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AGENDA

Connect Transit Board of Trustees, Regular Session

August 27, 2024 – 4:30 p.m.

Connect Transit Board Room, 351 Wylie Drive, Normal, IL 61761

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- A. Call to Order
 - B. Roll Call
 - a. Attendance by Other Means/Virtual – Roll Call Vote
 - C. Pledge of Allegiance and Mission Statement
 - D. Public Comments
 - E. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Regular Session Minutes for June 25, 2024
 - b. Approval of Regular Session Minutes for July 30, 2024
 - c. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes for August 8, 2024
 - d. Approval of Financial Information for June 2024
 - e. ~~Approval of Financial Information for July 2024~~ – *delayed due to year end closing*
 - f. Monthly Statistical Reports for June 2024
 - g. Monthly Statistical Reports for July 2024
 - h. Cardinal Infrastructure; Federal Reports
 - i. Cornerstone; Illinois Weekly Updates
 - F. Committee Reports
 - G. New Business
 - a. System Performance Update – Informational
 - H. Chairman’s Report
 - I. Managing Director’s Report
 - J. Trustee Comments
 - K. Executive Session: N/A
 - L. Adjournment
- *Post meeting workshop topic: Communications Protocols

Mission:

Connect Transit provides safe, reliable transportation and access to opportunity to strengthen and enrich individual lives, our community, the economy, and the environment.





June 2024

Financial Reports



Connect Transit Cash Disbursement Report June 2024

Name	Check Number	Date	Amount	Description
A.T.U. - C.O.P.E.	00058994	14-Jun-24	\$301.85	Payroll Deduction
ABC Bus Companies	00058995	14-Jun-24	\$7,489.76	Bus Parts
ABC Bus Companies	00059063	28-Jun-24	\$4,185.27	Bus Parts
Ace-Hi Glass Co.	00059064	28-Jun-24	\$636.00	Glass
Advance Auto Parts	00058996	14-Jun-24	\$700.09	Maintenance Supplies
Advance Auto Parts	00059065	28-Jun-24	\$343.00	Maintenance Supplies
Airgas USA, LLC	00058997	14-Jun-24	\$158.27	Welding Supplies
Airgas USA, LLC	00059066	28-Jun-24	\$400.26	Welding Supplies
All About Eyes	00058998	14-Jun-24	\$80.80	Safety/Training
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 752	00058999	14-Jun-24	\$7,446.40	Payroll Deduction
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 752	00059067	28-Jun-24	\$100.00	Payroll Deduction
Amazon Capital Service	00059000	14-Jun-24	\$863.10	Bdlg Maint, Comp Hard, Ga. Equip, Of. Supls, Ptd Mat & Safety
Amazon Capital Service	00059068	28-Jun-24	\$632.19	Computer Hardware & Garage Maintenance Equipment
Ancel Glink, P.C.	00059001	14-Jun-24	\$440.00	Legal Service
B & B Awards and Recognition, Inc	00059002	14-Jun-24	\$40.60	Printed Materials
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois	00059059	21-Jun-24	\$160,057.53	Insurance
Blue Springs, Inc	00059069	28-Jun-24	\$310.00	Portable Restrooms
Bo Roberts	00059070	28-Jun-24	\$42.00	Uniforms
Bridgestone Americas	00059003	14-Jun-24	\$70.00	Tires
Cardinal Infrastructure, LLC	00059071	28-Jun-24	\$12,000.00	Consulting
Carle	00059004	14-Jun-24	\$543.00	Empl Physicals & Drug Testing
Carle	00059072	28-Jun-24	\$950.25	Empl Physicals & Drug Testing
Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District	00059073	28-Jun-24	\$1,449.04	Bus Parts
Checkr, Inc.	00059005	14-Jun-24	\$869.90	New Hire Background Checks
CIRBN, LLC	00059074	28-Jun-24	\$147.13	Internet
CIT Trucks, LLC - Normal	00059006	14-Jun-24	\$3,760.88	Bus Parts
CIT Trucks, LLC - Normal	00059075	28-Jun-24	\$19,899.92	Bus Parts
City of Bloomington(Water)	00059007	14-Jun-24	\$143.64	Utilities
City of Bloomington(Water)	00059076	28-Jun-24	\$935.06	Utilities
Clean Exhaust Specialist	00059077	28-Jun-24	\$3,239.00	Bus Parts
Commerce	ACH	05-Jun-24	\$66.19	Bank Fees
Commerce	ACH	10-Jun-24	\$159.76	Bank Fees
Commerce	ACH	11-Jun-24	\$57.13	Deposit Error Returned
Concur Technologies, Inc	00059008	14-Jun-24	\$378.75	Software
Corn Belt Energy Corp.	00059009	14-Jun-24	\$5,000.00	Utilities
Corn Belt Energy Corp.	00059078	28-Jun-24	\$4,399.13	Utilities
Cornerstone Government Affairs	00059010	14-Jun-24	\$3,958.33	Consulting
David Eckardt	00059079	28-Jun-24	\$100.00	Driver's Uniforms
Den Graphix, Inc.	00059011	14-Jun-24	\$21.00	Printing
Discount Tire	00059012	14-Jun-24	\$872.00	Tires
Don Owen Tire Service, Inc.	00059013	14-Jun-24	\$648.30	Bus Parts
Eagle Automotive	00059014	14-Jun-24	\$533.78	Bus Parts
Eagle Automotive	00059080	28-Jun-24	\$1,420.25	Bus Parts
East Penn Manufacturing Co.	00059081	28-Jun-24	\$2,845.08	Bus Parts
Engraving Express	00059082	28-Jun-24	\$145.50	Driver's Uniforms
Fastenal Company	00059015	14-Jun-24	\$18.95	Bus Parts
Fastenal Company	00059083	28-Jun-24	\$3.45	Bus Parts
Fasteners Etc.	00059016	14-Jun-24	\$573.05	Maintenance Supplies
Fasteners Etc.	00059084	28-Jun-24	\$445.42	Maintenance Supplies
Fitzgerald Equipment Co., Inc.	00059017	14-Jun-24	\$329.91	Garage Equipment Repair
For A Better Tomorrow	00059018	14-Jun-24	\$500.00	Advertising- Promotions
G & G Machine Shop Inc	00059085	28-Jun-24	\$2,689.49	Outside Repair
Galls, LLC	00059019	14-Jun-24	\$432.14	Admin & Driver's Uniforms
Galls, LLC	00059086	28-Jun-24	\$2,441.62	Admin & Driver's Uniforms
Garber Heating & A/C	00059020	14-Jun-24	\$2,290.12	HVAC
Genfare, LLC	ACH	07-Jun-24	\$44.25	Pass Refund
Genfare, LLC	00059021	14-Jun-24	\$9,614.28	Software and Hardware



