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MEETING MINUTES

March 24, 2026

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Joint Committee on Administrative Rules met on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. in Room C-1 of the Stratton Building, Springfield. Co-Chair Cunningham called the meeting to order and announced that the policy of the Committee is to allow only representatives of State agencies to testify orally on any rule under consideration at Committee meetings. Other persons are encouraged to submit their comments to the JCAR office in writing.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

X Senator Cristina Castro	X Representative Eva-Dina Delgado
X Senator Bill Cunningham	X Representative Jackie Haas
X Senator Donald DeWitte	X Representative Steven Reick
X Senator Dale Fowler	X Representative Ryan Spain
Senator Napoleon Harris, III	X Representative Curtis J. Tarver, II
X Senator Sally Turner	X Representative Dave Vella

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 17, 2026 MEETING

Sen. Castro moved, seconded by Rep. Reick, that the minutes of the February 17, 2026 meeting be approved. The motion passed unanimously (11-0-0).

EXPEDITED CORRECTION

Department of Financial and Professional Regulation - Appraisal Management Company Registration Act (68 Ill. Adm. Code 1452; 50 Ill. Reg. 2527)

Rep. Tarver moved, seconded by Sen. Fowler, that the correction be certified effective January 5, 2026. The motion passed unanimously (11-0-0).

AGENCY RESPONSES

Capital Development Board - Illinois Energy Codes (71 Ill. Adm. Code 600; 49 Ill. Reg. 7704))

Staff will monitor.

REVIEW OF AGENCY RULEMAKINGS

Department of Agriculture – Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act (8 Ill. Adm. Code 1300; 49 Ill. Reg. 12208)

Sen. DeWitte moved, seconded by Rep. Reick, with the concurrence of the Department of Agriculture, to extend this rulemaking for an additional 45 days. The motion passed unanimously (11-0-0).

Chief Procurement Officer – Department of Transportation - Chief Procurement Officer for the Department of Transportation – Contract Procurement (44 Ill. Adm. Code 6; 49 Ill. Reg. 16138)

Rep. Haas moved, seconded by Sen. Turner, with the concurrence of the Chief Procurement Officer - Department of Transportation, to extend this rulemaking for an additional 45 days. The motion passed unanimously (11-0-0).

Department of Children Family and Services – Background Checks (89 Ill. Adm. Code 385; 49 Ill. Reg. 5510)

Ms. Heather Ast represented DCFS.

Discussion. Ms. Ast committed to providing a response to the following:

- What is the current turnaround time for background checks?
- What is DCFS doing to shorten the time required for background checks?
- Break down how long each component of the background check process (FBI, ISP or other state databases, sex offender registries, abuse/neglect registries) is taking, so that we can determine where the “bottleneck” in the process is occurring.
- Why is DCFS asking for new background checks on employees moving from one daycare to another (when a comprehensive background check has already been completed in the previous 5 years)?
- Has DCFS drafted any new rulemakings for functions that IDEC will be taking over on July 1? If so, would DCFS consider holding off on them and letting IDEC propose those rules?
- What are the federal requirements for day care subsidies/grants? Specifically, does a licensee have to be a citizen or legal U.S. resident in order to qualify? Or can undocumented immigrants also have access these grants?
- Are any DCFS staff that are transitioning to the new agency willing to provide a short update on the transition process?

Rep. Vella moved, seconded by Sen. Castro, with the concurrence of the Department of Children Family and Services, to extend this rulemaking for an additional 45 days. The motion passed unanimously (11-0-0).

Illinois Student Assistance Commission – Human Services Professional Loan Repayment Program (23 Ill. Adm. Code 2752; 49 Ill. Reg. 12883)

Rep. Delgado moved, seconded by Sen. Turner, with the concurrence of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, to extend this rulemaking for an additional 45 days. The motion passed unanimously (11-0-0).

Illinois Gaming Board – Video Gaming (General) (11 Ill. Adm. Code 1800; 49 Ill. Reg. 12342)

Mr. Dan Gerber and Mr. Joe Miller represented IGB.

Discussion.

Illinois Housing Development Authority – Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Allocation (47 Ill. Adm. Code 350; 49 Ill. Reg. 14376)

Rep. Delgado moved, seconded by Sen. Turner, that JCAR recommend that the Authority utilize the processes under the Illinois Administrative Procedures Act [5 ILCS 100] to make statements of general applicability that affect private rights or procedures available to persons outside the agency. The Authority's initial proposed rulemaking provided broad authority to set fees outside of rule. Additionally, JCAR recommend that the Authority be more timely in updating its fees in rule. The Authority has charged fees for the Low Incoming Housing Tax Credit program that are inconsistent with the fee amounts specified in rule for years. The motion passed unanimously (11-0-0).

OTHER ISSUES

Department of Insurance

Mr. Matt Sebek represented DOI.

Rep. Tarver discussed recent correspondence regarding insurance adjuster licensing.

CERTIFICATION OF NO OBJECTION

Co-Chair Cunningham announced that no action will be taken on the Secretary of State rulemaking titled Public Use of the Capitol Complex and Springfield Facilities (71 Ill. Adm. Code 2005; 49 Ill. Reg. 15062)

Sen. DeWitte moved, seconded by Rep. Tarver, that the Committee inform the agencies to whose rulemakings the Committee has not voted an Objection or Extension, or did not remove from the No Objection List, that the Committee considered their respective rulemakings at the monthly meeting and, based upon the Agreements for modification of the rulemaking made by the agency, no Objections will be issued. The motion passed unanimously (11-0-0).

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Co-Chair Cunningham announced that the next JCAR meeting will be Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. in Hearing Room C-1 of the Stratton Building, Springfield.

ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Spain moved, seconded by Rep. Vella, that the meeting stand adjourned. The motion passed unanimously (11-0-0).

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