



IIN Council Meeting
Virtual Zoom Meeting
Thursday, January 22, 2026 – 1:00 PM– 2:30 PM

AGENDA

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| I. | 1:00 – 1:05 PM | Call to Order & Roll Call
(Chris Merrett; Laretta Henderson) |
| II. | 1:05 – 1:07 PM | Welcome & Opening Remarks
(Chris Merrett) |
| III. | 1:07 – 1:10 PM | Consent Agenda – (ACTION ITEM)
(Chris Merrett) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes of November 6, 2025, Council Meeting |
| IV. | 1:10 – 1:25 PM | Presentation by the Illinois Community College Board
(Brian Durham, Executive Director) |
| V. | 1:25 – 1:35 PM | Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs Update and Annual Rural Community and Economic Development Conference: <i>Building Healthy Communities from Within</i>
(Chris Merrett) |
| VI. | 1:35 – 1:40 PM | Americas Competitiveness Exchange – Cordoba Argentina Update –
(Gisela Sin, UIUC Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies) |
| VII. | 1:40 – 1:45 PM | Strategic Plan Update
(Mike Bedell and Craig McLauchlan) |
| VIII. | 1:45 – 1:55 PM | Proposed By-Law Revisions – ACTION ITEM <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creation of Immediate Past Chair Position• Establishment of Communities of Practice• Addition and Removal of Standing Committees (Jeannette Tamayo) |
| IX. | 1:55 – 2:25 PM | IIN Priorities Open Discussion – Members <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IIN Innovation Center Construction Updates• Member Topics |
| II. | 2:25 – 2:30 PM | Public Comment
(Jeannette Tamayo, IIN) |
| III. | 2:30 PM | Adjournment
(Chris Merrett, WIU) |

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