



**IIN Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 22, 2022 1:00 – 2:30 PM**  
**Meeting at Humanities Room, iHotel and via Zoom**  
**University of Illinois Research Park**  
**1900 South First Street**  
**Champaign, Illinois**

Enter the iHotel parking lot off St Mary's Road and park on the side closer to State Farm Center. Enter through the north door under the overhanging roof supported by a concrete wall. The Humanities Room will be to the right.

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| 1:00 – 1:05 PM | <b>Welcome and Introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jerry Blazey, IIN Council Chair</li><li>• Jay Walsh, Vice President for Economic Development &amp; Innovation, University of Illinois System</li></ul>  |
| 1:05 – 1:10 PM | <b>Host - University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Welcome</b> (Kim Kidwell)  |
| 1:10 – 1:30 PM | <b>Illinois Broadband Lab Presentation</b> (Matt Schmit, DCEO)   |
| 1:30 – 1:40 PM | <b>Digital Dashboard Discussion</b> (Jay Walsh & Kyle Harfst)  |
| 1:35 – 1:40 PM | <b>Approval of Cynthia Faullin as Entrepreneurship Working Committee Chair</b> (Kyle Harfst) - Action Item   |
| 1:40 – 1:45 PM | <b>Approval of Robert Patino as Corporate Engagement Working Committee Chair</b> (Jisu Hong) - Action Item   |
| 1:45 – 1:50 PM | <b>Approval of Sheila Quirk Bailey as Education &amp; Workforce Development Working Committee Co-Chair</b> (Jeannette Tamayo) - Action Item  |
| 1:50 – 1:55 PM | <b>Approval of May 26 Minutes</b> (Jerry Blazey) – Action Item   |
| 1:55 – 2:00 PM | <b>Public Comment</b> (Kyle Harfst)**  |
| 2:00 – 2:30 PM | <b>New Business</b> (Jerry Blazey & Jay Walsh) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AgTech Catalyzing a Circular Bio-economy in the Heartland (John Reid)</li><li>• Funding Opportunities</li><li>• Research Conference on Sustainability</li><li>• Sustaining Illinois Seed Grants</li></ul> |
| 2:30 PM        | <b>Adjourn</b> Next Meeting November 17 at Eastern Illinois University   |



## **\*Zoom Access**

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Please note that the starting times for agenda items are estimates only. If an agenda item ends earlier than expected, the next agenda item will convene immediately. Conversely, if an agenda item ends later than expected, the remaining agenda items may be abbreviated in length.

## **\*\*Public Comment**

Comments may be provided via chat or verbally at the meeting or, by September 21, 2022 at noon, by email to [vpedi@uillinois.edu](mailto:vpedi@uillinois.edu)

### **Cynthia Faullin Bio**

As Director of Innovation and Entrepreneurship at the University of Illinois Chicago, Cynthia Faullin oversees the Technology Innovation Lab, which provides laboratory and office space to early-stage UIC startups as well as programming and consulting for entrepreneurs who are commercializing research-based technologies.

Prior to joining UIC, Cynthia was the Associate Director of Entrepreneurship at EnterpriseWorks at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. There, she managed the needs of more than 60 technology-based startups. Her earlier work at UIUC focused on undergraduate academic affairs and later career services. Cynthia took a break from the public sector and spent 10 years in commercial real estate development where she was part of a team that specialized in mixed-use development. The opportunity to assist technical startups and affect the economic development of the State of Illinois drew her back to the University of Illinois.

Cynthia is a proud Canadian, and has bachelor's degrees in English literature and women's studies from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario.



### **Robert Patino Bio**

Robert Patino is the Director of Technology Management and Industry Relations at the Southern Illinois University System. In this capacity, he serves to effect the evaluation of technologies and discoveries for patentable subject matter and commercial potential by faculty, staff and students within the SIU System. He also dedicates his efforts to advancing those discoveries through the commercialization pipeline by partnering with 3<sup>rd</sup> party industry and research partners. These activities help bring novel products to market for the benefit of society while building relationships with industry to promote economic growth and increasing private investments into research. Mr. Patino works to help secure state and federal economic development grants and strives to develop strategic regional and international partnerships to support research, startup company formation and educational opportunities.

Robert has a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Iowa and a Juris Doctorate from DePaul University.

### **Sheila Quirk-Bailey Bio**

Dr. Sheila Quirk-Bailey joined Illinois Central College in July 2016. She brings more than 26 years of community college experience to her role as the fifth president of ICC. Dr. Quirk-Bailey is passionate about engaging the community, aligning programs and services and realizing high levels of outcomes for our students, their families, the workforce and our region. Her particular interest is in working with high schools and businesses to increase college and workforce readiness, as well as expanding the workforce by credentialing adults in areas of regional workforce gaps.

She currently co-chairs the Regional Workforce Alliance, a collective impact organization comprised of business and community leaders, that provides regional focus for developing the workforce utilizing a three-pronged approach. The Alliance addresses the Emerging Workforce (K- 16), Upskilling Workforce (adults with job experience but no post-secondary credential) and Multiple Barriers (adults with multiple barriers to earning a living wage).

Dr. Quirk-Bailey holds a doctorate in management in community college policy and administration from the University of Maryland, a master's degree in communications from Northern Illinois University, and a bachelor of science degree in speech communication from Bradley University.