



**IIN Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 24, 2022**  
**1:00 – 2:30 PM**  
**Zoom Meeting (details below)**

- 1:00 – 1:05 PM      **Welcome and Introductions**
- Jerry Blazey, IIN Council Chair
  - Jay Walsh, Vice President for Economic Development & Innovation, University of Illinois System
- 1:05 – 1:10 PM      **Approval of January 27 Minutes** (Jerry Blazey) Action Item
- 1:10 – 1:20 PM      **IIN Working Committee Updates** (Kyle Harfst)
- Entrepreneurship (Bruce Sommer)
  - Approval of name change from Public Policy Committee to Advocacy and Policy Committee – Action Item
- 1:20 – 1:30 PM      **IIN Bylaw Changes** (Jerry Blazey) Action Item
- 1:30 – 1:35 PM      **Approval of Ex-Officio and Advisory Council Members – Action Item**
1. Approval of Illinois Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton as Ex-officio Member (Jerry Blazey)
  2. Approval of University of Illinois Extension as Ex-officio Member represented by Director Shelly Nickols-Richardson, Jerry Blazey)
  3. Approval of Juliana Stratton as Chair of Advisory Council (Jerry Blazey)
- 1:45 – 1:50 PM      **Legislative Caucus Updates** (Jeannette Tamayo)
- 1:50 – 2:00 PM      **Director of Research and Program Development** (Jay Walsh)
- 2:00 – 2:10 PM      **State and Federal Funding Proposals** (Courtney Breckenridge, Jeannette Tamayo) - Action Item
- 2:10 – 2:15 PM      **Public Comment** (Kyle Harfst)\*\*
- 2:15 – 2:30 PM      **New Business** (Jerry Blazey)
- 2022 STEAM Expo (Kyle Harfst)
  - NSF Visit
  - FY 2023 Council Meeting Schedule - Action Item (September 28, November 17, January 26, March 23, May 25, all meetings start at 1:00 PM)
- 2:30 PM              **Adjourn**



## **\*Zoom Access**

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.

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

Comments may be provided via chat or verbally at the meeting or, by March 24, 2022 at noon, by email to [vpedi@uillinois.edu](mailto:vpedi@uillinois.edu)

## **Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton**

Juliana Stratton is excited to serve the residents of Illinois as the state's 48<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Governor.

In 2019, she shattered barriers when she was inaugurated as the first Black Lieutenant Governor and the first Black woman to serve as a constitutional officer in Illinois' over 200-year history. She is highly qualified, dedicated and confident that the best solutions for the challenges we face in our communities are found when we tap into the wisdom that already exists within them.

In addition to spearheading the administration's Justice, Equity, and Opportunity Initiative, Stratton also brings her visionary leadership to more than a dozen councils, commissions, boards and agencies as Chair or executive liaison.

Named by Chicago Magazine as one of the "50 Most Powerful Women in Chicago," Stratton has been recognized by numerous organizations as an "Outstanding Legislator," "Trailblazer and History Maker," and "Woman of the Year" for her commitment to public service and social justice advocacy.

She and her husband, Bryan, live in both Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood and Springfield with their four daughters. Stratton loves the state of Illinois, the people of Illinois and doing the work that will make Illinois the best for the next generation.



## **Shelly Nickols-Richardson**

Dr. Sharon M. “Shelly” Nickols-Richardson, PhD, RD, serves as an associate dean and director of Extension and Outreach in the College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences at the University of Illinois. In this role, Dr. Nickols-Richardson defines the strategic vision for Illinois Extension and leads a team of passionate faculty and staff in their efforts to positively impact the lives of Illinois families. She joined the faculty at UIUC in July 2013 as Professor and Head of the Food Science Human Nutrition Department. She has taught courses in the areas of Community Nutrition, Nutrition Across the Life Span, Nutritional Assessment, Alternative and Complementary Nutrition Therapies, and Maternal and Child Nutrition.

Dr. Nickols-Richardson was an Assistant (1998-2003) and Associate Professor (2003-2006) in the Department of Human Nutrition, Foods and Exercise at Virginia Tech where she was an affiliate of the Center for Gerontology and served as the Director of the Didactic Program in Dietetics. She was an Associate (2007-2011) and Full Professor (2011-2013) in the Department of Nutritional Sciences at The Pennsylvania State University, where she directed the BONE Laboratory and served as the Professor-in-Charge (2008-2013) of the Graduate Program in Nutritional Sciences.

Dr. Nickols-Richardson has also served in leadership roles for several professional organizations, including President of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (2008-2009), Member of the 2010 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee, and Associate Research Editor of the Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (2011-2013).