

**ILLINOIS HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Full Membership Meeting**  
**July 20, 2023, 10:00 a.m.**

Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security  
2200 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL  
and  
alternate meeting site:  
DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management  
418 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL

**Call to Order/Welcome**

Chairman Jim Page called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone attending in Springfield and in DuPage County. This was the first full HSAC meeting since the public health emergency expired and the Open Meetings Act requirement for in-person attendance was back in effect.

**Meeting participants** (unless noted, individuals listed attended in Springfield)

HSAC Chair Jim Page

HSA/IEMA-OHS Director Alicia Tate-Nadeau

IEMA-OHS Deputy Director of Homeland Security Claire Moravec

HSAC Member Delegates:

Ameren –

American Public Works Association (APWA) – Michael Millette (attended in DuPage County)

American Red Cross – Scott Clarke

American Water –

Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois (AFFI) – Charles Sullivan

Aurora University – Murray Snow (attended in DuPage County)

Central Management Services (CMS) –

Cities of Bloomington-Normal – Michael Humer

Cities of Champaign-Urbana –

City of Chicago – Anna Statham (attended in DuPage County)

City of Joliet –

City of Naperville – Scott Salela (attended in DuPage County)

City of Peoria –

City of Quincy – Bernie Vahlkamp

City of Rockford – Tim O’Keefe (attended in DuPage County)

City of Springfield –

Collaborative Health Care Urgency Group (CHUG) –

Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security (DEMRS) – Jeff Singer  
(attended in DuPage County)

DuPage County Office of Homeland Security Emergency Management (OHSEM) – Craig Dieckman  
(attended in DuPage County)

Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police – Dan Ryan

Illinois Association of County Engineers –

Illinois Association of Public Health Administrators (IAPHA) –

Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) – Bryan Soady

Illinois Board of Higher Education – Brook Stewart

Illinois Campus Law Enforcement Administrators – Chris Ballard  
Illinois Coalition of Community Blood Centers – Lee Milner  
Illinois College of Emergency Physicians –  
Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) –  
Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) – Jeff Newell  
Illinois Council of Code Administrators –  
Illinois Coroners Association – Jim Allmon  
Illinois Department of Agriculture – Sandy Gilmore  
Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) – Mike Chappell, Troy Hall  
Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) – Joe Gasparich  
Illinois Department of Innovation & Technology (DoIT) –Jennifer Rominger  
Illinois Department of Military Affairs (Illinois National Guard) –  
Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) – Stuart Fraser  
Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) –  
Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) – Gene Felchner  
Illinois Department on Aging –  
Illinois Education Association – Christopher Novak  
Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security (IEMA-OHS) – Scott Swinford  
Illinois Emergency Services Management Association (IESMA) – John Dwyer, Michael Fleming (attended in DuPage County)  
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) – Tony Falconio  
Illinois Firefighters Association – William Offerman (attended in DuPage County)  
Illinois Fire Chiefs Association (IFCA) – Joe Holomy  
Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI) – Jim Keiken  
Illinois Health and Hospital Association (IHHA) – Dan Bordage (attended in DuPage County), Keneatha Johnson (attended in DuPage County)  
Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) – Larry Evans, Bryant Seraphin  
Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB) – Eric Arnold  
Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team (IMERT) – Mary Connelly (attended in DuPage County), Moses Lee (attended in DuPage County)  
Illinois Public Health Mutual Aid System – Stephen Melega  
Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN) – Mark Doerfler  
Illinois School Psychologists Association – Rosario Pesce (attended in DuPage County)  
Illinois Sheriffs’ Association – Jim Kaitschuk  
Illinois State Board of Elections (ISBE) –  
Illinois State Police (ISP) – J.W. Price  
Illinois Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) –  
Lake County Emergency Management Agency – Dan Eder (attended in DuPage County)  
Logan County Emergency Management Agency – Kendall Caruthers  
McHenry County Emergency Management Agency –  
Metro-East Emergency Management Agency (St. Clair – Madison Counties) – Samantha Bierman  
Mid-West Truckers Association – Don Schaefer  
Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) – Glenn Ericksen (attended in DuPage County)  
Nicor Gas – Mark Guth (DuPage County)  
Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) –

Ogle County Emergency Management Agency –  
People’s Gas and Northshore Gas Companies –  
Quad Cities –  
Regional Superintendents of Schools –  
Secretary of State Police (SOS) – Jason Dunn, Dale Cox  
Will County Emergency Management Agency – Allison Anderson (attended in DuPage County)

Advisory Members

United States Coast Guard – Chris Bollinger

Other Attendees

Paul Adams – IEA  
Julie Beamer-Pfeifer – WIU  
Bob Evans – IEMA-OHS  
Victor Garcia – ISP  
Eric Gaynor – DuPage County OHSEM (attended in DuPage County)  
Richard Hellman – DuPage County OHSEM (attended in DuPage County)

Minutes

*Motion to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2023, full membership meeting.*

*Motion to Approve: Jim Keiken, IFSI*

*Seconded: Eric Arnold, ILETSB*

*Motion carried.*

Public Comments

None.

