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MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2026

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Joint Committee on Administrative Rules met on Friday, January 9, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. in Room C-600 of the Bilandic Building, Chicago. Co-Chair Cunningham called the meeting to order and announced that the policy of the Committee is to allow only representatives of State agencies to testify orally on any rule under consideration at Committee meetings. Other persons are encouraged to submit their comments to the JCAR office in writing.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

X Senator Cristina Castro	X Representative Eva-Dina Delgado
X Senator Bill Cunningham	X Representative Jackie Haas
Senator Donald DeWitte	X Representative Steven Reick
X Senator Dale Fowler	X Representative Ryan Spain
Senator Napoleon Harris, III	Representative Curtis J. Tarver, II
X Senator Sally Turner	X Representative Dave Vella

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 17, 2025 MEETING

Sen. Turner moved, seconded by Rep. Haas, that the minutes of the December 17, 2025 meeting be approved. The motion passed unanimously (9-0-0).

AGENCY RESPONSES

*Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security - Political Subdivision
Emergency Services and Disaster Agencies (29 Ill. Adm. Code 301; 49 Ill. Reg. 16092)*

Louise Conway represented IEMA-OHS.

Discussion.

Failure to remedy.

REVIEW OF AGENCY RULEMAKINGS

Department of Corrections – Rights and Privileges (20 Ill. Adm. Code 525; 49 Ill. Reg. 12567)

Director Latoya Hughes, Michael Crum, Robert Steele, Andy Spiller, and Kimberly Smith represented DOC.

Discussion.

Elevator Safety Review Board – Illinois Elevator Safety Rules (41 Ill. Adm. Code 1000; 49 Ill. Reg. 3711)

Sen. Castro moved, seconded by Rep. Delgado, object to this rulemaking because the Board did not consider the economic and budgetary effects of the proposed rulemaking upon those regulated by these changes, other State agencies, and State revenue in general as required by 1 Ill. Adm. Code 220.900(a)(2)(B) and (D). Additionally, JCAR object to this rulemaking because the Board has not been responsive to public comments during the second notice period and encourages the Board to reevaluate its processes and procedures so that it can respond to public comment and JCAR concerns in a timely manner. The Board has indicated its intent to withdraw the rulemaking in response to this objection. The motion passed unanimously (9-0-0).

Illinois Community College Board – High School Equivalency Testing Program (23 Ill. Adm. Code 1507; 49 Ill. Reg. 7411)

Rep. Vella moved, seconded by Rep. Reick, with the concurrence of the Illinois Community College Board, to extend this rulemaking for an additional 45 days. The motion passed unanimously (9-0-0).

Department of Healthcare and Family Services – Reimbursement For Nursing Cost For Geriatric Facilities (89 Ill. Adm. Code 147; 49 Ill. Reg. 2835)

Rep. Haas moved, seconded by Sen. Fowler, with the concurrence of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, to extend this rulemaking for an additional 45 days. The motion passed unanimously (9-0-0).

Chief Procurement Officer for General Services – Chief Procurement Officer for General Services Standard Procurement (44 Ill. Adm. Code 1; 49 Ill. Reg. 6643)

Rep. Haas moved, seconded by Sen. Fowler, that JCAR recommend the Chief Procurement Officer place in administrative rule the supporting documentation that is required to demonstrate a bidder is an Illinois business and eligible for a bid preference of 4% under Section 45-105 of the Illinois Procurement Code [30 ILCS 500]. The motion passed unanimously (9-0-0).

State Police Merit Board – Procedures of the Department of State Police Merit Board (80 Ill. Adm. Code 150; 49 Ill. Reg. 11623)

Director Emily Fox and Daniel Dykstra represented SPMB.

Discussion.

Rep. Reick moved, seconded by Rep. Delgado, that JCAR object to this rulemaking because the

Board has not been able to fully consider and respond to late public comment concerning the rulemaking as required by 1 Ill. Adm. Code 220.900(a)(3)(E). The motion passed unanimously (9-0-0).

CERTIFICATION OF NO OBJECTION

Co-Chair Cunningham announced that the Department of Corrections' emergency rulemaking titled Rights and Privileges (20 Ill. Adm. Code 525; 49 Ill. Reg. 10945).

Sen. Castro moved, seconded by Sen. Fowler, that the Committee inform the agencies to whose rulemakings the Committee has not voted an Objection or Extension, or did not remove from the No Objection List, that the Committee considered their respective rulemakings at the monthly meeting and, based upon the Agreements for modification of the rulemaking made by the agency, no Objections will be issued. The motion passed unanimously (9-0-0).

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Co-Chair Cunningham announced that the next JCAR meeting will be Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. in Hearing Room C-1 of the Stratton Building, Springfield.

ADJOURNMENT

Rep. Vella moved, seconded by Co-Chair Spain, that the meeting stand adjourned. The motion passed unanimously (9-0-0).

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