

**Illinois Economic Recovery Commission  
Innovation Committee**

**Minutes  
November 10, 2009**

The Committee convened at 3 p.m., at the Thompson Center. Committee members present were: Sona Wang (Chair), Ellen Carnahan, Hedy Ratner, George Burciaga and Lee Shapiro (by phone). Others present were Alex Rorke (Commission Co-Chair), Greg Wass (State of Illinois), Jennifer Weisensee (State of Illinois), Tom Jacks (NWU) Mike Johnson (ESC – by phone) and Irving Miller (ESC).

The minutes of November 2, 2009 were approved as written.

Irving Miller read the draft mission statement for the Committee. After some discussion, it was agreed that he would redraft the statement for consideration at the next meeting.

Tom Jacks discussed highlights of his research findings to date, relating to the best practices of other states, both in the Midwest and elsewhere.

A discussion ensued relating to the activities of Illinois-based organizations and associations relating to economic growth. It was agreed that Committee members would survey such organizations and associations, so that the Committee does not duplicate what has already been done.

Ellen Carnahan reported on the activities of the Illinois Venture Capital Association, as they relate to the work of the Committee.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, November 16, at 1 p.m., at the Thompson Center.

The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

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