

OFFICE OF ILLINOIS LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JULIANA STRATTON

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

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Meeting Location(s)

Lincoln Conference Room – Fourth Floor
555 West Monroe Street
Chicago, IL 60661

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
Lieutenant Governor Stratton, Juliana	Lieutenant Governor and Chair	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		
Brookes, Joshua	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 Mayor Carolin Harvey.
- b. Seconded by Dr. Janice Phillips.
- c. All in favor.
- d. No oppositions.
- e. No abstentions.

III. Approval of the minutes from 01/16/2025

- i. Moved by Director Ray Marchiori.
- ii. Seconded by Rebecca Estrada.
- iii. All in favor
- iv. No oppositions
- v. No abstentions.

IV. Chairperson’s Remarks

- a. Lieutenant Governor Stratton welcomed all attendees and expressed gratitude for their continued dedication to advancing equity and justice in Illinois. She noted that since the R3 Program’s inception, more than \$280 million has been invested into over 400 community-based organizations statewide, reflecting the administration’s commitment to hope, healing, and lasting change.
- b. The Lieutenant Governor emphasized the importance of continued partnership with community leaders delivering impactful work and acknowledged several newly appointed Board members: City of Urbana Mayor Deshawn Williams, Peoria City Manager Patrick Urich, University Park Police Department Chief Dale Mitchell, and Adam Gonzalez. She also recognized Pamela Rizkallah, newly appointed superintendent of Cairo School District No. 1, who was unable to attend. Each new member was invited to introduce themselves and share brief remarks about their professional experience and commitment to the R3 mission.
- c. The Lieutenant Governor then addressed the broader social climate, recognizing the challenges many R3-funded organizations face amid national uncertainty and disinvestment, and reaffirmed the state’s commitment to supporting communities most impacted by systemic inequities.

V. R3 Program Status Update

- a. ICJIA Director’s Remarks
 1. Director Adams provided opening remarks emphasizing the value of the Board’s continued leadership in sustaining equity-based funding. She introduced ICJIA’s new General Counsel. Director Adams reiterated ICJIA’s focus on strengthening community partnerships,

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including a research update and a discussion on the upcoming R3 funding cycle.

b. Cohort 3 Evaluation Update

1. Thomas Johnson, Research Manager, ICJIA Center for Violence Prevention and Intervention Research, presented a proposed shift in ICJIA’s evaluation strategy to deepen community-based participation. He explained that the new model emphasizes:
 - Fewer evaluation sites to allow for more meaningful engagement and capacity-building.
 - Integration of Community Research Scientists – local residents or program participants who co-design, co-analyze, and co-author evaluation work.
 - Establishment of quarterly convenings (Communities of Practice) to promote shared learning across evaluation sites.
 - Inclusion of innovative evaluation products such as podcasts, documentaries, and interactive data tools.
2. Thomas Johnson highlighted that this participatory model frames evaluation as a process conducted with communities, not to them.
3. Discussion: The Lieutenant Governor and Board members raised questions regarding capacity-building for smaller organizations and funding to compensate community researchers. ICJIA staff confirmed that stipends and organizational support would be provided to ensure equitable participation. Dr. Amanda Klonsky, ICJIA Deputy Director of Research and Analysis, elaborated on strategies to sustain data collection infrastructure by funding data entry positions within participating organizations.
4. Board members, including Mayor Harvey and April Curtis, expressed support for the model and emphasized the importance of financial sustainability, cross-site learning, and inclusion of grassroots participants in evaluation design.

c. Cohort 3 Update

1. Aisha Williams, R3 Program Manager at ICJIA, provided a detailed update on the status of Cohort 3 grantees:
 - 89 total grants were designated: 1 rescinded at the grantee’s request.
 - 86 grants recommended for continuation into years two and three.
 - 2 grants remain under legal review.
 - As of May 30, 2025, over \$11 million in Cohort 3 funding had been vouchered, with 98% of grantees receiving funding.
2. Aisha Williams noted that reduced designations for some grantees reflect allocation for those with over 75% unspent funds from Year 1, with unused balances rolling over into Year 2.
3. Aisha Williams confirmed that grantees do not need to reapply for years two and three; ICJIA staff will coordinate budget adjustments directly.
4. Discussion: Board members asked clarifying questions about reduced awards, contract timelines, and organizations under review.

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ICJIA staff confirmed the following:

- The three organizations not advancing included one rescinded and two pending legal review.
- The performance period runs from November 1, 2024 – October 31, 2027
- All awards remain subject to GATA compliance requirements.

5. Motion: Vote on Cohort 3 Grant Fund Extensions

- Motion by Director Latoya Hughes.
- Seconded by Mayor Carolin Harvey.
- All in favor.
- No oppositions.
- Five abstentions.

d. R3 Program Projections

1. Director Adams outlined preliminary planning for Cohort 4, noting that ICJIA administers more than 820 grants across 30 programs statewide. She emphasized the following key challenges affecting the next R3 funding cycle:

- Staffing capacity: Turnover and extended state hiring process limit monitoring and technical assistance.
- Evaluation timing: Pending release of Cohort 1 outcome evaluations to inform new NOFO design.
- Procurement process: Integration of a third-party reviewer to expand community-based review capacity.
- System transition: State-mandated shift to the Amplifund platform for application, review, and monitoring.

2. Aisha Williams reported that during Cohort 3, the system experienced high traffic with 894 attempted applications and 574 submissions, resulting in temporary outages. For Cohort 4, ICJIA plans to:

- Enhance training and technical assistance for applicants.
- Implement internal review protocols to expedite scoring.
- Add multi-language resources.
- Procure external reviewers to manage increased application volume.

3. ICJIA proposed releasing two concurrent NOFO tracks:

- Track 1: Reentry, Economic Development, and Civil Legal Aid.
- Track 2: Youth Development and Violence Prevention.
- This change would clarify investment areas and improve data reporting on program outcomes. All other program structures including the tiered funding model, GATA prequalification, and equity-based scoring system will remain in place.
- Discussion: The Lieutenant Governor encouraged Board members to submit written questions and recommendations ahead of the October 22, 2025, meeting, where a discussion on Cohort 4 NOFO framework will occur.

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- a. No public comments.

VII. Adjournment

- a. Motion by Director Latoya Hughes.
- b. Seconded by Director Delrice Adams.
- c. All in favor.
- d. No oppositions.
- e. No abstentions.
- f. The meeting adjourned at 11:31 AM.