June 15th, 2026 – SRC Leadership Meeting

Time: 11:00am-12:00pm

Location: https://illinoisstate.zoom.us/j/86935914876

Members Present: Erin Compton (Chair), Megan Mutti (Vice-Chair), Shakira Pleasant (Chair – Policy and Legislation Committee), Robyn Lewis (Chair – New Member Engagement and Support Committee)

Support: Karie Krolak, Deb Buchanan, Diane Compton, Aimee Julian, Antonio Gomez

Quorum: 2

Agenda:

- Welcome and Roll Call
- **Final Action:** Approval of the May 2026 Executive Committee Minutes
- *Discussion:* Establish a 'meaningful break' for members who have served two terms and are reapplying in a different position.
- *Discussion:* Next Steps for SRC Chair Vacancy
  - Background: Chair Compton has currently served two terms. She is eligible for reappointment to the SRC under the Business/Industry/Labor classification after a "meaningful break".
- *Review:* 2026 SRC Summer Quarterly Meeting Agenda
  - Learning from Leadership
  - CSNA & Strategic Planning Working Sessions
- Old Business/New Business
- Public Comment
- Adjournment

Action Items:

- Antonio Gomez: Investigate if the statute talks about requirements or credentials for who would serve as an Impartial Hearing Officer
- Chair Compton: Create videos about the survey to help gain awareness
- Antonio Gomez: Adjust the June SRC agenda
- Chair Compton: Address the SRC about the SUSO
- Antonio Gomez: Update the bylaws
- Committee: Do a vision session in the near future

Minutes:

Welcome and Roll Call

- Roll was called. A full quorum was determined to be present.
    - A roll call vote was conducted to approve the previous meeting minutes.
        - Chair Compton called for a motion to approve the May meeting minutes. Shakira Pleasant seconded the motion. All present voted in the affirmative. The vote carries. The minutes are approved as presented in the public record.

Discussion: Defining a "Meaningful Break"

- Antonio Gomez reminded the SRC that Erin Compton's term as chair is coming to an end. He reminded the members of their original plan of having Chair Compton rejoin under a new position. The state statute states that a meaningful break must take place before Chair Compton is able to reapply. Chair Compton let the SRC know before this meeting that she would prefer to take a year-long break and looks forward to returning after that is complete. She let the SRC know that they would be greatly missed and mean a great deal to her. The members let her

know that she can always join as a member of the public anytime she wants.

- After introducing the importance of the topic, Antonio Gomez started the conversation off by recommending defining a “meaningful break” in the bylaws for 3 months. He asked the members for their thoughts and opinions so this definition could be solidified in writing. Robyn Lewis mentioned that she took a year-long break after being the DRS Liaison because that's what she was told was expected and done in the past. Barbara Hobrock, from IDHS, mentioned that after doing some digging into what other boards and commissions are doing, a year-long break was aligned.
    - Due to the SRC’s worry about the number of vacancies that they have and the impact it may have, it was decided that members may reapply to the SRC under a different classification after a one-year “meaningful break.” That year is shortened to 3 months if there is 50% or greater vacancy (10 members).
- Moving forward, the team will continue to work towards finding members to fill the vacant roles and finding ways to incorporate representation from the education and workforce spaces to increase the perspective and reach of the board.

Discussion: Next Steps for SRC Chair Vacancy

- Once a meaningful break was defined, Antonio Gomez went on to consider the next steps for the Executive Committee chair. Due to the two-year stay on the board, there is no active candidate for the chair position. There can be a chair Pro Tem, which is generally the vice chair.

- When this was originally brought up, Co-Chair Megan Mutti thought it would be a good idea. However, with the timeframe being longer than four months, she fears the commitment that it would add to her plate with the Family Matters center expansion. Robyn Lewis stepped up to say that while she fits some of the requirements, she is lacking two consecutive years of service.
    - This prompted the SRC to clarify in the bylaws that the "two years of prior service" to join the ExCom does not have to be concurrent and does not have to be in their current position. Members can also be added to the ExCom with one year of experience on the SRC and one year of "relevant experience." Ex Officio members (e.g., the DRS Liaison) are unable to count their time in that position towards those two years. These restrictions would also apply to the chair of the SRC.
    - Chair of committees are, however, added by default to the SRC ExCom, therefore Robyn Lewis is eligible for ExCom membership regardless.
    - This change allows for more flexibility in finding a chair who is eligible and has experience.

Review: 2026 SRC Summer Quarterly Meeting Agenda

- Antonio Gomez noted changes that would be made to the Summer Quarterly Meeting agenda throughout the meeting. In addition to those changes, he wanted to see what questions they had about Learning from Leadership.

    - Shakira Pleasant would like clarity from Director Parick about DRS regulatory amendments, what that process is, and how it involves the SRC. Knowing this answer would assist the SRC in building a timeline for the steps they can take to be involved. Karie Krolak responded that while she cannot speak for the Director, it seems that DRS would like more input (during the building phase) than feedback (after it is done) from the SRC. This most recent rule of amendment proposal is the first trial of making this shift, and it will be an ongoing process. Karie Krolak is going to talk with Director Patrick to talk with her and formalize this process of working together.
    - Shakira Pleasant brought up asking about the feedback loop. Where is DRS with respect to the action items from federal RSA, and where can we (SRC) contribute to support DRS in fulfilling those action items?
    - Chair Compton wanted to add a question that was brought from the national SRC to the Learning from Leadership section. Hoping to see if there will be money taken back from the government on a federal level.
- After coving the Learning from Leadership portion of the agenda, Antonio Gomez began addressing the rest of the meeting. Stating that it would be slightly different than usual due to it being more of a working session.

Old/New Business

- Chair Compton called for any new/old business. There was none.

Public Comment

- Chair Compton opened the floor to public comment. There was none.

Adjourn

- Chair Compton called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Co-Chair Mutti seconded the motion.
    - All present voted in the affirmative. The vote carries. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.