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Name	Check Number	Date	Amount	Description
Genfare, LLC	00059087	28-Jun-24	\$3,265.25	Software and Hardware
Getz Fire Equipment	00059022	14-Jun-24	\$685.25	Bus Parts & Outside Repair
Gillig LLC	00059023	14-Jun-24	\$7,015.02	Bus Parts
Gillig LLC	00059088	28-Jun-24	\$2,160.04	Bus Parts
Grainger	00059089	28-Jun-24	\$52.20	Office Cabinets
Great Plains Media	00059024	14-Jun-24	\$1,600.00	Radio Advertising
HicksGas Bloomington LLC	00059025	14-Jun-24	\$648.89	LP Gas
Illinois Department of Revenue	ACH	03-Jun-24	\$16,265.19	Illinois Taxes
Illinois Department of Revenue	ACH	17-Jun-24	\$16,333.97	Illinois Taxes
Illinois Dept of Revenue Wage Levy Unit	00059026	14-Jun-24	\$459.34	Payroll Deduction
Illinois Dept of Revenue Wage Levy Unit	00059090	28-Jun-24	\$385.83	Payroll Deduction
Illinois Funds	ACH	05-Jun-24	\$700,000.00	Transfer to Savings
Illinois State Disbursement	ACH	13-Jun-24	\$1,136.69	Payroll Deduction
Illinois State Disbursement	ACH	27-Jun-24	\$1,350.78	Payroll Deduction
Ken's Oil Service, Inc	00059027	14-Jun-24	\$45,949.20	Bus Parts, Fuel & Lubricants
Ken's Oil Service, Inc	00059091	28-Jun-24	\$23,880.16	Bus Parts, Fuel & Lubricants
Kirk's Automotive, Inc	00059028	14-Jun-24	\$1,395.00	Bus Parts
Kirk's Automotive, Inc	00059092	28-Jun-24	\$1,469.00	Bus Parts
Maas Radiator Shop Inc.	00059029	14-Jun-24	\$177.00	Outside Repair
Mark O'Daniel	00059030	14-Jun-24	\$138.10	Driver's Uniforms
McLean County Chamber of Commerce	00059093	28-Jun-24	\$1,240.00	Travel & Meetings
Menards	00059031	14-Jun-24	\$265.04	Bus Parts & Garage Maintenance Equipment
Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc.	00059032	14-Jun-24	\$37.78	Bus Parts
Miller Janitor Supply	00059033	14-Jun-24	\$229.90	Maintenance Supplies
Miller Janitor Supply	00059094	28-Jun-24	\$62.80	Maintenance Supplies
MINONK NAPA	00059095	28-Jun-24	\$237.51	Bus Parts
Mitchell 1	00059034	14-Jun-24	\$1,788.00	Software Licensing
Mohawk Mfg. & Supply Co.	00059035	14-Jun-24	\$879.66	Bus Parts
Mohawk Mfg. & Supply Co.	00059096	28-Jun-24	\$357.17	Bus Parts
Morris Avenue Garage	00059036	14-Jun-24	\$160.00	Vehicle Inspection
Morris Avenue Garage	00059097	28-Jun-24	\$40.00	Vehicle Inspection
Morton Community Bank	00059098	28-Jun-24	\$3,750.00	Health Savings Accounts
Mutual of Omaha	00059060	21-Jun-24	\$19,592.94	Life, AD&D, STD & LTD
Mutual Wheel	00059037	14-Jun-24	\$44.44	Bus Parts
Napa Auto Parts	00059038	14-Jun-24	\$2,104.04	Bus Parts
Napa Auto Parts	00059099	28-Jun-24	\$923.70	Bus Parts
Oberlander Alarm Systems, Inc.	00059100	28-Jun-24	\$230.00	Security Alarm Service Fee
ODP Business Solutions, LLC	00059039	14-Jun-24	\$376.71	Office Supplies
ODP Business Solutions, LLC	00059101	28-Jun-24	\$457.87	Office Supplies
OSF Medical Group - Occupational Health	00059040	14-Jun-24	\$505.00	Drug Testing
Pantagraph	00059041	14-Jun-24	\$1,100.00	Advertising- Promotions
Pantagraph	00059102	28-Jun-24	\$2,575.00	Media Promotions
Payroll	ACH	13-Jun-24	\$271,644.18	
Payroll	ACH	27-Jun-24	\$270,806.52	
Piercy Auto Body	00059042	14-Jun-24	\$1,828.13	Outside Repair
Piercy Auto Body	00059103	28-Jun-24	\$146.55	Outside Repair
Prairie Signs	00059104	28-Jun-24	\$1,025.25	Support Vehicles
Sam Leman Chrysler Dodge Jeep	00059043	14-Jun-24	\$74.76	Bus Parts
Sam Leman Ford	00059044	14-Jun-24	\$494.85	Outside Repair
Sam Leman Ford	00059105	28-Jun-24	\$1,207.10	Outside Repair
Select Screen Prints and Embroidery	00058993	06-Jun-24	\$3,100.00	Marketing
Southtown Wrecker Service, Inc.,	00059106	28-Jun-24	\$937.50	Towing
Stratus Networks	00059045	14-Jun-24	\$3,308.77	Internet
SumnerOne, Inc.	00059046	14-Jun-24	\$1,688.16	Copier Lease
Sun Loan- Bloomington - IL	00059047	14-Jun-24	\$319.39	Payroll Deduction
Sun Loan- Bloomington - IL	00059107	28-Jun-24	\$431.59	Payroll Deduction
Supreme Radio Communications, Inc	00059108	28-Jun-24	\$849.31	Radio Maintenance
Survey Sparrow, Inc.	00059109	28-Jun-24	\$3,560.00	Software Licensing



**Connect Transit
Cash Disbursement Report
June 2024**

Name	Check Number	Date	Amount	Description
The Aftermarket Parts Company LLC	00059048	14-Jun-24	\$35,480.69	Bus Parts
The Aftermarket Parts Company LLC	00059110	28-Jun-24	\$15,047.02	Bus Parts
The Copy Shop	00059049	14-Jun-24	\$38.48	Printing
TransitTalent.com	00059050	14-Jun-24	\$125.00	Public Notices
TRAVELERS	00059051	14-Jun-24	\$220.00	Property Damage
Trott Communications Group, Inc.	00059052	14-Jun-24	\$907.50	Consulting
Uline	00059111	28-Jun-24	\$235.74	Office Supplies
United States Treasury	ACH	03-Jun-24	\$88,636.93	Federal Taxes
United States Treasury	ACH	17-Jun-24	\$89,621.23	Federal Taxes
UPS	00059112	28-Jun-24	\$14.76	Shipping
Verizon Wireless	00059053	14-Jun-24	\$3,508.92	Mobile Data Terminals for SS
Vestis Services, LLC (fka Aramark)	00059054	14-Jun-24	\$802.98	Cleaning Uniforms & Rugs
Vestis Services, LLC (fka Aramark)	00059113	28-Jun-24	\$483.02	Cleaning Uniforms & Rugs
Via Mobility, LLC	00059055	14-Jun-24	\$2,400.00	Consulting
VISA-Commerce Bank	00059061	21-Jun-24	\$421.47	Mechanics Uniforms
VISA-Commerce Bank	00059061	21-Jun-24	\$1,689.00	Garage Maintenance Equipment
VISA-Commerce Bank	00059061	21-Jun-24	\$1,200.09	Advertising - Employment
VISA-Commerce Bank	00059061	21-Jun-24	\$1,242.71	Bus Parts - FR
VISA-Commerce Bank	00059061	21-Jun-24	\$43.07	Freight
VISA-Commerce Bank	00059061	21-Jun-24	(\$112.44)	Shop Tools
VISA-Commerce Bank	00059061	21-Jun-24	\$2,217.56	Office Supplies - Office Equipment
VISA-Commerce Bank	00059061	21-Jun-24	\$16.96	Office Supplies
VISA-Commerce Bank	00059061	21-Jun-24	\$765.98	Computer Hardware
VISA-Commerce Bank	00059061	21-Jun-24	\$4,155.21	Software Licensing
VISA-Commerce Bank	00059061	21-Jun-24	\$67.99	Dues & Subscriptions
VISA-Commerce Bank	00059061	21-Jun-24	\$5,382.74	Travel & Meetings
VISA-Commerce Bank	00059061	21-Jun-24	\$107.68	Employee Recognition
VISA-Commerce Bank	00059061	21-Jun-24	\$473.25	Safety/Training
VSP of Illinois, NFP	00059062	21-Jun-24	\$1,151.68	Vision Insurance
Weed Man	00059056	14-Jun-24	\$129.60	Lawn Care
Wherry Machine and Welding, Inc	00059057	14-Jun-24	\$109.96	Outside Repair
Wilcox Electric & Service, Inc	00059058	14-Jun-24	\$582.25	Garage Maintenance Equipment
		Total	\$1,948,136.38	

Bloomington Normal Public Transit

Balance Sheet

Division: 99 Board Reports

As of: 6/30/2024

Fiscal Year: 2024 Period: 12 Jun-2024

Assets

Current Assets

Checking and Savings	\$5,459,326.69
Accounts Receivable	\$5,939,562.05
Inventory Asset - Fuel	\$77,417.94
Inventory Asset - Parts	\$419,211.05
Inventory Asset - Tires	\$0.00
Other Current Assets	\$653,132.32

Total Current Assets \$12,548,650.05

Fixed Assets \$29,762,486.48

Total Assets \$42,311,136.53

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$537,758.45
Payroll Liabilities	\$1,443,460.27
Contracts	\$0.00
Due to Illinois Funds Account	\$0.00
Deferred Revenue	\$1,023,408.31
Deficit Funding Advance	\$0.00

Total Liabilities \$3,004,627.03

EQUITY

Fixed Asset Equity	\$12,539,853.77
Unreserved Fund Equity	\$6,750,412.62
Underground Petroleum Storage	\$20,000.00

