



MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, February 6, 2025, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

In person: 555 W. Monroe St, Ste 700, Chicago, IL 60661

Online: [Access Event Details and Webex Meeting Link](#)

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Approval of Minutes from December 5, 2024**
- IV. **Co-Chairs Remarks**
 - ❖ Director James L. Bennett, IDHR
 - Dignity in Pay Act Bill Signing Ceremony
 - ❖ Steven Dennis, Disability Accessibility Program Manager (*Designee for Secretary Dulce Quintero, IDHS*)
- V. **Guest Speaker:**
 - ❖ **Rahnee Patrick, Director, Illinois Department Human Services, Rehabilitative Services**
- VI. **New Business**
 - a. Subcommittee Reports
 - i. Goal 1 ~ Chair, Stephanie Kanter
 - ii. Goal 2 ~ Chair, Bill Bogdan & Steven Dennis
 - b. Approval of meeting schedule for 2025
- VII. **Old Business**
 - a. Committee Updates
 - i. Nomination Committee: Four vacancies for State of Illinois Employees w/Disabilities
- VIII. **Public Comments**
- IX. Meeting schedule for 2025 ~ 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**
 - February 6, 2025
 - April 3, 2025
 - June 5, 2025
 - August 7, 2025
 - October 9, 2025 (Annual Celebration Event – Springfield * 12:00pm – 1:00pm)
 - December 4, 2025
- 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.