Homeland Security Updates

HSA/IEMA-OHS Director Tate-Nadeau clarified the roles of the HSAC and the newly established Office of Homeland Security. She also addressed the release last week of the White House’s national cybersecurity implementation plan and the Microsoft hack.

Chairman Page introduced recently appointed Deputy Director of Homeland Security Claire Moravec.

Jennifer Rominger, Security Program Manager, Department of Innovation and Technology, provided a cybersecurity update.

Old Business

- SFY 24 PAR and Gaps Capital Replacement Projects Budgets – Chairman Page and Committee Chairs provided information on the projects included in these budgets.

*Motion to approve budgets for the SFY 24 Preparedness and Response Grants and the Gaps Capital Replacement Projects.*

*Motion to approve: Joe Holomy, IFCA*

*Seconded: Chris Ballard, ICLEA*

*Motion passed.*

- Prevention Committee Update – Prevention Committee Co-Chair Eric Arnold spoke about how the Prevention Committee grew out of the previously established School Safety Working Group

and the statewide targeted violence prevention initiative. Currently the committee's three main focus areas are crisis response, behavioral threat assessment/targeted violence prevention, and mental health services. Arnold also mentioned two grant opportunities. The University of Illinois Chicago is applying for one (focused on behavioral threat assessment/targeted violence prevention), and Peoria Regional Office of Education is applying for the other (to build up regional assets to help prevent targeted violence in schools/campuses). The grant recipients should be announced by October.

### **New Business**

- Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN) is requesting \$110,000 to be awarded to the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) as its fiduciary to support the position of Executive Director at IPWMAN to manage the homeland security preparedness and planning activities of the organization.

Chairman Page gave some background, explaining how IPWMAN is growing in membership and in requests for deployment. Thus far, IPWMAN has been self-sufficient/self-funding, but it has now reached a point where in order to enable continued growth and expansion statewide, IPWMAN is requesting funding for an Executive Director, who would be an employee of MABAS.

*Motion to award \$110,000 through the FFY 21 Homeland Security Grant Program to the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System as fiduciary for the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network to fund an Executive Director for IPWMAN.*

*Motion to approve: Lee Milner, IL Coalition of Community Blood Centers*

*Seconded: Jennifer Rominger, DoIT*

*Motion passed.*

- SFY 24 Gaps Report Timeline
  - Gaps Report Data – Chairman Page stressed the importance of the “gaps” data, in concert with the accomplishments outlined in the HSAC Annual Report, to provide a complete picture to the governor’s office and legislature as funding decisions are made. Page will be reaching out to individuals/organizations to start gathering that data.
  - Capital Replacement Budget – Page said that previous capital replacement lists will be sent out, and he asked that organizations refresh/update the lists to reflect progress that has been made in equipment replacement and needs that still exist.
  - Unmet Needs List – as in past years, this list is primarily made up of previously proposed projects (e.g., equipment replacement, training, etc.) that did not receive initial funding. As the grant cycle progresses and “leftover” funds become available, projects from this pre-approved prioritized list can be funded, saving time by not having to go back to the HSAC repeatedly for approval. According to the tentative timeline, the Council of Chairs will vote on the prioritization of unmet needs at the Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> Council of Chairs meeting.
  - At the full HSAC meeting on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, a final vote will be taken on the prioritization of unmet needs, capital replacement budget, and gaps report budget request.

- The decision was made to cancel the Aug. 23 Council of Chairs meeting because of its proximity to the IEMA-OHS Annual Training Summit, Sept. 5-8. A cancellation notice will be sent out.
- Chairman Page reported that the new Starcom contract has been signed. For several years, HSAC has paid user fees for 2,500 radios at a cost of \$250,000. Going forward, HSAC will only be paying fees for 1,400 radios. The Communications Committee will provide a proposal on how to best use the funds that are no longer needed for radio fees.
- Mandatory training requirements for HSAC appointees: Four online training courses are required annually for all voting appointees and alternates of HSAC member organizations. The due date is July 31. Chairman Page asked anyone with log in issues to contact him or Julie Pfeifer.

### **Other Business**

- Upcoming Meetings/Events
  - Council of Chairs Meeting – August 23, 2023, at 10 a.m. (CANCELLED)
  - IEMA-OHS Annual Training Summit – September 5-8, 2023
  - Council of Chairs Meeting – September 27, 2023, at 10 a.m.
  - Full IL-HSAC Meeting – October 25, 2023, at 10 a.m.

### **Adjournment**

*Motion to Adjourn: Gene Felchner, IDOT*

*Seconded: Scott Clarke, Red Cross*

*Motion carried.*