Delegate Advisory Assembly (DAA) Meeting

VIRTUAL

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

9:00 am Meeting via ZOOM

Minutes

Notation: For a copy of the most current AND complete Governance document, go to:
Illinois ASBO Delegate Advisory Assembly

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I. CALL TO ORDER: Chair McDermott called the meeting to order at 9:03 am

II. BUSINESS AFFAIRS

A. Approval of Minutes Wednesday, October 8, 2025– Minutes

Motion by: Jeff Feyerer, Second by: Zack Suhre No negative votes, approved

III. REPORTS

A. Illinois ASBO President (Brophy) President Brophy thanked the DAA for their service and reminded everyone that EBF will be a topic, and we should stay aware of what is occurring in Springfield.

B. Report from Liaison - Legislative Update (Warnecke)

Big 4 - State Budget Pressures, EBF, MCATs, Tier 2 Pension Reform

- State Budget Pressures - New items because of Federal Government uncertainty, SNAP and Medicaid, and MCATs.
- EBF – $307M increase $0 for PTRG. PA 104-0435: requires the PRP to provide an analysis on the impact of the PTRG to the GA by March 2026.
- MCATs – Claims have been going up but the appropriations have not kept up. There is a significant hole that needs to be filled to be whole. Budget appropriations to stay current would be $152M to increase the appropriations to maintain the historically recommendations would be $558M. ISBE recommended the Governor use the $152M in his budget. Our message: EBF +MCATS – Driving Success tools. These tools are available to members.
- Pensions - Governor put out formal proposal on pensions to fund at 100% by 2048, Governor's supports the adjustment to Tier 2 to Social Security Wage Base but does not support pension enhancements. He proposes continuing the pension buyout program through FY28.
- 9,600+ bills have been filed. Some bills that need a closer look: HB4416/SB3286 - summer unemployment benefits. HB4375 making internal transfer extension permanent and SB3273 – removing barriers to solar in school districts.
- TRS Post retirement bill - SB2953 is filed to extend TRS post-retirement working days to 120 days/600 hours through 2029,

C. Report from the Executive Director (Monn)

1. Federal Budget - State has a lot of budget pressures coming from the Federal government so expected to be lean increases, and hoping to maintain the current prorations
2. What is the DAA - Communication needs to be two way between DAA and liaisons
3. Update Mission Statement – DAA recommends mission statement update. Motion by: Curt Saindon and Second by: Zack Suhre. *No negative votes, approved*
4. Legislative Advisory Committee - DAA recommends changing the name of the DAA to Legislative Advisory Committee. Motion by: Zack Suhre and Second by: Mark Bertolozzi. *No negative votes, approved*
5. Vison 2030 link to Website
3. How to File a Witness Slip

IV. Open Dialog

A. Statutes
B. Regulations
C. Legislative Issues
D. Concerns

NEW:

1. The future DAA (Monn)
   Mission Statement
   Possible name change
   Possible regional meetings

2. MCAT Underfunding (Saindon) Chronic underfunding of State Mandated Categorical Programs have not been fully funded ay 100% for all programs for several years.

3. Director of Special Education Shortage (Sonntag) Allow rural school districts with enrollment under 1500 to share a state approved Director of Special Education through an intergovernmental agreement versus forming a special education cooperative. - Jessica Sonntag, looking for support to allow for sharing of special education director through intergovernmental agreement.

Previous Meeting Updates

1. ComEd/Solar Fees (Chapman, Romano, Singh) **UPDATE SB3273** - Emily updated, we did get a bill number assigned, expect opposition of utilities
2. Tax Exempt Parcels for Veterans (Wisniewski) **MONITOR**
3. FOIA Requests (Campbell) – **UPDATE**
   PA-104-0438 passed during 2025 Fall Veto Session
   HB 4681
   HB 4682
   HB 4683
   HB 4684
4. Bidding Laws - (Bein/Saindon/Mitchell) **MONITOR**
5. Migrants and Refugees – Mark Bertolozzi **MONITOR**

VI. DAA Resources

A. ISBE Board Packet – 01/14/2026
B. Illinois ASBO Position Statements This will be removed going forward.
C. Upcoming Illinois ASBO Legislative Professional Development:

Communicating and Lobbying with Legislators AAC781: March 10, 2026, Springfield
IL ASBO Event Calendar All upcoming events

VII. Member Communication Points

- Recommended Name Change and Mission Statement, Legislative Updates and reminder of how to file a witness slip

VIII. Future Meeting Dates – All Meetings Virtual

Future Meeting Calendar (Monn)
Tuesday, April 21, 2026

VIV. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn meeting by Brittany Tjardes, second by Jeff Feyerer at 10:13 am