

Illinois Youth Budget Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 11, 2024: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm CT

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Paula Corrigan-Halpern called the meeting to order at 2:07 pm CT.

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

Review of the Open Meeting Act:

Chair Corrigan-Halpern discussed the Open Meetings Act (OMA) requirement for virtual participation by public body members. For a Commissioner to participate remotely, the Commissioner must provide one of four allowable reasons found in Section 7(a) of OMA for their absence. If a quorum of the members of the public body is physically present, then a majority of the public body may allow a member to attend by video or telephone conference if the member is prevented from physically attending.

Roll Call and Review of Meeting Minutes

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

- Commissioners Present (in-person):
 - Damon Cates (Chicago), Paula Corrigan-Halpern (Chicago), Gary Huelsmann (Springfield), Evan Krauss (Springfield), Alicia Vega (Chicago), Sen. Karina Villa (Chicago), Laura Zumdahl (Chicago)
- Commissioners Present by Means of Video or Audio Conference:
 - Lisa Thompson (reason: personal illness/ disability)
 - Commissioner Corrigan-Halpern moved to allow Commissioner Thompson to participate virtually pursuant to Section 7 of the Open Meetings Act. 5 ILCS 120/7(a)(i). Commissioner Zumdahl seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Commissioner Thompson attended by means of video conference. Commissioner Thompson confirmed she could see and hear the meeting's proceedings.
 - Sherrie Crabb (reason: employment purposes)
 - Commissioner Villa moved to allow Commissioner Crabb to participate virtually pursuant to Section 7 of the Open Meetings Act. 5 ILCS 120/7(a)(ii). Commissioner Huelsmann seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. Commissioner Crabb attended by means of video conference. Commissioner Crabb confirmed she could see and hear the meeting's proceedings.
- Commissioners Absent:
 - Rep. LaShawn Ford, Reyahd Kazmi, Sen. Kimberly Lightford, Latonya Maley

Housekeeping

Chair Corrigan-Halpern noted that the proposed bill allowing for future remote meetings of the Youth Budget Commission (YBC) did not move forward during the legislative cycle. This means an in-person quorum is necessary for at least the next year. Chair Corrigan-Halpern also reminded and encouraged the Commissioners to complete the required ethics training.

Agenda, Objectives, and Timeline

Chair Corrigan-Halpern discussed the agenda and objectives for the meeting, including reviewing and discussing key takeaways and updates from the FY23 Fiscal scan, advising on the fiscal scan process and approach moving forward for FY24, and understanding major youth investments from the new FY25 budget. Chair Corrigan-Halpern also noted an invited guest, Marc Staley from the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB), to speak on the most recent FY25 budget.

Commissioners reviewed the FY23 scan timeline. Work on the scan is currently on track with the proposed timeline. Commissioners also reviewed a proposal for topics of the upcoming Commission meetings in September and December.

Review of FY23 Scan

Lindsay Shanahan from Afton Partners reviewed the Fiscal Scan takeaways with the Commissioners. She reminded the Commissioners of the time lag in the data and contextualized that this budget passed during the height of COVID, so priorities of health, safety, and education were paramount.

Major takeaways included the total funding for youth (for which agencies saw the largest investments), how the funds flowed into the development goals and service areas, and what funds were excluded from the analysis. Chair Corrigan-Halpern asked for a clarification on the difference between the percentage of the agency's budget that was included versus the total amount invested by the agency. Mollie Foust from Afton Partners responded that some agencies with large budgets may have had smaller percentages of their budgets dedicated to youth while simultaneously investing larger dollar amounts than other agencies who may have had smaller dollar amounts but larger percentages of their total budgets. It was noted that less than 10% of ISBE's budget was dedicated to youth per the analysis, with a possible hypothesis being the high influx of federal relief funding that was excluded.

. Commissioners engaged in a discussion about comparability to previous and future scans. It was noted that this FY23 scan is a "reset" of the baseline of comparison for future scans. Commissioner Zumdhall expressed a need to have a consistent methodology over time, to have something to compare it to in future fiscal scans. There was an additional discussion of the definition of "total budget" to differentiate between actual totals versus general funds totals.

FY24 Fiscal Scan Approach and Discussion

Lindsay Shanahan explained the proposed project plan for the upcoming FY24 fiscal scan, including the steps Afton Partners would take and how they differed from the FY23 scan process. She also provided an update on all feedback Afton Partners has received from the Commissioners about the scan to date.

A discussion of the priorities followed, including understanding more about Commissioners' perspectives on adding youth demographics and finding a storyline through the data in which

Commissioners can better understand the context of the data presented. GOMB and Afton Partners agreed to review options for stronger incorporation of Commissioner requests and present them at the next Commission meeting in September.

Approval of FY23 Fiscal Scan

Chair Corrigan-Halpern requested any comments or adjustments to the FY23 fiscal scan prior to approving as presented. Commissioner Krauss requested two changes to the current document: 1) add the list of Commissioners; 2) include a letter from the Chair outlining some of the changes in this fiscal scan as compared to previous scans.

Chair Corrigan-Halpern called for a motion to approve the FY23 fiscal scan with the addition of the commissioner list and letter from the Chair. Commissioner Huelsmann moved to approve the fiscal scan with the addition of the commissioner list and letter from the Chair. Commissioner Vega seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

FY25 Budget Review with Marc Staley

Marc Staley, Deputy Director at the Governor's Office of Management and Budget, presented an overview of the FY25 budget that was signed by Governor Pritzker on June 5, 2024. Topics noted included a new Early Childhood agency, investments in higher education and human services, and a recognition that the budget passed was primarily a maintenance budget.

What's Next

Chair Corrigan-Halpern reminded Commissioners about upcoming meeting topics, dates, and the importance of quorum. Commissioner Krauss requested clarification about vacancies of Commissioners. Jennifer Butler from GOMB stated that the Governor's Office is aware of vacancies on this Commission, and Curt Clemons-Mosby from GOMB reminded Commissioners that suggestions for candidates can be made on the Illinois Boards and Commissions website or sent to himself or Mollie Foust at Afton Partners to be shared with the Governor's Office.

Public Comment

Chair Corrigan-Halpern acknowledged that YBC meetings are open to the public and asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. No questions or comments were received.

New Business

Chair Corrigan-Halpern asked if Commissioners had any new business. No new business was raised.

Adjournment

Commissioner Zumdahl moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Vega seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 pm CT.