# July 20th, 2026 – SRC Leadership Meeting

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

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

Members Present: Megan Mutti (Vice-Chair), Robyn Lewis (Chair – New Member Engagement and Support Committee), Karie Krolak (DRS Liaison)

Guests: Director Rahnee Patrick

Support: Deb Buchanan, Diane Compton, Aimee Julian, Antonio Gomez, McKahl English

Quorum: 2

Agenda:

- Welcome and Roll Call
- **Final Action:** Approval of the June 2026 Executive Committee Minutes
- Roster Review
  - Current vacancies
  - Appointments in the works
  - SRC Chair updates
  - Next Steps
- Bylaw Review
  - Is Appendix III (DRS Goals Overview) necessary to include?
  - Clarify what "relevant experience" means or a process to come to a consensus.
- SRC Chair Discussion
- The Function of the SRC – Workshop
  - Review outcomes from SRC Quarterly
  - Review proposed action items for the SRC
  - Brainstorm a workplan/timelines for deliverables
  - Next steps
- 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
- Antonio Gomez: Update the bylaws
- Antonio Gomez: Send Slides to Director Patrick
- Antonio Gomez: Draft a Workplan
- Committee: Follow-up with possible members to fill vacancy gaps

Minutes:

## Welcome and Roll Call

- Megan Mutti, Chair Pro Tem, called the meeting to order, and a roll was called. A full quorum was determined to be present.
    - Due to the delay of meeting minutes in June, this Final Action vote will be moved to August.

## Public Comment

- Megan Mutti opened the floor to public comment at the beginning of the meeting, knowing that there was a member of the public wanting to speak. This allowed the member to not feel committed to staying until the end of the two-hour meeting.
    - Vincent Bertocchini brought up the difficulty in receiving their service plan due to lodging issues. The SRC thanked Bertocchini for coming to share, and public comment was closed with no further comments.

# Roster Review

- Antonio Gomez started off the roster review by giving a brief recap of whose terms were expired. There is currently a total of 8 vacancies.
    - ExCom – Member-at-large
    - Business/Industry/Labor
    - Community Rehabilitation Resource Provider
    - Senior Citizen
    - Youth
    - State Workforce Innovation Board
    - Disability/Advocacy Group
    - Secondary or Higher Education
    - Statewide Independent Living Council – this vacancy has been filled, the current member needs to reapply
- The members went on to discuss possible candidates for these open roles.
    - Antonio Gomez had possible candidates for the following:
        - Workforce Innovation Board
        - Business/Industry/Labor
        - ExCom Member-at-Large
    - Robyn Lewis had leads for the following:
        - Youth
        - Disability/Advocacy Group
        - Higher Education
    - The SRC agreed that as they move forward, the members will keep their eyes out for those who fit the criteria and may possibly be interested in joining.

## Bylaw Review

- Once the committee felt good about their vacant roles, Antonio Gomez brought their attention to the Bylaws. After their previous meeting, multiple bylaw updates had been completed. To review their finished project, Antonio Gomez restated these changes.
    - Committee chairs are added by default to ExCom
    - 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).
    - Clarify 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.
    - Statute says, 20 ILCS 5/5-550: "If an excessive number of expired terms and vacated terms combine to place an undue burden on the Council, the appointing authority may appoint members for terms of 1, 2, or 3 years." The SRC determined that 50% or greater vacancy (10 members) constitutes "undue burden."
- After confirming the previous changes, Antonio Gomez moved on to whether Appendix III (DRS Goals Overview) is necessary to include.
    - The group decided that as long as the DRS goals are easily accessible elsewhere, then it would be okay to remove them from the bylaws.

- Before wrapping up the bylaws portion of the agenda, Antonio Gomez requested that the SRC clarify what “relevant experience” means. In the bylaws, this term is currently left up to open interpretation. The question is whether the SRC keeps it open to be decided on a case-by-case basis or spell it out to be clear and across the board.
    - It was decided that each case will be brought to the council to vote. However, they will only require a majority in case some choose not to vote. (This will need to be done in person with a role call vote to comply with OMA)
- Next Steps: Before the SRC solidifies the updated Bylaws, Antonio Gomez wanted to get clarity on whether there was anything else the members would like to add. It was agreed upon that they do not want anything extra to be added and are happy if the Bylaws align with the state and federal statute. It was confirmed that the Bylaws do in fact align.
- Antonio Gomez asked for any other points of discussion. After hearing none, he stated, “The full council will receive a full overview of the bylaws with commentary on what has been changed, when, and why. These two documents will be brought together into one document so that it is easier to read. Until it is voted as the final, changes can be made. This will hopefully be voted in at the next quarterly meeting.”

## SRC Chair Discussion

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- Currently, Co-Chair Megan Mutti is acting as Chair Pro Tem. However, it was decided that at the next quarterly meeting, the ExCom will bring up Robyn Lewis and see what people think of the plan.

# The function of the SRC - Workshop

- For the remainder of the meeting, the group held a brainstorming session that focused on the function of the SRC. The outcome of this will be a draft workplan created by ICSPS. The workplan will be reviewed at the next Executive meeting and then brought to the SRC Quarterly.
- Antonio Gomez decided to share some of the proposed action items for the SRC to jumpstart conversation. The action items are as follows:
    - Town Hall(s)
    - Legislation Day
    - Feedback Loop
    - Student Involvement
    - DRS Exit Survey
    - Tangible Progress Benchmarks
    - Clear SRC Feedback on DRS Policy Procedure
    - Clear Delineation of what SRC is Consulted for Feedback
    - Leveraging Industries in Roster
    - Coordination with AJC's and Other Title
- After opening the floor, members believed it would be easy to plan many of these tasks ahead of time, and if done well, have these items incorporated into some of the current activities. There is a fear that the group lacks the capacity to do each item. With this in mind, the Executive board found it difficult to shorten the list based on importance. The SRC decided to bring these items to a vote at the next quarterly. Hoping the council's opinion will help guide the executive board in their work.
    - Town halls were a popular topic that came up further into discussion during the brainstorm session. Members wondered if it would be possible to hold town halls after their Quarterly

meetings since everyone is already in person. In the past, these meetings were from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Now that the meetings have been shortened to 2:00 pm, the group thought that time could be used productively.

- ♣ With the public comment from earlier in the meeting was the first in quite a while, some members wanted to gain clarity on the restrictions around public comment and OMA as well as avenues to address these comments in a way that is appropriate for an advisory board. They floated around the idea of having a survey that collects feedback, and the SRC could help get these people to where they need to go for assistance.

- Next Steps:
    - o For the following meeting, the SRC will have a workplan and include structured conversations around public comment. These comments will be brought to the Quarterly meeting to create a solidified process.

## Old/New Business

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- Megan Mutti called for any new/old business. There was none.

## Adjourn

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- Megan Mutti called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robyn Lewis seconded the motion. The motion was carried out. The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 am.