



CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD

LABOR COMMITTEE

County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois

Tuesday, September 1, 2026 – 4:30 p.m.

Jennifer Putman Meeting Room

Bennett Administrative Center

102 E Main Street, Urbana, IL 61801

Committee Members:

Aaron Esry

John Farney – Vice Chair

Stephanie Fortado

Emily Rodriguez – Chair

Daniel Wiggs

Agenda Items

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Agenda

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. March 18, 2026

V. Public Input

VI. Closed Session Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)2 to Consider Collective Negotiating Matters Between the County and its Employees or their Representatives

VII. Other Business

A. Approval of Closed Session Minutes

1. March 18, 2026

VIII. Adjournment

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10 **OPEN MINUTES** – Approved as Distributed on March 18, 2026

11 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Aaron Esry, John Farney (Vice Chair), and Emily Rodriguez (Chair)

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13 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Stephanie Fortado and Daniel Wiggs

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15 **COUNTY STAFF:** Steve Summers (County Executive), Michelle Jett (Director of
16 Administration), Travis Woodcock (Budget Director), Andrew
17 Bequette (Assistant State's Attorney), Dustin Heuerman (Sheriff),
18 Shannon Barrett (Chief Deputy Sheriff), Liz Pollock (Public
19 Defender), and Megan Robison (Recording Secretary)

20 **Agenda Items**

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22 **I. Call to Order**

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24 Chair Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

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26 **II. Roll Call**

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28 A verbal roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

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30 **III. Approval of Agenda**

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32 **MOTION** by Mr. Farney to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Esry. Upon vote, the
33 **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

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35 **IV. Approval of Minutes**

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A. December 22, 2025 – Regular Meeting

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B. January 29, 2026 – Joint Labor & Litigation Meeting

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39 **OMNIBUS MOTION** by Mr. Farney to approve the minutes of December 22, 2025 and
40 January 29, 2026; seconded by Mr. Esry. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**
41 unanimously.

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43 **V. Public Input**

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45 None

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47 **VI. FAIR ACT – Funded Advocacy & Independent Representation Act**

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49 Ms. Pollock explained that the FAIR Act creates the Office of State Public Defender. The
50 new office will now have hiring/firing power for all public defenders in Illinois, and she
51 will no longer report to the Chief Judge. They discussed how this would affect the
52 County and what changes they will need to discuss/make. This act goes into effect on
53 January 1, 2027.

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55 Ms. Jett entered the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

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57 **VII. Closed Session Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)2 to Consider Collective Negotiating Matters**
58 **Between the County and its Employees or their Representatives**

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60 **MOTION** by Mr. Farney to enter into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c) 2 to
61 consider collective negotiating matters between Champaign County and its employees
62 or their representatives. He further moved that the following individuals remain
63 present; County Executive, Director of Administration, Budget Director, Assistant State's
64 Attorneys, Sheriff, Chief Deputy Sheriff and recording secretary; seconded by Mr. Esry.
65 Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

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67 The committee entered into closed session at 4:40 p.m.

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69 The committee resumed open session at 4:50 p.m.

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71 **VIII. Other Business**

72 A. Approval of Closed Session Minutes

- 73 1. December 22, 2025
74 2. January 29, 2026

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76 **OMNIBUS MOTION** by Mr. Farney to approve the closed session minutes of December
77 22, 2025 and January 29, 2026; seconded by Mr. Esry. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**
78 unanimously.

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80 **IX. Adjournment**

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82 Chair Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

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