Total Equity \$19,310,266.39

Retained Earnings \$19,996,243.11

Total Liabilities & Equity \$42,311,136.53

Bloomington Normal Public Transit Income Statement With Approved Budget

From Fiscal Year: 2024 Thru Fiscal Year: 2024	From Period 12 Thru Period 12	Division: 98 Operating Profit/Loss		As of: 6/30/2024		
		Jun-2024	Jul-2023 Jun-2024	Approved Budget		
Operating Revenue						
Passenger Fares		\$58,692.94	10.82%	\$579,073.44	106.74%	\$542,500.00
ISU Contract Fare		\$0.00	0.00%	\$535,377.48	91.67%	\$584,048.00
Other Contract Fares		\$18,267.05	9.13%	\$258,480.25	129.24%	\$200,000.00
Advertising Revenue		\$9,966.67	8.50%	\$120,590.68	102.81%	\$117,300.00
Miscellaneous Revenue		\$8,743.34	92.04%	\$41,089.39	432.52%	\$9,500.00
Total Operating Revenue		\$95,670.00	6.58%	\$1,534,611.24	105.59%	\$1,453,348.00
Operating Expenses						
Operators Wages		\$681,547.40	8.55%	\$8,044,332.51	100.96%	\$7,967,560.00
Maintenance Wages		\$141,638.99	9.00%	\$1,379,518.05	87.66%	\$1,573,647.00
Administration Wages		\$98,757.67	8.38%	\$1,154,137.44	97.99%	\$1,177,806.00
Employer Payroll Tax Expense		\$58,247.30	6.70%	\$850,242.05	97.76%	\$869,722.00
Retirement Plan		\$4,692.86	0.88%	\$380,950.53	71.08%	\$535,951.00
Group Insurance		\$164,399.63	7.35%	\$1,966,955.70	87.91%	\$2,237,512.00
Uniform Expense		\$7,946.76	12.54%	\$42,219.70	66.62%	\$63,375.00
Professional Services		\$27,220.64	12.18%	\$489,894.75	219.19%	\$223,500.00
Outside Repair-Labor		\$18,118.16	12.94%	\$92,734.35	66.24%	\$140,000.00
Contract Maintenance Services		\$96,090.22	40.98%	\$266,284.35	113.57%	\$234,476.00
Custodial Services		\$470.00	2.47%	\$19,752.89	103.64%	\$19,060.00
Employee Recruiting/Testing/Temp Help		\$3,614.84	8.03%	\$26,234.16	58.30%	\$45,000.00
Fuel		\$139,523.64	8.63%	\$1,098,975.71	68.00%	\$1,616,224.00
Lubricants		\$24,209.79	28.06%	\$55,774.81	64.64%	\$86,285.00
Tires		\$8,218.60	13.32%	\$54,499.88	88.36%	\$61,680.00
Bus Repair Parts		\$158,362.49	33.04%	\$717,301.13	149.64%	\$479,362.00
Other Materials & Supplies		\$11,818.28	14.24%	\$92,250.96	111.15%	\$83,000.00
Shelters/Signs/Shop Tools		\$1,328.36	6.64%	\$24,184.81	120.92%	\$20,000.00
Computer and Office Supplies		\$32,482.99	7.44%	\$315,767.79	72.36%	\$436,362.00
Utilities		\$20,175.94	15.64%	\$169,601.25	131.47%	\$129,000.00
Corporate Insurance		\$44,642.44	8.46%	\$567,658.20	107.57%	\$527,725.00
Dues/Subscriptions/Fees		\$858.06	1.92%	\$29,729.50	66.58%	\$44,650.00
Printing/Marketing/Training		\$24,559.46	6.55%	\$286,596.10	76.46%	\$374,850.00
Total Operating Expenses		\$1,768,924.52	9.34%	\$18,125,596.62	95.67%	\$18,946,747.00
Operating Assistance						
Operating Deficit Before Subsidies and Grants		(\$1,673,254.52)	9.57%	(\$16,590,985.38)	94.84%	(\$17,493,399.00)
City of Bloomington Operating Assistance		\$9,989.17	0.00%	\$910,039.96	0.00%	\$0.00
Town of Normal Operating Assistance		\$49,166.66	0.00%	\$589,999.92	0.00%	\$0.00
Illinois Downstate Operating Assistance		\$1,141,280.00	0.00%	\$11,469,153.00	0.00%	\$0.00
FTA 5307 Operating Assistance		\$391,284.00	0.00%	\$3,186,445.00	0.00%	\$0.00
Total Operating Assistance		\$1,591,719.83	0.00%	\$16,155,637.88	0.00%	\$0.00



June 2024	Current Month	Month in Prior Year	Percent Change	Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	% Change YTD
System Statistics:						
System Ridership	131,180	142,427	-7.90%	2,302,225	2,131,047	8.03%
Fixed Ridership	119,065	133,264	-10.65%	2,135,255	2,029,652	5.20%
Mobility Ridership	7,132	9,163	-22.17%	112,738	101,395	11.19%
FLEX Ridership	4,983	*	*	54,232	*	*
System Service Hours	13,024	12,292	5.96%	177,447	153,343	15.72%
Fixed Service Hours	8,230	8,353	-1.47%	113,732	108,725	4.61%
Mobility Service Hours	3,749	3,939	-4.82%	48,317	44,618	8.29%
FLEX Service Hours	1,045	*	*	15,398	*	*
System Service Miles	160,041	150,314	6.47%	2,076,406	1,866,409	11.25%
Fixed Service Miles	100,608	101,638	-1.01%	1,342,494	1,321,866	1.56%
Mobility Service Miles	46,601	48,676	-4.26%	598,695	544,543	9.94%
FLEX Service Miles	12,832	*	*	135,217	*	*
System Revenue Vehicles	60	50	20.00%	67	67	0.00%
Fixed Revenue Vehicles	34	32	6.25%	40	48	-16.67%
Mobility Revenue Vehicles	21	18	16.67%	22	19	15.79%
FLEX Revenue Vehicles	5	*	*	5	*	*
System Miles/Revenue Vehicle	2,667	3,006	-11.27%	30,991	27,857	11.25%
Fixed Miles/Revenue Vehicle	2,959	3,176	-6.84%	33,562	27,539	21.87%
Mobility Miles/Revenue Vehicle	2,219	2,704	-17.94%	27,213	28,660	-5.05%
FLEX Miles/Revenue Vehicle	2,566	*	*	27,043	*	*
System Efficiencies:						
System Ridership/Service Hour	10.07	11.59	-13.07%	12.97	13.90	-6.64%
Fixed Ridership/Revenue Hour	14.47	15.95	-9.32%	18.77	18.67	0.57%
Mobility Ridership/Revenue Hour	1.90	2.33	-18.22%	2.33	2.27	2.67%
FLEX Ridership/Revenue Hour	4.77	*	*	3.52	*	*
System Percent On-Time Trips	94.20%	95.19%	-1.05%	92.40%	93.18%	-0.83%
Fixed Percent On-Time Trips	95%	95%	0.00%	92%	93%	-0.62%
Mobility Percent On-Time Trips	97%	98%	-1.02%	97%	98%	-1.31%
FLEX Percent On-Time Trips	71%	*	*	85%	*	*
System Subsidy/Passenger	*	\$11.89	*	\$6.66	\$7.20	-7.54%
Fixed Subsidy/Passenger	*	\$9.80	*	\$5.36	\$5.81	-7.77%
Mobility Subsidy/Passenger	*	\$42.36	*	\$27.24	\$35.03	-22.26%
FLEX Subsidy/Passenger	*	*	*	\$15.02	*	*
Operator Pay Hours/Service Hour	1.43	1.60	-10.96%	1.28	1.40	-8.23%
Vehicle Maintenance Expense/Mile	*	\$1.81	*	\$1.02	\$1.09	-6.84%



