Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity
JB Pritzker, Governor

Energy Workforce Advisory Committee Meeting
June 2, 2026
3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
Meeting Minutes

Location: Virtual WebEx Video Conference

Minutes:

I. Call to Order at 3:04 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Membership

Vernis Barrier-Likes: Yes
Jonathan Carson: Yes
Ramone Collins: Yes
Rep. Marcus Evans Jr.: No
Chynna Hampton: Yes
Jennifer Martin: No
Marlon McClinton: No
Angela Morrison: Yes
Scott Onque: Yes
William Ryan: Yes
Sen. Steve Stadelman: No
Aur Beck: No
Michael Boyd: Yes
Shaneal Clayborne: No
Rep. Eva-Dina Delgado: No
John Freitag: No
Alaina Harkness: Yes
Lesley McCain: No
Denise Moore: Yes (Late)
Amalia NietoGomez: Yes
John Pady: Yes
Lorenzo Savage Sr.: No
Darnell Tingle: No
Rep. Michael Coffey: No

III. Approval of April 7, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Approve the April 7, 2026 meeting minutes.

Outcome: Approval of April 7, 2026 minutes were tabled until the next meeting by council members.

Action Item: April 7, 2026 minutes were tabled until revisions are made for approval at next meeting.

IV. EWAC old business

Co-Chair Collins provided the following updates:

- Suggestions for speakers for future meetings
- Reports that will be written by council

Action Items	Responsible Party	Due
Work with council members on future speakers	DCEO Staff	On going
Check on data requested from Diana Fuller from previous meeting	DCEO Staff	Before next Council meeting

V. EWAC New Business

A. Sub-Committee breakout sessions

The focus of the subcommittee's breakout sessions was to discuss recommendations regarding the Power Act to prepare for the legislative veto session in the late summer early fall.

Council Discussion Summary

Members discussed:

- Cost burden of energy and water usage in communities and what do the jobs look like at the front and back end.
- Contractor support and community awareness/engagement opportunities.
- Lack of uniform statewide approach to data center development.
- Recommendations the Council should consider providing to the General Assembly.

Action Items	Responsible Party	Due
Members to discuss potential legislative recommendations	Council Members	Prior to next meeting

VI. EWAC Administrative Business

Kindy Kruller mentioned meeting with the Chair on suggestion for speakers and to review previous meeting minutes to ensure formatting needs are met.

Action Items	Responsible Party	Due
Meet with Chair to go over formatting for minutes and future speakers for meetings.	Council Members	Before next Council meeting
Reach out to IEPA	DCEO Staff	Before next Council meeting

VII. EWAC Member Comment Period

A. Legislative Updates

Council members discussed upcoming energy legislation, including the anticipated Power Act and emerging issues related to data centers.

Members emphasized:

- Developing timely recommendations for the General Assembly.
- The need to consider workforce impacts alongside energy and water policy.
- Aligning Council recommendations with the legislative calendar.
- Identify opportunities to support contractors within the clean energy ecosystem
- Address community outreach and engagement, particularly in underserved communities.

Action Items	Responsible Party	Due
Consider legislative recommendations related to workforce impacts of data center development	DCEO Staff	Future meeting
Reach out for suggested language for recommendations on water intensity	Chair Hampton	Future meeting

VIII. Audience Comment Period (required by OMA)

There were no audience comments at this time.

IX. Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn the meeting.
Moved by: Co-Chair Ramone Collins
Seconded by: Denise Moore
Result: Meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.
Outcome: Meeting was adjourned with there no being a voice vote for this motion.