

**Illinois Economic Recovery Commission  
Innovation Committee**

**Minutes  
November 16, 2009**

The Committee convened at 1 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), Jennifer Weisensee (State of Illinois), Tom Jacks (NWU) John Brodson (ESC – by phone) and Irving Miller (ESC).

The minutes of November 10, 2009 were approved as written.

Irving Miller read the redrafted mission statement for the Committee. After some discussion, the statement was approved with a few amendments.

The Committee discussed the results obtained so far of the survey of Illinois-based organizations and associations relating to economic growth. Seven summaries were distributed, and it is expected that several more will be available in a few days. Representatives of several of the surveyed organizations and associations will be invited to meet with the Committee at its next meeting, on November 30, 2009.

Ellen Carnahan volunteered to consolidate the key points of the surveys in a grid format.

The Committee discussed next steps.

The next meeting of the Committee will be on Monday, November 30, at the Thompson Center. The time is tentatively set for 1 p.m., depending on the schedules of the invitees.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.