

HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
SPRINGFIELD REGION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 30, 2025
Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission
830 S. Spring St., Springfield, Illinois

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

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Madison Udy

STAFF: Jon Burnet

Guests:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Human Rights Authority, Springfield Region was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by the Springfield Region Chair James Bakunas.

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 January 28, 2025 open and closed session minutes. Shakoor seconded and the motion carried. Jimmie moved to approve the February 25, March 25, May 27, June 24 and July 29, 2025 open session minutes. Shakoor seconded and the motion carried.

Communications:

Jon reminded the members to complete their annual trainings.

Jon presented questions on the HRA's preference for remote meetings participation.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratifications for case acceptance:

Karen moved to ratify each previous acceptance of the following cases. Shakoor seconded and the motion carried:

25-050-9006
25-050-9008
25-050-9009
25-050-9010
25-050-9010

Jimmie moved to ratify each previous non acceptance of the following cases. Karen seconded and the motion carried:

25-050-9007
25-050-9011

Jimmie moved to ratify each previous acceptance/issuance of the following reports. Shakoor seconded and the motion carried:

24-050-9010
24-050-9011
24-050-9012
25-050-9002
25-050-9004
25-050-9010

Karen moved to ratify each previous closure and publication of the following cases. Shakoor seconded and the motion carried.

24-050-9010
24-050-9011
24-050-9012
25-050-9002
25-050-9004

New complaints:

26-050-9001 A guardian of an adult CILA resident states the resident was left without a phone in the house for a month, and he had a medical emergency in which case he was not able to call for help. A staff member was able to use their phone to call 911 however. The complainant has not returned a release and has not responded to follow ups. Karen moved to not accept the complaint for investigation. Shakoor seconded and the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jimmie made a motion to enter Executive Session at 5:55 p.m. pursuant to Section 120/2 (c) (4) and (10) of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 20) to discuss preliminary case activities. Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act (20 ILCS 3955) allows for closed session discussion to protect the confidentiality of eligible persons and Section 110/5 of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act (740 ILCS 110) further protects the confidentiality of persons receiving mental health and developmental disability services; the motion was seconded by Diana and carried as follows: James – aye; Karen – aye; Shakoor – aye. The purpose of the closed session was to discuss preliminary and confidential aspects of cases. The HRA returned to open session at 6:15 p.m. having taken no action in closed session. Executive minutes were recorded. A summary of the closed session includes: updates for scheduling visits for 25-9006; 9008 and 9009, and discussion of draft report #25-050-9005.

Closed session case progress:

25-050-9006 Karen will let Jon know of her availability to hold virtual interviews.
25-050-9008 Jon will get a packet to Shakoor.
25-050-9009 Maddie and Jon have a visit scheduled for Oct. 9

Reports for acceptance:

25-050-9005 (Packard MHC) The HRA discussed the contents and findings of the case in closed session and were satisfied; there were no changes. Jimmie moved to accept the report and issue. Shakoor seconded and the motion carried.

Accept responses, close and publish:

25-050-9010 (Packard MHC) A response was not required, none received. Shakoor moved to close and publish the case. Jimmie seconded and the motion carried.

Other unfinished business, announcements and comments:

Jon is retiring at the end of the year.

The next meeting is on October 28, 2025.

Adjournment:

Diana moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. Jimmie seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Osgood, Secretary