July 2024	Current Month	Month in Prior Year	Percent Change	Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	% Change YTD
System Statistics:						
System Ridership	128,725	142,337	-9.56%	128,725	142,337	-9.56%
Fixed Ridership	116,352	132,490	-12.18%	116,352	132,490	-12.18%
Mobility Ridership	7,392	9,481	-22.03%	7,392	9,481	-22.03%
FLEX Ridership	4,981	366	1260.93%	4,981	366	1260.93%
System Service Hours	14,300	12,839	11.38%	14,300	12,839	11.38%
Fixed Service Hours	9,237	8,232	12.21%	9,237	8,232	12.21%
Mobility Service Hours	3,996	3,956	1.01%	3,996	3,956	1.01%
FLEX Service Hours	1,067	651	63.90%	1,067	651	63.90%
System Service Miles	174,871	151,521	15.41%	174,871	151,521	15.41%
Fixed Service Miles	114,102	100,791	13.21%	114,102	100,791	13.21%
Mobility Service Miles	47,493	47,763	-0.57%	47,493	47,763	-0.57%
FLEX Service Miles	13,276	2,967	347.46%	13,276	2,967	347.46%
System Revenue Vehicles	56	51	9.80%	56	51	9.80%
Fixed Revenue Vehicles	31	28	10.71%	31	28	10.71%
Mobility Revenue Vehicles	20	18	11.11%	20	18	11.11%
FLEX Revenue Vehicles	5	5	0.00%	5	5	0.00%
System Miles/Revenue Vehicle	3,123	2,971	5.11%	3,123	2,971	5.11%
Fixed Miles/Revenue Vehicle	3,681	3,600	2.25%	3,681	3,600	2.25%
Mobility Miles/Revenue Vehicle	2,375	2,654	-10.51%	2,375	2,654	-10.51%
FLEX Miles/Revenue Vehicle	2,655	593	347.46%	2,655	593	347.46%
System Efficiencies:						
System Ridership/Service Hour	9.00	11.09	-18.80%	9.00	11.09	-18.80%
Fixed Ridership/Revenue Hour	12.60	16.09	-21.74%	12.60	16.09	-21.74%
Mobility Ridership/Revenue Hour	1.85	2.40	-22.81%	1.85	2.40	-22.81%
FLEX Ridership/Revenue Hour	4.67	0.56	730.33%	4.67	0.56	730.33%
System Percent On-Time Trips	92.69%	92.39%	0.32%	92.69%	92.39%	0.32%
Fixed Percent On-Time Trips	93%	92%	1.09%	93%	92%	1.09%
Mobility Percent On-Time Trips	97%	98%	-1.02%	97%	98%	-1.02%
FLEX Percent On-Time Trips	79%	90%	-12.22%	79%	90%	-12.22%
System Subsidy/Passenger	*	\$9.25	*	*	\$9.25	*
Fixed Subsidy/Passenger	*	\$7.70	*	*	\$7.70	*
Mobility Subsidy/Passenger	*	\$26.62	*	*	\$26.62	*
FLEX Subsidy/Passenger	*	\$118.24	*	*	\$118.24	*
Operator Pay Hours/Service Hour	1.31	1.53	-14.57%	1.31	1.53	-14.57%
Vehicle Maintenance Expense/Mile	*	\$1.20	*	*	\$1.20	*



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Monthly Federal Update for Connect Transit

Prepared by Cardinal Infrastructure

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Congressional Update

The House of Representatives entered its August recess on Wednesday, meaning no new legislation will be considered and no hearings will be held until they return on September 9th. As a result, the House's vote on several appropriations bills - including the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development bill - are delayed until September at the earliest, though we expect these bills to be delayed until after the November elections.

The House's version of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development funding bill included \$755 million for the CIG program, \$116 million for transit earmarks, and \$14.279 billion for transit formula dollars. These changes would be significant cuts to the CIG program and transit earmark pool compared to FY24.

Earlier this month, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee held a hearing on "Oversight of the Department of Transportation's Policies and Programs and Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Request." Members of Congress pressed Secretary Buttigieg on grant delivery timelines and expressed interest in identifying funding mechanisms to solve the Highway Trust Fund's shortfall issues - the fund is expected to be insolvent by fiscal year 2028. A full summary is attached.

Department of Transportation to Offer RAISE Debriefs

Beginning in August, the Department of Transportation will reach out to offer a debrief to RAISE applicants not selected for a grant. The debrief will provide specific feedback on your application that you can use on future applications. If Connect chooses to reapply, DOT expects to post a FY 2025 NOFO this fall.

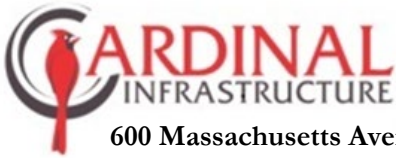
Enhancing Mobility Innovation Grants Available for FY 2024

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) released a NOFO for nearly \$2 billion in Enhancing Mobility Innovation Grants. [This program](#) supports research projects that improve customer convenience. There are two substreams for this program: accelerating innovative mobility, which funds concept development and/or demonstration projects, and software solutions projects, which develop software that facilitates integrated demand-response. Applications are due by August 30th.

FTA will host a webinar on the Enhancing Mobility Innovation grant program on Thursday, August 1st at 3 pm Eastern. If you are interested in attending, [register here](#).

Uniform Act Updates

On May 3rd, 2024, the Federal Highway Administration [published its final revisions](#) to U.S. DOT's implementing rule on the Uniform Act. FTA will host webinars for federal grant



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recipients that provide an overview of these changes, which went into effect on June 3rd. You can register for either session below.

[August 29th, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM \(EDT\)](#)

[October 3rd, 2:00PM - 3:30 PM \(EDT\)](#)

FHWA also presented four in-depth webinars on Uniform Act changes in June. FTA resources related to the Uniform Act and real property acquisition are available here.

FTA Publishes New Resources on Reporting Transit Worker Assaults

[These resources](#) are designed to help agencies understand the difference between major and non-major events and physical and non-physical assaults, as well as improving understanding on how to report data to the National Transit Database.

DOT's Transportation Safety Institute Training Course Opens for Registration

The Transportation Safety Institute's courses support FTA grantees subject to Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program regulation with initial training and recertification requirements. If you would like to register, [click here](#).

Transit Cooperative Research Program Workforce Survey

The International Transportation Learning Center and Plannign Communities are conducting a research project funded by the Transit Cooperative Research Program titled "Zero-Emission Vehicles: New Tech, New Skills, New Jobs." The [industry survey](#) will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.



CORNERSTONE

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TO: Connect Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Cornerstone Government Affairs – Illinois Team
SUBJECT: Legislative Update
DATE: July 30, 2024

Summary

This month, our team continued discussions with House leadership and staff regarding the release of the \$3 million appropriation for Connect. We shared a memo with Connect covering the first of the Senate Transportation hearings on the future of transit in the state. We also put together information on the REAP Program and SB 3649, and how they may impact Connect. Moving forward, we will continue to monitor the Senate Transportation hearings and keep Connect updated on any further activity.

Bill Tracking

Below are the active bills of interest that we wanted to highlight for you. We would be happy to answer any questions on these bills, or any others included in your bill file.

SB 1960

Short Description: VEH CD-ELECTRIC SCOOTERS

Senate Sponsors

Sen. David Koehler, Sally J. Turner-Tom Bennett, Javier L. Cervantes, Patrick J. Joyce and Rachel Ventura

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Senate Committee Amendment No. 1

Provides that a person may operate a low-speed electric scooter where the operation of bicycles are permitted, including, but not limited to, bicycle lanes and bicycle paths, unless the municipality, county, or local authority with jurisdiction prohibits the use of low-speed electric scooters or a specific class of low-speed electric scooters on that path, and shall have all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the rider of a bicycle under this Code, except as otherwise provided, and except for provisions that by their nature can have no application.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes: Provides that a municipality or park district may authorize and regulate the operation of low-speed electric scooters within the unit of local government on any or all highways, sidewalks, trails, or other public right of way where the operation of bicycles are permitted (rather than a person may operate a low-speed electric scooter where the operation of bicycles are permitted, including, but not limited to, bicycle lanes and bicycle paths, and shall have all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the rider of a bicycle under the Code, except in specified situations). Provides that the use of low-speed electric scooters within any municipality or park district is allowed only if authorized by the municipality or park district. Provides that an authorization or regulation by a county or park district shall apply only in the unincorporated area of that county or on park district property. Provides that a person may not operate a low-speed electric scooter on a highway with a posted speed limit in excess of 35 mph (rather than a person may not operate a low-speed electric scooter without a driver's license, instruction permit, or State identification card). Provides that a person may not operate a low-speed electric scooter unless he or she is 16 (rather than 18) years of age or older. Provides that a person may not operate a low-speed electric scooter while carrying any package, bundle, or article that prevents the operator from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebars. Removes provisions of the Code concerning vehicles and motor vehicles. Removes language providing that an entity may not operate a low-speed electric scooter business within a municipality unless the municipality authorizes the operation of low-speed electric scooters within the municipal limits. Adds provisions relating to use of low-speed electric scooters, low-speed electric scooters in rights-of-way, and operation of low-speed electric scooters under the influence of alcohol or any drug. Exempts low-speed electric scooters from title, registration, and driver's licenses requirements. Effective immediately.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 3

Provides that the restrictions regarding low-speed electric scooters also apply to a forest preserve district and conservation district. Establishes that any authorization or regulation by a park district, forest preserve district, or conservation district applies only on property owned, managed, or leased by the park district, forest preserve district, or conservation district. Provides that every low-speed electric scooter shall be well-maintained and in good operating condition.

