



IIN Council Meeting
Thursday, January 27, 2022
1:00 – 2:30 PM
Zoom Meeting

- 1:00 – 1:10 PM **Welcome and Introductions**
- Jerry Blazey, IIN Council Chair
 - Jay Walsh, Interim Vice President for Economic Development & Innovation, University of Illinois System
- 1:10 – 1:15 PM **Remarks from Lt. Governor Julianna Stratton**
- 1:15 – 1:40 PM **IIN Working Committee Updates** (Kyle Harfst)
- Public Policy (John Charles)
 - Research & Collaboration (Craig McLauchlan)
 - Approve Courtney Breckenridge as Education and Workforce Development Committee Chair (Action Item – Bio attached)
- 1:40 – 1:55 PM **Build Back Better Regional Competition** (Jeannette Tamayo)
- Clean Tech Workforce Development (Courtney Breckenridge)
 - Transforming Coal Economies with Grid Modernization and Energy Storage (Ken Anderson)
- 1:55 – 2:00 PM **Website Development – Pixo Introduction** (Ben Taylor)
- 2:00 – 2:10 PM **IIN Strategic Plan Follow-up: Bylaws** (Jerry Blazey and Kyle Harfst)
- 2:10 – 2:15 PM **Approval of November 18 Council Meeting Minutes** (Jerry Blazey – Action Item)
- 2:15 – 2:20 PM **Public Comment** (Kyle Harfst)
- 2:20 – 2:30 PM **New Business** (Jerry Blazey)
- 2:30 PM **Adjourn**



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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.

Courtney Breckenridge Biography

Courtney Breckenridge earned her B.A. and M.S. in Mass Communications with a specialization in media and public policy from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. In 2011, Courtney joined the National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center, where she led the Building Illinois Bioeconomy Consortium, a \$10M U.S. Department of Labor award designed to enhance career pathway opportunities in bioprocessing, water, and other environmental careers. Today, Courtney serves as the Specialist of Alternative Credentials and Grant Development in the Office of Online and Education Research at SIUE with an emphasis on the development of new career pathways and partnership opportunities, registered apprenticeships, alternative credentialing programs, and corporate partnerships to meet regional and statewide workforce needs. This includes developing external relationships between University faculty and staff and partners from industry, trade, and the community to address workforce, education, and research needs and opportunities.

Courtney has served as a co-investigator on multiple STEM education and training grants, including awards from the US Environmental Protection Agency, the US Dept. of Agriculture, and the IL Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Courtney is also a doctoral student in a cooperative PhD program between SIUE and SIUC, working toward a degree in Environmental Resource and Policy with an emphasis on the intersections of science, policy, and communications. Courtney is committed to research and education activities at the intersection of science, communications, and public policy; promoting understanding of scientific principles, identifying more effective ways of communicating technical concepts to lay audiences, and ensuring that public policy is informed by good science and is communicated effectively to increase stakeholder adoption and compliance. Similarly, she has an established track record in increasing awareness of and interest in educational pathways in key agricultural and environmental sectors with an emphasis on career pathways models and recruiting underserved and underrepresented students.