

Illinois Youth Budget Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 10, 2024: 2:00-4:00PM CT

Welcome and Introductions

Co-Chair Paula Corrigan-Halpern called the meeting to order at 2:09 pm.

Attendees gathered at the following:

- Room 500-1/2, Stratton Building, 401 South Spring Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706
- Room 555, 555 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60661
- Regional Office Building, 1102 Eastport Plaza Dr, Collinsville, IL 62234

The following location was available but no attendees were present:

- Elgin Mental Health Center, 750 S State St, Elgin, IL 60123

Roll Call and Review of Meeting Minutes

Co-Chair Paula Corrigan-Halpern requested Mollie Foust to call the roll. Mollie Foust called the roll, a quorum was established. The attendance of the Commissioners was recorded as follows:

- Commissioners Present (in-person):
 - Paula Corrigan-Halpern (Chicago), Evan Krauss (Springfield), Laura Zumdahl (Chicago), Gary Hueslmann (Collinsville), Alicia Vega (Chicago), Adam Alonso (Chicago)
- Commissioners Virtual (not included in quorum):
 - Lisa Thompson, Jorge Macias
- Commissioners Absent:
 - Damon Cates, Sen. Karina Villa
 - Senator Kimberly Lightford virtually attended in her capacity as a member of the General Assembly to present an overview of the last veto session.

Commissioner Zumdahl raised a motion for virtual voting with Commissioner Hueslmann seconding. All commissioners voted in favor, allowing all commissioners voting privilege.

Commissioner Hueslmann raised a motion to vote and approve the September and June meeting minutes, with Commissioner Zumdahl seconding. All commissioners voted in favor and the meeting minutes were approved.

Housekeeping

Co-Chair Corrigan-Halpern recognized the work of four commissioners who served on the inaugural commission and whose terms had ended, including Representative LaShawn Ford, LaTonya Maley, Sherrie Crabb and Reyahd Kazmi. Co-Chair Corrigan-Halpern also introduced two new commissioners, Jorge Macias and Adam Alonso.

Co-Chair Corrigan-Halpern reminded commissioners to complete ethics training before the end of the year. Finally, Mollie Foust of Afton Partners announced the 2 new meeting locations, Elgin and Collinsville, that will now count towards in-person quorum.

Agenda, Objectives and Timeline

Co-Chair Corrigan-Halpern discussed the agenda and objectives for the meeting, including approving the FY24 Fiscal Scan and Recommendations, prioritizing the topics for next year's discussions and setting the schedule for 2025, and finally hearing from Senator Lightford about the recent veto session and what could be ahead for the legislative session in 2025 as it relates to youth.

Veto Sessions

Senator Lightford shared an overview of the recent veto session and what could be ahead for the legislative session in 2025 as it relates to youth. Senator Lightford acknowledged that there were no vetoes from the Governor and they were able to pass new legislation during this time. Senator Lightford then shared an overview of the five bills (HB0814, HB5172, HB4781, HB022, and HB5373) that were passed during the veto session.

Senator Lightford shared more about upcoming sessions as it relates to youth, including a brief overview of the creation of the Department of Early Childhood and the proposed funding formula for funding public higher education institutions in Illinois.

Commissioner Macias wondered how a potential loss of federal funding may impact the state overall and raised questions about how that funding impacts various department and agency budgets.

Finally, Senator Lightford referenced the longevity and engagement of the Youth Budget Commission and shared a desire to return to a future meeting to speak more to the proposed higher education funding formula.

FY24 Fiscal Scan

Lindsay Shanahan from Afton Partners discussed the findings from the FY24 preliminary fiscal scan. Shanahan explained that the allocations from FY23 are comparable to FY24 and discussed areas of discrepancy. Shanahan also reminded Commissioners that the process is parallel to the previous fiscal scan.

Shanahan highlighted that three fewer agencies were included in the fiscal scan compared to the FY23 Fiscal Scan and that a total of \$10.2B was allocated in the FY24 fiscal scan.

Shanahan then discussed the development goals and service model at a deeper level. She clarified that by utilizing a new data method, they were able to get the program name for each allocation. Shanahan then described where the programs were allocated in terms of the development goal and service model.

FY24 Fiscal Scan Recommendations

Mollie Foust from Afton Partners then reviews the FY24 fiscal scan and recommendations process that was shared during the September Commission meeting including the guardrails, and feedback process. Foust then shares the current draft recommendations for Commissioners to review.

Commissioners share comments and reactions to the FY24 fiscal scan and recommendations:

- Commissioner Kraus was curious as to how the commission will address these recommendations in addition to the fiscal scan review given the limited meeting schedule.
- Commissioner Hueslmann raised ideas about what benchmarking in the fiscal scan in comparison to other states may look like.
- Co-Chair Corrigan-Halpern raised ideas about accounting for changing demographics and youth needs as part of the fiscal scan.

- Commissioner Macias asked if there was a way to capture the number of youth served in connection to dollars spent within the fiscal scan.
- Commissioner Zumdahl asked if the commission could bring in agencies to engage in a dialogue about questions coming out of the fiscal scan.

Commissioners discussed as a group and proposed two amendments to the current recommendation language. The first, to update recommendation one to include a needs analysis and more specificity. The second, to adjust the language of recommendation four to be more specific to the state of Illinois. Commissioner Zumdahl raised the motion to approve the FY24 fiscal scan recommendations with the two proposed amendments incorporated, with Commissioner Vega seconding. All commissioners voted in favor and the recommendations were approved.

Commissioner Zumdahl raised the motion to approve the FY24 fiscal scan with the addition of the recommendations, with Commissioner Krauss seconding. All commissioners voted in favor and the FY24 fiscal scan was approved.

Commissioners then discussed a path forward for making progress towards the recommendations.

2025 Youth Budget Commission Meeting Dates

Mollie Foust introduced recommended dates for the 2025 Youth Budget Commission meetings: March 25, 2025, June 10, 2025, September 16, 2025, and December 9, 2025. The Commission voted on the approval of the Youth Budget Commission meeting on. Commissioner Hueslmann raised the motion to approve, with Commissioner Zumdahl seconding. A voice vote was taken and the dates were approved. Commissioner Macias opposed the proposed dates due to being unable to make it to the March 25 meeting at the time of the vote. .

Public Comment

The Commission provided an opportunity for comment from members of the public. Tom Bazan provided comment that he appreciates the work of the Commission and would appreciate anything that can be done to share the materials that are reviewed as part of the meetings online.

New Business

Chair Corrigan-Halpern asked if anyone had a new business to raise. There was no new business.

Adjournment

Commissioner Zumdahl raised a motion to adjourn the meeting, with Commissioner Alonso seconding. All Commissioners voted in favor and Chair Corrigan-Halpern ended the meeting at 4:10 PM CT. The meeting was adjourned.