



MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, April 2, 2026, 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 February 5, 2026, Minutes**
- IV. Co-Chairs Remarks**
 - ❖ Director James L. Bennett, IDHR
 - ❖ Steven Dennis, Disability Accessibility Program Manager (*Designee for Secretary Dulce Quintero, IDHS*)
- V. Guest Speaker: Mike Scott, Chief Information Accessibility Officer, DoIT Office of Information Accessibility**
- VI. New Business**
 - a. Federal Government Updates
 - b. Welcome three new members!!! We are fully staffed!
 - ❖ Candace Rudd, HR & Recruitment Specialist, Veterans Affairs
 - ❖ Michael Keeney, Principal Consultant-Low Incident Disabilities, ISBE
 - ❖ Chris Reel, Director of Public Affairs, IDHR
 - c. Name Change
 - d. Transition
 - e. 2026 Goals - Committee Formation
- VII. Public Comments**
- VIII. Meeting schedule for 2026 ~ 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**
 - February 5, 2026
 - April 2, 2026
 - **June 11, 2026**
 - August 20, 2026
 - October 8, 2026 (Annual Celebration Event – Chicago * 12:00pm – 1:00pm)
 - December 3, 2026
- IX. 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.