

ILLINOIS ECONOMIC RECOVERY COMMISSION

Commission Meeting January 12, 2010

Attendees:

Commission Members – 20 in person, 2 in Springfield, 4 by telephone

State - Greg Wass, Jen Weisensee

ESC – 9 consultants

Students – 6

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM by Alex Rorke. He made some introductory remarks, thanking the participants and the State staff for its help. The purpose of the meeting is to share preliminary recommendations among the members of the Commission, to identify areas of overlap, and to find areas of common interest among the committees.

Following was a series of reports from each of six committees.

Education Committee – Judith Gethner

Global Markets – Charles Bernardini

Government – Ken Robbins

Infrastructure – Scott Bernstein

Innovation – Sona Wang

Sustainability – Zach Hoffman

One additional report was presented by Hedy Ratner in response to the Innovation Committee report.

Some discussion followed each report. Areas of overlap or offers of cooperation were major topics of these discussions.

Following the reports, Alex Rorke suggested that the Commission Members digest the reports and think about how to move toward a final report. There are several topic areas that need further research, and some recommendations that should be melded between multiple committees. The final report is due by March 31st.

Greg Wass said that he was impressed and encouraged by the preliminary recommendations. He asked that the committees further refine how much each recommendation will cost, and who in government should be responsible for making these changes happen.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.