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Christopher B. Meister became Auditor General of the State of Illinois on May 1, 2026. Prior to his appointment as Auditor General, he served as Executive Director of the Illinois Finance Authority (IFA) since 2009, and as General Counsel between 2007 and 2009. Prior to joining IFA, he was Director of Legislative Affairs and Associate General Counsel for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. He also previously clerked for Illinois Supreme Court Justice Mary Ann McMorrow. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois College of Law and DePaul University's College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences.

Courtney Dzierwa, CPA, CIA, CISA became Deputy Auditor General for the State of Illinois on May 5, 2026, having previously served as Director of Financial & Compliance Audits and Statewide Single Audit Manager. Courtney started with the Office in 2003 as an Auditor I and has promoted to progressively more challenging positions during her tenure with the Office. Courtney holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Illinois College and a master's degree in accountancy with a specialization in data analytics and data visualization from Northern Kentucky University.