



**IIN Council Meeting  
In-Person Meeting\***  
**Thursday, April 9, 2026 – 1:00 PM– 2:30 PM**  
**(Member Lunch at DPI Precedes Meeting at Noon)**

**AGENDA**

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| I.   | 1:00 – 1:05 PM | Call to Order & Roll Call<br>(Chris Merrett; Laretta Henderson)   |
| II.  | 1:05 – 1:07 PM | Welcome & Opening Remarks<br>(Chris Merrett)  |
| III. | 1:07 – 1:10 PM | Consent Agenda – <b>(ACTION ITEM)</b><br>(Chris Merrett) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minutes of January 22, 2026, Council Meeting</li><li>• 2026-2027 IIN Council Meeting Schedule<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ September 17, 2026</li><li>○ November 19, 2026</li><li>○ January 14, 2027</li><li>○ March 18, 2027</li><li>○ May 27, 2027</li></ul></li></ul> |
| IV.  | 1:10 – 1:25 PM | Illinois Town & Gown Association – Chicago State University 95 <sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Presentation (Sonja Feist-Price and Erin Steva)  |
| V.   | 1:25 – 1:35 PM | Illinois Soybean Association – Springboard Challenge (Todd Main)  |
| VI.  | 1:35 – 2:20 PM | Strategic Plan Update (ACTION ITEM)<br>(Mike Bedell and Craig McLauchlan) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strategic Plan Overview &amp; Framework</li><li>• Connecting to Initiatives</li></ul>   |
| I.   | 2:20 – 2:25PM  | Open Discussion & Updates (Members and Staff) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1871 Membership (Ben Taylor)</li><li>• DOE ART Track 3 Submission (Heidi Leerkamp)</li><li>• NSF Export Controls, Security and Compliance (Tor Jensen)</li></ul>  |
| II.  | 2:25 – 2:30 PM | Public Comment<br>(Jeannette Tamayo, IIN)   |
| III. | 2:30 PM        | Adjournment<br>(Chris Merrett, WIU)   |

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**NEXT MEETING: September 17, 2026 (In Person Location TBD)**

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**\*\*Public Comment**

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**LOCATIONS**

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