARD POSITION	IN PERSON	PHONE/ VIDEO	ABSENT
Dr. Bocanegra, Kathryn	Expert in the field of violence reduction.	X		
Dr. Newbold, Jayeti	Expert in the field of violence reduction.			X
FORMERLY JUSTICE INVOLVED—OVER 24 YEARS OF AGE	BOARD POSITION	IN PERSON	PHONE/ VIDEO	ABSENT
Chamberlain, Marlon	Formerly Incarcerated – Over 24 years of age.	X		
Little, Bethany	Formerly Incarcerated – Over 24 years of age.	X		
PERSONS LIVING OR WORKING IN AN R3 AREA	BOARD POSITION	IN PERSON	PHONE/ VIDEO	ABSENT
Representative Avelar, Dagmara	Person living or working in an R3 Area.		X	
Curtis, April	Person living or working in an R3 Area.	X		
Gutierrez, Laura	Person living or working in an R3 Area.			X
Howse, Natalie	Person living or working in an R3 Area.	X		
Senator Villanueva, Celina	Person living or working in an R3 Area.			X
Hoskins, Gaynett	Person living or working in an R3 Area.		X	

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Rivas, Carlos	Person living or working in an R3 Area.	X		
Rizkallah, Pamela	Person living or working in an R3 Area.	X		

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

- a. Meeting called to order at 10:07 AM.
- b. Roll call taken and quorum was established.

II. Approval of Virtual Member Attendance Per OMA

- a. Moved by Director Delrice Adams.
- b. Seconded by Director Ray Marchiori.
- c. All in favor.
- d. No oppositions.
- e. No abstentions.

III. Approval of the Minutes from 07/29/2025

- a. Moved by Mayor Carolin Harvey.
- b. Seconded by Director Delrice Adams.
- c. All in favor.
- d. No oppositions.
- e. No abstentions.

IV. Chairperson’s Remarks

- a. Kristina Echols opened the meeting by welcoming members and acknowledging the significance of convening at the Lawndale Christian Legal Center, a long-standing community-based organization and R3 grantee recognized for its commitment to restorative justice and community-based legal advocacy. Kristina reflected on the program’s continued evolution, emphasizing that R3 remains an expression of Illinois’ commitment to repair harm through reinvestment and care. She thanked members for their sustained participation and recognized the contributions of both state agency partners and local organizations that continue to build opportunity across the state.

V. ICJIA Director’s Remarks

- a. ICJIA Executive Director Delrice Adams provided agency updates and reiterated ICJIA’s commitment to equitable grantmaking and program oversight. She expressed appreciation for the Board’s leadership in advancing evidence-informed approaches that balance accountability with flexibility for community partners. Director Adams noted that the agency’s transition to the Amplifund grants management system is underway, with the goal of improving accessibility and efficiency for grantees. She also shared that ICJIA continues to prioritize staffing and capacity-building to ensure consistent communication and technical assistance during the upcoming NOFO cycle.

VI. Grant Process Overview Presentation

- a. ICJIA staff presented an overview of the R3 grant process, detailing the major stages from application to award and monitoring. The presentation outlined opportunities for process improvement, including efforts to clarify review criteria, streamline the

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submission process, and enhance outreach to applicants in underrepresented regions.

- b. Discussion centered on strategies to strengthen the community review process, improve public transparency around award decisions, and align application timelines with organizational readiness. Board members emphasized the importance of ensuring that evaluation practices reflect local realities and that smaller organizations are not disadvantaged by administrative barriers.

VII. Cohort 3 Update

- a. ICJIA’s R3 Program Manager, Aisha Williams, provided an update on Cohort 3 grantees. She reported that most organizations are nearing completion of their first year of implementation, with early outcomes indicating progress in youth development, reentry support, and violence prevention programming.
- b. ICJIA staff discussed ongoing challenges related to fiscal reporting and system navigation under the new grant management platform. Technical assistance and one-on-one support have been expanded to help grantees complete required documentation. Board members shared feedback on the importance of maintaining flexibility in reporting requirements for smaller grassroots partners.

VIII. Testimonial Video by The Foundation Academy

- a. The Board viewed a short testimonial video produced by The Foundation Academy, a Belleville-based R3 grantee. The video highlighted the organization’s work providing education and mentorship to youth impacted by incarceration.
- b. Following the video, Kristina and several Board members reflected on the importance of storytelling in demonstrating program impact. Members discussed how narratives like those featured in the video humanize data and reinforce the value of R3 investments across the state.

IX. R3 Program Projections for Cohort 4

- a. Director Adams and ICJIA staff presented an overview of planning efforts for the upcoming Cohort 4 funding cycle. They shared that ICJIA anticipates releasing two NOFO tracks—one focused on reentry, economic development, and civil legal aid, and another on youth development and violence prevention.
- b. ICJIA Staff explained that this structure aims to clarify investment priorities and improve outcome tracking across focus areas. The presentation also addressed system improvements to reduce application submission barriers, plans to introduce multilingual support, and expanded reviewer capacity.
- c. Board members discussed equity scoring, potential regional allocations, and opportunities for enhanced collaboration with local governments. The Lieutenant Governor encouraged members to submit written feedback on the proposed structure ahead of the next meeting to support timely NOFO development.

X. Public Comments

- a. Danielle Parker, Chief Legal Officer of Law and the Fam., LLC, provided public comment on their organization's overall positive experience as a third-round grantee of the R3 Program.

XI. Adjournment

- a. Motion by Natalie Howse.
- b. Seconded by Clerk Anna Valencia.
- c. All in favor.
- d. No oppositions.

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- e. No abstentions.
- f. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

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