House Committee Amendment No. 2

Removes language providing that unless specifically stated otherwise in an ordinance or resolution by a municipality, county, or park district authorizing the use of low-speed electric scooters within its jurisdiction, the use of low-speed electric scooter is not an intended use of a public right-of-way under the Local Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act.

House Floor Amendment No. 3

Allows the Department of Natural Resources to authorize and regulate the operation of low-speed electric scooters on any or all properties owned, managed, or leased by the Department of Natural Resources. Provides that the use of low-speed electric scooters within any property that is owned, managed, or leased by the Department of Natural Resources is allowed only if authorized by the Department of Natural Resources. Authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to adopt administrative rules for the regulation of low-speed electric scooters on any and all properties owned, managed, or leased by the Department of Natural Resources.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
6/24/2024	Senate	Sent to the Governor

SB 3208

Short Description: WAGE PAYMENT-PAY STUBS

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Karina Villa and Adriane Johnson

House Sponsors

(Rep. Dagmara Avelar, Joyce Mason and La Shawn K. Ford)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Personnel Record Review Act. Provides that every employer shall, upon an employee's request which the employer may require be in writing on a form supplied by the employer, permit the employee to inspect his or her pay stubs. Amends the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act. Provides that employers shall keep records of names and addresses of all employees and of wages paid each payday, and shall furnish each employee with a pay stub for each pay period (rather than shall furnish each employee with an itemized statement of deductions made from the employee's wages for each pay period). Provides that an employer shall maintain a copy of an employee's pay stub for a period of not less than 3 years after the date of payment, whether the pay stub is provided electronically or in paper form, and the employer shall furnish the pay stub to the employee or former employee upon the employee or former employee's request. Provides that an employer who furnishes electronic pay stubs in a manner that is restricted to the employer's current employees must, upon an employee's separation from employment, furnish the employee or former employee with a paper or emailed electronic record of all of the employee's or former employee's pay stubs for up to 3 years prior to the date of separation, in the method specified by the employee or former employee. Provides that an employer who fails to furnish an employee with a pay stub or commits any other violation of this Act, except for specified violations, shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$500 per violation payable to the Department of Labor. Defines "pay stub".

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with the following changes. Removes the amendatory changes to the Personnel Record Review Act. Provides that an employer shall provide an employee with a copy of the employee's pay stubs upon the employee's request. Provides that the employer shall furnish the copy of the pay stubs to the employee by the end of the next pay period following the employee's request. Provides that an employer is not required to grant an employee's request for a copy of pay stubs more than twice in a 12-month period. Provides that an employer shall provide a former employee with a copy of the former employee's pay stubs upon the former employee's request. Provides that the employer shall furnish the copy of the pay stubs to the former employee by the end of the following pay period following the employee's request. Provides that an employer is not required to grant a former employee's request for a copy of pay stubs more than twice in a 12-month period or more than one year after the date of separation. Provides that an employer who furnishes electronic pay stubs in a manner that a former employee cannot access for at least a full year after separation shall, upon an employee's separation from employment, offer to provide the outgoing employee with a record of all of the outgoing employee's pay stubs from the year preceding the date of separation. Makes changes to provisions concerning definitions and penalties.

House Floor Amendment No. 1

Provides that an employer shall furnish a copy of requested pay stubs to an employee or former employee within 21 calendar days of the request (rather than by the end of the next pay period of the request). Provides that a request made by an employee or former employee for a copy of a pay stub shall be made to a person responsible for maintaining the employer's payroll, including the employer's human resources department or payroll department, the employee's supervisor or department manager, or an individual designated in the employer's written policy.

Last Action

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SB 3649

Short Description: EMPLOYEE FREEDOM OF SPEECH

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Robert Peters, Doris Turner, Paul Faraci-Javier L. Cervantes, Karina Villa, Ram Villivalam, Omar Aquino, Mike Porfirio-Michael E. Hastings, Christopher Belt, Adriane Johnson, David Koehler, Mary Edly-Allen and Celina Villanueva-Mike Simmons-Lakesia Collins

House Sponsors

(Rep. Marcus C. Evans, Jr.-Lawrence "Larry" Walsh, Jr.-Matt Hanson-Will Guzzardi, Stephanie A. Kifowit, Mary Beth Canty, Gregg Johnson, Kelly M. Cassidy, Harry Benton, Jay Hoffman, Michael J. Kelly, Anna Moeller, Dave Vella, Barbara Hernandez-Emanuel "Chris" Welch, Janet Yang Rohr, Dagmara Avelar, Yolonda Morris, Sharon Chung, Joyce Mason, Abdelnasser Rashid, Hoan Huynh, Bob Morgan, Michelle Mussman, Suzanne M. Ness and Debbie Meyers-Martin)

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Worker Freedom of Speech Act. Provides that an employer or the employer's agent, representative, or designee may not discharge, discipline, or otherwise penalize, threaten to discharge, discipline, or otherwise penalize, or take any adverse employment action against an employee: (1) because the employee declines to attend or participate in an employer-sponsored meeting or declines to receive or listen to communications from the employer or the agent, representative, or designee of the employer if the meeting or communication is to communicate the opinion of the employer about religious or political matters; (2) as a means of inducing an employee to attend or participate in meetings or receive or listen to communications; or (3) because the employee, or a person acting on behalf of the employee, makes a good faith report, orally or in writing, of a violation or a suspected violation of the Act. Provides for a private right of action to enforce the provisions of the Act. Sets forth the duties and powers of the Department of Labor under the Act. Provides that, within 30 days after the effective date of the Act, an employer shall post and keep posted a notice of employee rights under the Act where employee notices are customarily placed. Provides for exceptions under the Act.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes. Provides that an employer shall be assessed a civil penalty of \$1,000 for each violation of the Act. Provides that, upon a reasonable belief that an employer covered by the Act is in violation of any part of the Act, an employee or interested party may assert that a violation of this Act has occurred and bring an action for penalties in the county where the violation is alleged to have occurred or where the principal office of the employer is located, pursuant to a specified sequence of events. Provides that nothing in the Act: (1) prohibits a political organization, a political party organization, a caucus organization, a candidate's political organization, or a specified not-for-profit organization from requiring its staff or employees to attend an employer-sponsored meeting or participate in any communication with the employer or the employer's agent, representative or designee for the purpose of communicating the employer's political tenets or purposes; (2) prohibits the General Assembly or a State or local legislative or regulatory body from requiring their employees to attend an employer-sponsored meeting or participate in any communication with the employer or the employer's agent, representative, or designee for the purpose of communicating the employer's proposals to change legislation, proposals to change regulations, or proposals to change public policy; or (3) prohibits a religious organization from requiring its employees to attend an employer-sponsored meeting or participate in any communication with the employer or the employer's agent, representative or designee for the purpose of communicating the employer's religious beliefs, practices, or tenets. Defines "interested party" and "voluntary". Makes other changes.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the engrossed bill with the following changes. Provides that nothing in the Act prohibits an employer or its agent, representative, or designee from requiring its employees to attend any training intended to foster a civil and collaborative workplace or reduce or prevent workplace harassment or discrimination (rather than reduce and prevent workplace harassment or discrimination). Makes changes in provisions concerning the powers of the Department of Labor and civil penalties.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
6/24/2024	Senate	Sent to the Governor

