



MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, May 29, 2025, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

In person 555 W. Monroe, 7th Fl. & Online ([Access meeting link and details here.](#))

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Approval of Minutes from December 5, 2024, and February 6, 2025**
- IV. **Co-Chairs Remarks**
 - ❖ Director James L. Bennett, IDHR
 - ❖ Steven Dennis, Disability Accessibility Program Manager (*Designee for Secretary Dulce Quintero, IDHS*)
- V. **Guest Speaker: Paula A. Basta, Director Strategic Initiatives and Program Development, Illinois Assistive Technology Program**
- VI. **New Business**
 - a. Federal Government Updates
 - b. Subcommittee Reports
 - i. Goal 1 ~ Chair, Stephanie Kanter and Donna Hardy
 - ii. Goal 2 ~ Chair, Bill Bogdan & Steven Dennis
- 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
May 29, 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.