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INTERNAL AUDIT ADVISORY BOARD

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MINUTES

SIAAB Illinois Government Auditing Conference on October 21-22, 2025

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Chair: Nikki Lanier, Department of Revenue
Jen Boen, Office of the Treasurer
Ken Hovey, Office of the Comptroller
Steve Kirk, Illinois Department of Transportation
Amy Macklin, Department of Human Services
Stell Mallios, Office of the Secretary of State
Leighann Manning, Department of Public Health
Dawn Meier, Department of Central Management Services (Proxy for Butch Stilwell)
Jay Wagner, Office of the Attorney General
Julie Zemaitis, University of Illinois

Members Absent:

Vice Chair: Butch Stilwell, Central Management Services (Dawn Meier served as proxy)
Jackie Hohn, State Universities Retirement System

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The SIAAB Illinois Government Auditing Conference was held on October 21-22, 2025 at the Northfield Center in Springfield, IL. The Conference was scheduled, in accordance with the Fiscal Control and Internal Auditing Act requirements, to provide internal audit training only and accordingly, there were no Board actions taken, nor were there any motions taken or voted upon during the training event. 195 people attended at least one day of the Conference, including 182 attendees and 13 speakers.

OCTOBER 21, 2025

The Conference began at 8:30 am. Opening remarks were made at 8:30 am by Nikki Lanier, SIAAB Chair and Jay Wagner, Conference Coordinator. The following presentations were made:

- State of Illinois Executive Ethics Commission (EEC) Update by Nathan Rice, Executive Director of the EEC
- Navigating Public Sector Cybersecurity by Peter Tsengas of Baker Tilly

- Incident Response Planning by Jason Bowen, Statewide Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) and Ryan Lewis, Deputy CISO, of the Department of Innovation & Technology
- Americans with Disabilities Act: Reasonable Accommodations by Robin Jones, Director of the Great Lakes ADA Center
- Professional Ethics in an AI World by Stephen W. Minder, Chief Executive Officer of the YCN Group
- Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) in Government and Small Departments by Shaun Farmer, Chief Internal Auditor Illinois of the Toll Highway Authority and Norris James, Corporate Governance Advisor at Baker Tilly

The first day of the Conference adjourned at 4:30 pm.

OCTOBER 22, 2025

The Conference began at 8:30 am. Opening remarks were made at 8:30 am by Jay Wagner, Conference Coordinator. The following presentations were made:

- Legislative Audit Commission (LAC) Update by Jaimee Ray, LAC Director
- Navigating Excel by “MrExcel” Bill Jelen
- Red Collar Crime by Frank Perri, Author and Forensic Accountant
- Closing Keynote, Predatory Offenders by Frank Perri, Author and Forensic Accountant

The second and final day of the Conference adjourned at 4:30 pm.

No decisions were made and no votes were conducted.