

HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
SPRINGFIELD REGION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 25, 2025
Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission
830 S. Spring St., Springfield, Illinois

PRESENT: James Bakunas, Abdush Shakoor, Jimmie Miller, Karen Osgood, Diana Braun, and Lisa Beam.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Madison Udy

STAFF: Jon Burnet and Gene Seaman Guests: John Whitcomb, Monahan Law

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Human Rights Authority, Springfield Region was called to order at 5:49 p.m. by the Springfield Region Chair James Bakunas. Introductions were made.

It was determined that a quorum was present and that business could be conducted. Jon read the confidentiality statement.

Minutes: Jimmie moved to approve the October 28, 2025 open and closed session minutes with a time correction noted. Lisa seconded and the motion carried.

The guest, present for case 25-050-9009 left the meeting due to technical difficulties. The HRA chose not to move into Closed Session for time purposes as no confidential information was to be disclosed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratifications for case acceptance:

Ratification for case non-acceptance:

Ratifications for report acceptance/issuance:

Ratifications for response acceptance, case closure and publications:

New complaints:

26-050-9004 Gene explained the complaint where a school has called the police on a special education student instead of following the student's IEP/behavior plan to engage the parent. It is also reported that restraints are being used inappropriately. Lisa moved to accept the complaint for investigation. Shakoor seconded and the motion carried.

Reports for acceptance:

25-050-9006 (Developmental Foundations, Inc) The HRA briefly discussed the contents and findings of the case and were satisfied; there were no changes. Jimmie moved to accept the report and issue. Karen seconded and the motion carried.