

# Delegate Advisory Assembly (DAA) Meeting

**VIRTUAL**

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

**9:30 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 9:32 a.m.

II. **BUSINESS AFFAIRS**

A. Approval of Minutes Monday, April 14, 2024– [Minutes](#)

*A motion to approve the minutes was made by Frank Williams (D300) and seconded by Mark Bertolozzi (D62), and the motion carried.*

III. **REPORTS**

A. Illinois ASBO President (Brophy)

*Executive Director, Kris Monn, provided an update on behalf of IASBO President Edward Brophy. The Board is currently engaged in self-governance and overall improvement work, including a review of the strategic plan and consideration of whether certain practices should be modernized. There is interest in discussing with the DAA the purpose of the Assembly, how it functions, and whether its structure should continue as it has for the past twenty years. Throughout the year, the Board intends to engage more directly with the DAA to reflect on and clarify the mission and vision of the group. Additionally, the Joint Annual Conference is approaching in November, which will include a networking event.*

B. Report from Liaisons - [Legislative Update](#) (Warnecke)

*Emily Warnecke provided a legislative update from the Spring 2025 session, noting that the mascot ban and PE waiver elimination did not pass but are expected to return, the notice to remedy requirement was successfully paused, and the 403(b) bill did not pass but will likely be revisited. FY26 budget allocations are still pending, particularly related to private facility reimbursements. Tier 2 reform discussions are accelerating ahead of the spring session and are primarily focused on TRS; districts considering adding Tier 2 language to collective bargaining agreements should consider including a reopener. The EBF Comparable Wage study will be conducted by the University of Illinois. Current legislative priorities include the proposed world language mandate, which would require more than 600 additional teachers statewide and may affect staffing, budgets, and scheduling, with exemptions being explored. Other priorities include seeking an extension and potential permanency of interfund transfer authority, extending the 120-day substitute allowance, and evaluating the potential extension of the TRS AAI, which may be challenging due to bonding requirements. Looking ahead to the FY27 budget, there is a push for increased MCAT funding and continued cost pressure stemming from private facility contracted services in special education, with appropriations only now returning to FY17 levels.*

C. Report from the Executive Director (Monn)

*Executive Director, Kris Monn provided report under the President Update.*

1. The future DAA

*structure.*

*Monn will distribute an email regarding a task force to review DAA purpose and*

2. Vision 2030 [link to Website](#)

*Vision 2030 materials are posted on the IASBO website.*

3. [How to File a Witness Slip](#)

*Further guidance on this process will be provided to IASBO.*

**IV. Open Dialog**

A. Statutes

B. Regulations

C. Legislative Issues

D. Concerns

**NEW:**

1. [ComEd/Solar Fees](#)

*Chapman, Romano, and Singh reported that ComEd is charging significantly higher interconnection fees for school district solar projects, with several suburban districts experiencing increases in the six-figure range and delays in energizing completed solar installations. Emily presented an omnibus bill focused on Solar Legislative Improvements and will send the draft to the group for review and possible revisions. During the discussion, Abe requested prioritization of schools and other governmental entities in solar project processing, and Seth recommended strengthening language to improve transparency and predictability of interconnection fees.*

2. [Tax Exempt Parcels for Veterans](#) (Wisniewski) Over the past six years, the number of tax-exempt parcels for disabled veterans in our district has more than doubled, significantly reducing the amount of taxable property. Although the state initially established a three-year pilot program to offset these losses, funding was discontinued after the first year, resulting in a substantial financial shortfall for the district. DAA will continue to MONITOR

**From April:**

1. [FOIA Requests](#) (Campbell) – DAA will continue to MONITOR

2. [IMRF Treatment of Sick Days](#) (Smith) [IMRF Authorized Agent Manual](#)

*Brittany Tjardes reported she would be reaching out to Angela Smith for further information on the concern related to treatment of sick days. Then, work with IMRF for further clarification of the policy related to sick days for school district employees.*

**Previous Meeting Updates**

1. [Bidding Laws](#) - (Bein/Saindon/Mitchell) DAA will continue to MONITOR

2. Migrants and Refugees

Mark Bertolozzi provided an update on as related to enrollment in his district.

DAA will continue to MONITOR

**VI. DAA Resources**

A. ISBE Board Packet – [09/17/2025](#)

B. [Illinois ASBO Position Statements](#)

C. Upcoming Illinois ASBO Legislative Professional Development:  
[IL ASBO Event Calendar](#) All upcoming events

**VII. Member Communication Points**

**VIII. Future Meeting Dates – All Meetings Virtual**

Future Meeting Calendar (Monn)

**Tuesday**, February 10, 2026

**Tuesday**, April 21, 2026

**VIV. Adjournment – 11:09 am**