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MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2026

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Joint Committee on Administrative Rules met on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. in Room C-1 of the Stratton Building, Springfield. Co-Chair Spain 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

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 24, 2026 MEETING

Rep. Reick moved, seconded by Sen. Castro, that the minutes of the March 24, 2026 meeting be approved. The motion passed unanimously (10-0-0).

REVIEW OF AGENCY RULEMAKINGS

Department of Natural Resources – Commercial Fishing and Musseling in Certain Waters of the State (17 Ill. Adm. Code 830; 49 Ill. Reg. 14164)

Rep. Delgado moved, seconded by Sen. DeWitte, with the concurrence of the Department of Natural Resources, to extend this rulemaking for an additional 45 days. The motion passed unanimously (10-0-0).

Secretary of State – Public Use of the Capitol Complex and Springfield Facilities (71 Ill. Adm. Code 2005; 49 Ill. Reg. 15062)

Sen. Harris moved, seconded by Rep. Vella, that JCAR object to this rulemaking because 1 Ill.

Adm. Code 220.900(a)(2)(E) requires that the language of rules be simple and clear in order for the rules to be understood by the persons and groups it will affect. This rulemaking contains conflicting provisions that would confuse those impacted by the rulemaking. The Secretary of State has indicated its desire to withdraw this rulemaking in response to this Objection. The motion passed unanimously (10-0-0).

Department of Children Family and Services – Background Checks (89 Ill. Adm. Code 385; 49 Ill. Reg. 5510)

Representatives from DCFS and the Department of Early Childhood (IDEC) spoke about plans to transfer administrative rules, including portions of this rulemaking.

Heather Ast, Anika Todd, and Patricia Stokes represented DCFS. Jennifer Cohen-Deihl and Ravinder Sahdia represented IDEC.

Discussion.

Department of Healthcare and Family Services – Hospital Services (89 Ill. Adm. Code 148; 50 Ill. Reg. 584)

Sen. Turner moved, seconded by Rep. Delgado, that JCAR recommend that the Department be more timely in implementing Public Acts in rule. Public Act 103-102, which established this program, required HFS to adopt rules for the program no later than October 1, 2023. The motion passed unanimously (10-0-0).

Department of Agriculture – Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act (8 Ill. Adm. Code 1300; 49 Ill. Reg. 12208)

David Lakeman and Sam McGee represented DOA.

Discussion.

OTHER ISSUES

Department of Corrections

Mike Crum and Kimberly Smith represented DOC.

Follow-up discussion on mail scanning.

CERTIFICATION OF NO OBJECTION

Co-Chair Spain announced that no action will be taken on the Illinois Student Assistance Commission rulemaking titled Human Services Professional Loan Repayment Program (23 Ill. Adm. Code 2752; 49 Ill. Reg. 12883).

Rep. Haas moved, seconded by Sen. Castro, 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 (10-0-0).

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Co-Chair Cunningham announced that the next JCAR meeting will be Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. in Hearing Room C-1 of the Stratton Building, Springfield.

ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Cunningham moved, seconded by Rep. Reick, that the meeting stand adjourned. The motion passed unanimously (10-0-0).

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