



MEETING AGENDA

*Thursday, June 6, 2024 ~ 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
In person 555 W. Monroe, 7th Fl. & Online ([Via WebEx link](#))*

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Approval of Minutes from April 4, 2024 meeting**
- IV. **Co-Chairs Remarks**
 - ❖ Director James L. Bennett, IDHR
 - ❖ Rahnee Patrick, Director, DRS (on behalf of Steven Dennis, Disability Accessibility Program Manager, Designee for Secretary Dulce Quintero, IDHS)
- V. **Guest Speakers:**
 - ❖ Katie Hench, Co-founder & CEO, InfiniTeach; and
 - ❖ Aliya Rich, Content Developer & Project Manager, InfiniTeach

Topic: Neurodiversity
- VI. **New Business**
 - a. **Subcommittee Reports**
 - Goal 1 ~ Chair, Betsy Buttell
 - Goal 2 ~ Chair, Stephanie Kanter
 - Goal 3 ~ Chair, Bill Bogdan
- VII. **Old Business**
 - b. **Committee Updates**
 - I. **Nomination Committee**
 - Three vacancies for State of Illinois Employees w/Disabilities
- VIII. **Public Comments**
- IX. **Meetings for 2024 ~ 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**
 - February 8, 2024
 - April 4, 2024
 - June 6, 2024
 - August 1, 2024**
 - October 3, 2024 (Annual Celebration Event – Chicago * 12:00pm – 1:00pm)
 - December 4, 2024

X. Adjournment

The purpose and function of the Committee are:

- 1) To provide a forum where problems of general concern to State employees with disabilities can be raised and methods of their resolution can be suggested to the appropriate State agencies.
- 2) To provide a clearing house of information for State employees with disabilities by working with those agencies to develop and retain such information.
- 3) To promote affirmative action efforts pertaining to the employment of persons with disabilities by State agencies.
- 4) To recommend, where appropriate, means of strengthening the affirmative action programs of employees with disabilities in State agencies.

The Committee shall annually make a complete report to the General Assembly on the Committee's achievements and accomplishments. Such report may also include an evaluation by the Committee of the effectiveness of the hiring and advancement of practices in State government.