
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Friday, March 28, 2025 11:35 am – 12:00 pm

Chicago: Bilandic Building, 160 N. LaSalle, 5th floor, Room N-502
Springfield: 830 S. Spring Street, ICDD Conference Room

Commissioners Present

Garvin G. Ambrose	Ava George-Stewart, Esq.	Mary Kennelly
Paula A. Basta, M.Div	Mariel Hamer-Sinclair	
Representative William Davis		

Commissioners Absent

Donald J. Dew, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	Representative Bob Morgan
Kathryn E. Eisenhart, Esq.	

Executive Staff Present

Dr. Mary L. Milano, Esq.	Executive Director
Teresa Parks	Deputy Director and Director, Human Rights Authority
Anthony E. Rothert, Esq.	General Counsel
Eric Bolinger	Chief Fiscal and Financial Officer
Angela Herron	Director, Human Resources
Danielle Welliever	Director, Policy and Training
Veronique Baker, Esq.	Director, Legal Advocacy Services
Barry Lowy, Esq.	Director, Office of State Guardian
Adrian Pollock	Private Secretary to the Director / Springfield
Atul Chokshi	Private Secretary to the Director / Chicago
Florence Martin	Confidential Assistant to the Director

The meeting was called to order by proxy Chair Basta. Roll was taken, and a quorum was present at 11:35 AM.

ACTION ITEM

- **Election of Chairperson to fill vacancy created by resignation of Sonni Choi Williams**
 - Motion was made by Commissioner Ambrose, and 2nd by Commissioner Basta to elect Vice Chair Donald J. Dew as interim chair of the Commission through the end of the fiscal year. Motion passed, and the election was approved.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Kennelly and 2nd by Commissioner George-Stewart. Motion passed and the meeting ended at 12:00 pm.

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