



Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

JB Pritzker, Governor

Hydrogen Economy Task Force

March 10, 2026

8:30 am to 10:00 am

Minutes

Location: Virtual WebEx Video Conference

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Minutes:

I. Call to Order at 8:33 am.

II. Roll Call of Membership

Patrick Devaney: Yes

Sen. Laura Ellman: Yes

Kyle Freeman: Yes

Jim Hoyt: No

Dan LeFevers: No

Carly McCrory-McKay: No

Carrie Schoenberger: Yes

Sen. Sue Rezin: No

Doug Scott: Yes

Catherine Stashak: Yes

Dana Wynn-Stockert: Yes

Sarah Duffy: Yes

Patrick Evans: No

Rep. Bradley Fritts: Yes

Elizabeth Irvin: Yes

Dan McManus: Yes

Dulce Ortiz: No

Chad Parker: No

Laura Roche: Yes

Dr. Petros Sofronis: Yes

Dr. Michael Wang: Yes

III. Approval of January 13, 2026, Minutes

Doug Scott motioned to accept the minutes from January 13, 2026. Catherine Stashak second. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. Chair Report

Chair Ellman reported that the Summit has started being planned. Chair Ellman encouraged members to read the December [2025 Resource Adequacy Study](#) particularly the section on hydrogen. It has a discussion on low-carbon and green hydrogen and could be a good opportunity to bring in one or two of the authors to present at a future meeting. Is interested the assumptions and conditions of the role that hydrogen will play resources in the future.

V. Old Business

There was no old business to be shared at this time.

VI. Task Force Administrative Business

- Member opening

Aaron mentioned there is a member opening on the task force and will contact someone in the Speaker of the House and a state agency. He is aiming to have the new members seated at the next meeting in May.

Aaron also mentioned that he will be stepping down from this task force to focus on other tasks and that Kindy Kruller will be taking over the task force starting the May meeting. Kindy Kruller gave a brief introduction to the task force.

VII. Hydrogen Summit

- Discussion (All)

- The summit aims to determine the realistic role of hydrogen in Illinois' energy sector, identify successful and impactful hydrogen use, analyze the economics of hydrogen, and define policy options to support a hydrogen economy in Illinois. The summit will include talks, panels, and breakout discussions.
- Dana Wynn-Stockert emphasized the need to identify transferable competencies and hydrogen-specific credentials for community colleges to develop relevant education and training programs, including timelines for professional development for instructors.
- Dr. Michael Wang suggested to involve trade associations and organizations like UL for safety and training.
- Dr. Petros Sofronis confirmed the venue as the DPI that will host about 100 to 125 guests. There is full support from the College of Engineering, including experienced colleagues, to help organize conferences. He also suggested Dr. Sunita Satyapal as potential speaker and recommended consulting with Californian experts Katrina Frits and Bill Elrick for their experience in organizing similar summits.
- Bill Elrick of California said he we are on a good path with the areas trying to cover in summit. What are the first projects in Illinois to have success? What are the current production or regional production facilities are in Illinois to know what the starting base is and where the fuel is coming from? Worry less about cost although it is important. Instead focus on where do you have the

current fuel opportunities? What are the year term projects that are getting things going? What are the longer-term real opportunities?

- Wang said that we want realistic numbers for green and blue hydrogen especially with those with specific applications.

VIII. Task Force Members information share

No information was shared by Task Force members at this time.

IX. Audience Comment Period

There were no audience comments at this time.

X. Adjournment

The adjournment of the meeting was motioned by Sarah Duffy. Second by Dr. Petros Sofronis at 9:02 am. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Upcoming meetings:

- May 12, 2026, at 8:30 am
- July 14, 2026, at 8:30 am
- September 8, 2026, at 8:30 am
- October 6, 2026, at 8:30 am
- November 10, 2026, at 8:30 am