HB 4350

Short Description: CHILD ABUSE NOTICE ACT

House Sponsors

Rep. Jed Davis-Brandun Schweizer, Kevin Schmidt, Dan Caulkins, Nicole La Ha, Martin McLaughlin, Adam M. Niemerg, Blaine Wilhour, Brad Halbrook, Chris Miller, Jason Bunting, Paul Jacobs, David Friess, Dave Severin, William E Hauter and Dan Ugaste

Senate Sponsors

(Sen. Sue Rezin and Tom Bennett-Sally J. Turner)

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Child Abuse Notice Act. Requires certain businesses and establishments, including, but not limited to, day care centers, elementary and secondary schools, bus stations, and general acute care hospital emergency rooms, to post in a conspicuous place a notice developed by the Department of Children and Family Services that is aimed toward children under 18 and provides information on what constitutes physical and sexual abuse and how to report such abuse. Requires the notice to be at least 8 1/2 inches by 11 inches in size, written in a 16-point font, unless the notice is provided by electronic means. Requires the Department, in consultation with an accredited Children's Advocacy Center, to develop a model notice no later than 6 months after the effective date of the Act. Requires the Department to make the model notice available for download on the Department's Internet website and provide the notice upon request to eligible business, schools, and other establishments. Provides that the notice shall be printed in English, Spanish, and in one other language that is the most widely spoken language in the county where the establishment is located and for which translation is mandated by the federal Voting Rights Act, as applicable. Imposes certain penalties on those businesses and other establishments that are subject to the Act that fail to comply with the Act's requirements. Exempts school districts and personnel from the penalty provision.

House Committee Amendment No. 2

Removes day care centers and public and private schools that contain students under the age of 18 from the list of businesses and establishments that must post a child abuse notice in their public restrooms. Adds hotels, motels, and tattoo and body piercing establishments to the list. Removes a provision that requires the administrator of a public or private elementary school or public or private secondary school to post a printout of the downloadable notice provided by the Department of Children and Family Services in a conspicuous and accessible place chosen by the administrator in the administrative office or another location in view of school employees. Removes a provision that exempts school districts and personnel from the Act's penalties provisions.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the engrossed bill with the

following changes. In a provision listing the types of businesses and other establishments that must post the child abuse notice as required under the Act, requires compliance from entertainment facilities or sporting facilities that are indoor structures with a legal occupancy of at least 5,000 persons (rather than entertainment facilities or sporting facilities providing services or opportunities to those under the age of 18). Removes a provision that requires the Department of Children and Family Services to, upon request, furnish copies of the model notice without charge to businesses, establishments, or schools. Removes an incorrect cross-reference from the provisions of the engrossed bill.

Last Action

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General Legislative Updates

103rd ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

The Illinois General Assembly stands adjourned until the November Veto Session.

The **Senate Transportation Committee** began a series of hearings recently to discuss the future of Chicago-area transit. The hearings will explore whether combining the area’s transit agencies (the Chicago Transit Authority, Metra, Pace and the Regional Transit Authority) could reduce overhead costs and make them more efficient and how transit relates to the economy, public health, accessibility and climate change.

Additional hearings are scheduled for:

- July 24 at 10 a.m., south suburbs of Cook County.
- Aug. 8 at 10 a.m., counties of DuPage, Will and Kendall.
- Aug. 28 at 10 a.m., Kane and McHenry counties.
- Sept. 18 at 10 a.m., northwest suburbs of Cook County and Lake County.
- Oct. 16 at 10 a.m. in Springfield.

GOVERNOR’S HIGHLIGHTS:

New Laws: Governor Pritzker signed the carbon capture bill ([SB 1289](#)) this week. The new law establishes regulations for carbon capture, including requiring new carbon sequestration facilities to obtain a state permit with requirements for monitoring during and after carbon sequestration, as well as rules around financial assurances, insurance, emergency management, and closure plans. The law places

a moratorium on new pipelines until the Pipelines and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration finalizes safety regulations or until July 1, 2026.

The act also requires CO2 projects to achieve a net reduction in greenhouse gases and conduct water, air, and soil monitoring to ensure no leaks occur, and take immediate corrective action if they do. The Illinois Commerce Commission will require all new projects to undergo an assessment process and require plans to monitor carbon capture and transport sites and respond immediately if any issues arise. The law also creates safety standards for any new pipelines and mandates training and support for first responders in pipeline areas. Read more [here](#).

Illinois EPA Director Resigns: John Kim resigned as the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Director. Kim, who has served at the agency since 1994 and has been Director since 2019, will be replaced on an interim basis by Deputy Director James Jennings. Jennings took over as interim director on Tuesday, July 16. Jennings has worked in various capacities within the IEPA since 2013.

Quantum Research: Governor Pritzker announced a partnership with the U.S. Department of Defense's research and development agency to further expand quantum research in Illinois. The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, or DARPA, will take residency on the state's quantum campus to establish a program where quantum computing prototypes will be tested. The location of the campus will be announced soon.

The Memorandum of Agreement signed with DARPA will establish Illinois' quantum campus as the site for a new Quantum Proving Ground program, where quantum computing prototypes will be tested and evaluated as part of DARPA's new Quantum Benchmarking Initiative. The FY25 budget allocated \$500 million in state investment to help fund quantum research and build a campus. Illinois will commit \$140 million in matching funds for the Quantum Proving Ground. DARPA's level of investment in the Quantum Benchmarking Initiative will be determined by the quality of proposals, evaluation results, and availability of federal funding.

The facility will include shared cryo facilities, equipment labs, and spaces for both private companies and Illinois' research universities to collaborate and research. Companies with competing technologies across the industry will be able to participate in the DARPA-Illinois Quantum Proving Ground, and those competing for funding will be selected based on performance and results. Read more [here](#).

First Human Case of West Nile Virus Reported: The Illinois Department of Public Health is reporting this year's first human case of West Nile virus. The individual is in their 60's and lives in suburban Cook County. The onset of WNV symptoms was in mid-June. Read more [here](#).

Gubernatorial Appointments: The Governor made the following appointments:

- Garvin Ambrose will serve as a Member of the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission.
- Benjamin Reyes will continue to serve as a Member of the Illinois Racing Board.
- Sarah Alter will continue to serve as a Member of the Lottery Control Board.

- Michael Goetz will continue to serve as a Member of the Teachers' Retirement System Board of Trustees.

Prevailing Wage Rates Published: As required by law, the Illinois Department of Labor published updated prevailing wage rates (sorted by construction trade) for each county in Illinois. Any who disagrees with the published rates has until August 14th to object in writing to the Department. Any objection filed will then be granted a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge. For more information on prevailing wage rates, visit IDOL's [website](#).

OTHER NEWS:

Giannoulis Appointed Co-Chair of National Association of Secretaries of State's Securities

Committee: Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulis has been appointed to serve as co-chair of the National Association of Secretaries of State's (NASS) Securities Committee. The Illinois Secretary of State's Securities Department regulates the securities and investment advisory industries in Illinois and pursues an enforcement program designed to protect Illinois investors from those engaged in unlawful investment-related activities. Giannoulis will serve alongside New Hampshire Secretary of State David Scanlan. The pair will serve until the conclusion of the NASS 2025 Summer Conference.

Pension Pre-Payment: This week Comptroller Susana Mendoza made the first \$422 million pension pre-payment which was authorized under the budget implementation law passed as part of the FY 25 budget. Previously, the law prohibited the IOC from making more than the preset monthly payment to the pension systems. The change allows Comptroller Mendoza to pay more into state pensions earlier in the year when fund balances are strong. It's anticipated that pre-paying \$422 million of the state's monthly pension contribution will allow funds to remain invested for a few months longer, generating an additional \$7 million.

Attorney General Joins Coalition in Support of Drug Pricing Transparency: Attorney General Kwame Raoul joined 21 attorneys general in filing an amicus brief supporting an Oregon law that requires pharmaceutical manufacturers to report certain information about specific new prescription drugs and historical information about pricing for existing drugs.

Raoul and the coalition [filed the brief](#) before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals supporting Oregon's 2018 law, which aims to increase transparency in drug pricing. Raoul and the coalition's brief emphasizes the importance of laws that collect data to provide a greater understanding of drug spending and help guide policy solutions to address high drug costs.

