



MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, August 1, 2024 ~ 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
In person 555 W. Monroe, 7th Fl. & Online (see WebEx link)

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Approval of Minutes from June 6, 2024**
- IV. **Co-Chairs Remarks**
 - ❖ Director James L. Bennett, IDHR
 - ❖ Steven Dennis, Disability Accessibility Program Manager (*Designee for Secretary Dulce Quintero, IDHS*)
- V. **Guest Speakers:**
 - ❖ Benro Ogunyipe, Director, Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission
- VI. **New Business**
 - a. **Subcommittee Reports**
 - Goal 1 ~ Chair, Betsy Buttell
 - Goal 2 ~ Chair, Stephanie Kanter
 - Goal 3 ~ Chair, Bill Bogdan
- VII. **ICED Annual Celebration Event**
 - ❖ **October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month**
2024 Theme: Access to Good Jobs for All
- VIII. **Old Business**
 - b. **Committee Updates**
 - I. **Nomination Committee**
 - Four vacancies for State of Illinois Employees w/Disabilities
(*Lori Clappitt, ISBE, Retired for State effective 7-31-24*)
- IX. **Public Comments**
- X. **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
- XI. **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.