August 17th, 2026 – SRC Leadership Meeting

Time: 11:00am-12:00pm

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

Members Present: Robyn Lewis (Chair – New Member Engagement and Support Committee)

Members Absent: Megan Mutti (Pro Tem Chair)

Support: Aimee Julian, Antonio Gomez, McKahl English, & Karie Krolak (DRS Liaison)

Quorum: 2

Agenda:

- Welcome and Roll Call
- **Final Action:** Approval of the June & July 2026 Executive Committee Minutes
- Roster Review
  - Any Updates from last meeting?
- Review Draft SRC Workplan
- Plan Agenda items for 2026 Fall SRC Quarterly Meeting
- 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 if not already completed
- Karie Krolak: Reach out to Director Patrick to see if she with talk to Kevin Irvin
- Karie Krolak: Update the report forms to be more specific to the SRC wants.
- Antonio Gomez: Draft Quarterly meeting agenda
- Antonio Gomez: Provide a definition of 'advise' to the committee and full board.
- Antonio Gomez: Send draft work plan to members through email
- Committee: Follow-up with possible members to fill vacancy gaps

Minutes:

Welcome and Roll Call

- After roll call, it was determined that a full quorum was not present.
    - The Final Action Meeting Minutes vote was postponed until next meeting

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, but some are in the process of being filled.
    - ExCom – Member-at-large
    - Business/Industry/Labor - In Process
    - Community Rehabilitation Resource Provider
    - Senior Citizen
    - Youth
    - State Workforce Innovation Board - In Process
    - Disability/Advocacy Group
    - Secondary or Higher Education
    - Statewide Independent Living Council – In Process
- In addition to updates since the last meeting, the group went on to discuss possible candidates for these open roles.
    - The ExCom recommended Sujatha Branch as a potential addition to the ExCom. Antonio Gomez will meet with her to gauge her

interest. Gomez has also met with Darlene Ladd about joining the SRC. She will be attending the next Quarterly meeting as a member of the public while her application is pending. Lastly, Gomez will be visiting the Frankie Cortés about joining the SRC.

- Aimee Julian informed the Committee that Sandeep Nain has been cleared to join the SRC as the IWIB representative. His membership will start to move forward when he returns back to the states. Aimee Julian also mentioned Kevin Irvine would be a great candidate for disability advocacy. Karie Krolak stated that she would ask Director Patrick to reach out the Kevin Irvine since they are such good friends.

- 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.

Review Draft SRC Workplan

- Anotnio Gomez pulled up the draft work plan for members to see. He informed the group that he would send out the document after the meeting to allow members to overview it in-depth.
- After reviewing, he asked the group if there was anything else he missed.
    - Robyn Lewis mentioned a few different ideas:
        - Requesting to discuss when CSNA would go live this year, and that results need to be reviewed in Spring of 2027. This will help develop a plan of how answers influence DRS goals moving forward.

- The SRC will need to flush out work groups. As of now, there is not as much participation across the board as desired.
- Asking Leadership to define the word advise, and what is means for the SRC specifically. Aimee Julian mentioned the best way to do this may by providing a first pass at the definition and go from there. Antonio Gomez volunteered to provide the first draft.
- The SRC will need to plan out town hall days to ensure productivity. The group talked about having those who speak bring forth their issues, but to have a solution to propose as a follow up.

Plan Fall Quarterly Agenda Items

- While working to create the new September Quarterly Agenda, Antonio Gomez asked for the committee's opinion on keeping the shortened reports from last meeting or returning to the long reports from before. The group decided that changing the report form may assist getting the correct information that the SRC wants, not everything that may or may not apply to them. Karie Krolak mentioned that she will work on getting this done. Hoping that this will naturally impact the report length to something that works for all parties involved.
- Aimee Julian reminded the committee that the Senator would be coming to speak at the September Quarterly Meeting. She suggested that should take place at the beginning of the meeting, so they are not required to stay on for the whole day. 30 minutes of the agenda should be dedicated to this topic.

Old/New Business

- Antonio Gomez called for any new/old business. There was none.

Public Comment

- Antonio Gomez opened the floor to public comment. There was none.

Adjourn

- Due to a lack of quorum, the meeting was adjourned at 11:51 am.