The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association (PhRMA) filed a lawsuit in federal district court in Oregon, challenging the constitutionality of the Oregon law. The district court ruled, in part, in favor of PhRMA, and Oregon appealed to the Ninth Circuit.

Raoul and the attorneys general argue in the amicus brief that state laws like Oregon's serve important state interests, as recent dramatic increases in drug pricing impose harm on states and their residents.

Joining Raoul in filing the brief are the attorneys general of California, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Washington.



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TO: Connect Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Cornerstone Government Affairs – Illinois Team
SUBJECT: Legislative Update
DATE: August 27, 2024

Summary

Over the past month, our team has continued discussions with House leadership and staff regarding the release of the \$3 million appropriation for Connect. We also shared multiple memos with Connect covering the next two Senate Transportation hearings on the future of transit in the state.

At the team's request, we are working to put together information on state and local funding that could be matched with potential federal funding to support Connect's solar energy development. We are also putting together information on renewable biodiesel incentives in Illinois and other states. Moving forward, we will continue to monitor the Senate Transportation hearings and keep Connect updated on any further activity.

Bill Tracking

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Provides that a person may operate a low-speed electric scooter where the operation of bicycles are permitted, including, but not limited to, bicycle lanes and bicycle paths, unless the municipality, county, or local authority with jurisdiction prohibits the use of low-speed electric scooters or a specific class of low-speed electric scooters on that path, and shall have all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the rider of a bicycle under this Code, except as otherwise provided, and except for provisions that by their nature can have no application.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes: Provides that a municipality or park district may authorize and regulate the operation of low-speed electric scooters within the unit of local government on any or all highways, sidewalks, trails, or other public right of way where the operation of bicycles are permitted (rather than a person may operate a low-speed electric scooter where the operation of bicycles are permitted, including, but not limited to, bicycle lanes and bicycle paths, and shall have all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the rider of a bicycle under the Code, except in specified situations). Provides that the use of low-speed electric scooters within any municipality or park district is allowed only if authorized by the municipality or park district. Provides that an authorization or regulation by a county or park district shall apply only in the unincorporated area of that county or on park district property. Provides that a person may not operate a low-speed electric scooter on a highway with a posted speed limit in excess of 35 mph (rather than a person may not operate a low-speed electric scooter without a driver's license, instruction permit, or State identification card). Provides that a person may not operate a low-speed electric scooter unless he or she is 16 (rather than 18) years of age or older. Provides that a person may not operate a low-speed electric scooter while carrying any package, bundle, or article that prevents the operator from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebars. Removes provisions of the Code concerning vehicles and motor vehicles. Removes language providing that an entity may not operate a low-speed electric scooter business within a municipality unless the municipality authorizes the operation of low-speed electric scooters within the municipal limits. Adds provisions relating to use of low-speed electric scooters, low-speed electric scooters in rights-of-way, and operation of low-speed electric scooters under the influence of alcohol or any drug. Exempts low-speed electric scooters from title, registration, and driver's licenses requirements. Effective immediately.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 3

Provides that the restrictions regarding low-speed electric scooters also apply to a forest preserve district and conservation district. Establishes that any authorization or regulation by a park district, forest preserve district, or conservation district applies only on property owned, managed, or leased by the park district, forest preserve district, or conservation district. Provides that every low-speed electric scooter shall be well-maintained and in good operating condition.

House Committee Amendment No. 2

Removes language providing that unless specifically stated otherwise in an ordinance or resolution by a municipality, county, or park district authorizing the use of low-speed electric scooters within its jurisdiction, the use of low-speed electric scooter is not an intended use of a public right-of-way under the Local Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act.

House Floor Amendment No. 3

Allows the Department of Natural Resources to authorize and regulate the operation of low-speed electric scooters on any or all properties owned, managed, or leased by the Department of Natural Resources. Provides that the use of low-speed electric scooters within any property that is owned, managed, or leased by the Department of Natural Resources is allowed only if authorized by the Department of Natural Resources. Authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to adopt administrative rules for the regulation of low-speed electric scooters on any and all properties owned, managed, or leased by the Department of Natural Resources.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
8/9/2024	Senate	Public Act 103-0899

SB 3208

Short Description: WAGE PAYMENT-PAY STUBS

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Karina Villa and Adriane Johnson

House Sponsors

(Rep. Dagmara Avelar, Joyce Mason and La Shawn K. Ford)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Personnel Record Review Act. Provides that every employer shall, upon an employee's request which the employer may require be in writing on a form supplied by the employer, permit the employee to inspect his or her pay stubs. Amends the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act. Provides that employers shall keep records of names and addresses of all employees and of wages paid each payday, and shall furnish each employee with a pay stub for each pay period (rather than shall furnish each employee with an itemized statement of deductions made from the employee's wages for each pay period). Provides that an employer shall maintain a copy of an employee's pay stub for a period of not less than 3 years after the date of payment, whether the pay stub is provided electronically or in paper form, and the employer shall furnish the pay stub to the employee or former employee upon the employee or former employee's request. Provides that an employer who furnishes electronic pay stubs in a manner that is restricted to the employer's current employees must, upon an employee's separation from employment, furnish the employee or former employee with a paper or emailed electronic record of all of the employee's or former employee's pay stubs for up to 3 years prior to the date of separation, in the method specified by the employee or former employee. Provides that an employer who fails to

furnish an employee with a pay stub or commits any other violation of this Act, except for specified violations, shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$500 per violation payable to the Department of Labor. Defines "pay stub".

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with the following changes. Removes the amendatory changes to the Personnel Record Review Act. Provides that an employer shall provide an employee with a copy of the employee's pay stubs upon the employee's request. Provides that the employer shall furnish the copy of the pay stubs to the employee by the end of the next pay period following the employee's request. Provides that an employer is not required to grant an employee's request for a copy of pay stubs more than twice in a 12-month period. Provides that an employer shall provide a former employee with a copy of the former employee's pay stubs upon the former employee's request. Provides that the employer shall furnish the copy of the pay stubs to the former employee by the end of the following pay period following the employee's request. Provides that an employer is not required to grant a former employee's request for a copy of pay stubs more than twice in a 12-month period or more than one year after the date of separation. Provides that an employer who furnishes electronic pay stubs in a manner that a former employee cannot access for at least a full year after separation shall, upon an employee's separation from employment, offer to provide the outgoing employee with a record of all of the outgoing employee's pay stubs from the year preceding the date of separation. Makes changes to provisions concerning definitions and penalties.

House Floor Amendment No. 1

Provides that an employer shall furnish a copy of requested pay stubs to an employee or former employee within 21 calendar days of the request (rather than by the end of the next pay period of the request). Provides that a request made by an employee or former employee for a copy of a pay stub shall be made to a person responsible for maintaining the employer's payroll, including the employer's human resources department or payroll department, the employee's supervisor or department manager, or an individual designated in the employer's written policy.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
8/9/2024	Senate	Public Act 103-0953

SB 3649

Short Description: EMPLOYEE FREEDOM OF SPEECH

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Robert Peters, Doris Turner, Paul Faraci-Javier L. Cervantes, Karina Villa, Ram Villivalam, Omar Aquino, Mike Porfirio-Michael E. Hastings, Christopher Belt, Adriane Johnson, David Koehler, Mary Edly-Allen and Celina Villanueva-Mike Simmons-Lakesia Collins

House Sponsors

(Rep. Marcus C. Evans, Jr.-Lawrence "Larry" Walsh, Jr.-Matt Hanson-Will Guzzardi, Stephanie A.

Kifowit, Mary Beth Canty, Gregg Johnson, Kelly M. Cassidy, Harry Benton, Jay Hoffman, Michael J. Kelly, Anna Moeller, Dave Vella, Barbara Hernandez-Emanuel "Chris" Welch, Janet Yang Rohr, Dagmara Avelar, Yolonda Morris, Sharon Chung, Joyce Mason, Abdelnasser Rashid, Hoan Huynh, Bob Morgan, Michelle Mussman, Suzanne M. Ness and Debbie Meyers-Martin)

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Worker Freedom of Speech Act. Provides that an employer or the employer's agent, representative, or designee may not discharge, discipline, or otherwise penalize, threaten to discharge, discipline, or otherwise penalize, or take any adverse employment action against an employee: (1) because the employee declines to attend or participate in an employer-sponsored meeting or declines to receive or listen to communications from the employer or the agent, representative, or designee of the employer if the meeting or communication is to communicate the opinion of the employer about religious or political matters; (2) as a means of inducing an employee to attend or participate in meetings or receive or listen to communications; or (3) because the employee, or a person acting on behalf of the employee, makes a good faith report, orally or in writing, of a violation or a suspected violation of the Act. Provides for a private right of action to enforce the provisions of the Act. Sets forth the duties and powers of the Department of Labor under the Act. Provides that, within 30 days after the effective date of the Act, an employer shall post and keep posted a notice of employee rights under the Act where employee notices are customarily placed. Provides for exceptions under the Act.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 2

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes. Provides that an employer shall be assessed a civil penalty of \$1,000 for each violation of the Act. Provides that, upon a reasonable belief that an employer covered by the Act is in violation of any part of the Act, an employee or interested party may assert that a violation of this Act has occurred and bring an action for penalties in the county where the violation is alleged to have occurred or where the principal office of the employer is located, pursuant to a specified sequence of events. Provides that nothing in the Act: (1) prohibits a political organization, a political party organization, a caucus organization, a candidate's political organization, or a specified not-for-profit organization from requiring its staff or employees to attend an employer-sponsored meeting or participate in any communication with the employer or the employer's agent, representative or designee for the purpose of communicating the employer's political tenets or purposes; (2) prohibits the General Assembly or a State or local legislative or regulatory body from requiring their employees to attend an employer-sponsored meeting or participate in any communication with the employer or the employer's agent, representative, or designee for the purpose of communicating the employer's proposals to change legislation, proposals to change regulations, or proposals to change public policy; or (3) prohibits a religious organization from requiring its employees to attend an employer-sponsored meeting or participate in any communication with the employer or the employer's agent, representative or designee for the purpose of communicating the employer's religious beliefs, practices, or tenets. Defines "interested party" and "voluntary". Makes other changes.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the engrossed bill with the following changes. Provides that nothing in the Act prohibits an employer or its agent, representative, or designee from requiring its employees to attend any training intended to foster a civil and collaborative

workplace or reduce or prevent workplace harassment or discrimination (rather than reduce and prevent workplace harassment or discrimination). Makes changes in provisions concerning the powers of the Department of Labor and civil penalties.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
7/31/2024	Senate	Public Act 103-0722

HB 4350

Short Description: CHILD ABUSE NOTICE ACT

House Sponsors

Rep. Jed Davis-Brandun Schweizer, Kevin Schmidt, Dan Caulkins, Nicole La Ha, Martin McLaughlin, Adam M. Niemerg, Blaine Wilhour, Brad Halbrook, Chris Miller, Jason Bunting, Paul Jacobs, David Friess, Dave Severin, William E Hauter and Dan Ugaste

Senate Sponsors

(Sen. Sue Rezin and Tom Bennett-Sally J. Turner)

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Child Abuse Notice Act. Requires certain businesses and establishments, including, but not limited to, day care centers, elementary and secondary schools, bus stations, and general acute care hospital emergency rooms, to post in a conspicuous place a notice developed by the Department of Children and Family Services that is aimed toward children under 18 and provides information on what constitutes physical and sexual abuse and how to report such abuse. Requires the notice to be at least 8 1/2 inches by 11 inches in size, written in a 16-point font, unless the notice is provided by electronic means. Requires the Department, in consultation with an accredited Children's Advocacy Center, to develop a model notice no later than 6 months after the effective date of the Act. Requires the Department to make the model notice available for download on the Department's Internet website and provide the notice upon request to eligible business, schools, and other establishments. Provides that the notice shall be printed in English, Spanish, and in one other language that is the most widely spoken language in the county where the establishment is located and for which translation is mandated by the federal Voting Rights Act, as applicable. Imposes certain penalties on those businesses and other establishments that are subject to the Act that fail to comply with the Act's requirements. Exempts school districts and personnel from the penalty provision.

House Committee Amendment No. 2

Removes day care centers and public and private schools that contain students under the age of 18 from the list of businesses and establishments that must post a child abuse notice in their public restrooms. Adds hotels, motels, and tattoo and body piercing establishments to the list. Removes a provision that requires the administrator of a public or private elementary school or public or private secondary school to post a printout of the downloadable notice provided by the Department of Children and Family Services in a conspicuous and accessible place chosen by the administrator in the

administrative office or another location in view of school employees. Removes a provision that exempts school districts and personnel from the Act's penalties provisions.

Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the engrossed bill with the following changes. In a provision listing the types of businesses and other establishments that must post the child abuse notice as required under the Act, requires compliance from entertainment facilities or sporting facilities that are indoor structures with a legal occupancy of at least 5,000 persons (rather than entertainment facilities or sporting facilities providing services or opportunities to those under the age of 18). Removes a provision that requires the Department of Children and Family Services to, upon request, furnish copies of the model notice without charge to businesses, establishments, or schools. Removes an incorrect cross-reference from the provisions of the engrossed bill.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
8/9/2024	House	Public Act 103-0813

General Legislative Updates

103rd ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

The Illinois General Assembly remains adjourned until the November Veto Session.

As a reminder, there are upcoming subject matter hearings. The Senate Transportation Committee will continue discussing how transit is crucial for public health on August 28 at 10 am at Elgin Community College.

The House Health Care Availability & Accessibility Committee will hold a subject matter hearing on September 11 at 10 am in the Bilandic Building in Chicago to discuss pharmacy benefit managers and specialty medications.

Meanwhile, the House State Government Administration Committee will hold a hearing on September 18 at 11 am in the Bilandic Building in Chicago to discuss [HB 4418](#).

GOVERNOR’S HIGHLIGHTS:

The Governor and his team spent most of the week in Chicago attending the Democrat National Convention. Read more about the Governor’s convention speech [here](#). Capitol News covers each day of the convention [here](#).

ISBE Awards Computer Science Grants: The Illinois State Board of Education announced the recipients of [72 grants](#) totaling \$3 million aimed at advancing equity in computer science education. The

Computer Science Equity Grants are designed to enhance and expand computer science education in Grades K-12 statewide as part of the state’s goal of ensuring that all students have access to rigorous computer science coursework aligned with [state standards](#) and are prepared for a 21st-century workforce.

The grants, which are awarded for up to three years, have been fully appropriated for FY 2024 and 2025, with FY 2026 subject to appropriations by the Illinois General Assembly. Grant awards range from \$10,194 to \$60,700 with recipients including K–12 districts, Regional Offices of Education, Intermediate Service Centers, institutions of higher education, and Education for Employment offices. Awardees will expand learning opportunities, enhance teacher training, equip classrooms, increase the enrollment of underrepresented students in computer science classes, and support early preparation for secondary computer science success.

View the award recipients [here](#).

Gubernatorial Appointments: Governor Pritzker made the following appointments:

- David Fox will continue to serve as a Member of the Health Facilities and Services Review Board.
- Kathryn Eisenhart will continue to serve as a Member of the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission.
- Mariel Hamer-Sinclair will serve as a Member of the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission.
- James David Cross will serve as a Member of the State Board of Health.
- Kevin Blackburn will continue to serve as a Trustee on the Teachers’ Retirement System Board of Trustees.

New Laws: Governor Pritzker has now signed all the legislation passed during the 2024 Spring Legislative Session. The Governor did not issue any amendatory or total vetoes this year.

Pritzker signed the bulk of the remaining bills on his desk (265 bills) last Friday afternoon. A full listing of the legislation signed is [here](#). [Here](#) is a list with hot links. Highlights include:

[SB 275](#) Requires the Secretary of State to offer applicants the option to be issued an 8-year driver’s license, beginning no later than July 1, 2027.

[SB 2764](#) Requires businesses to provide notice to their customers at least 3 days before an automatic renewal clause goes into effect after a free trial period of 15 days or more.

[SB 3455](#) Provides that the Department of Revenue, in consultation with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, shall conduct a study to evaluate the property tax system in the State.

[HB 2161](#) Makes it a civil rights violation for an employer to discriminate or harass based on an employee’s family responsibilities.

[HB 3733](#) Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act protect employees from discrimination from the use of AI in the workplace, and ensures employers are transparent about their use of AI for employment-related decisions.

[HB 4592](#) Allows the SOS to issue mobile ID cards and driver's licenses.

[SB 2662](#) Prohibits manufacturers from marketing e-cigarettes that are likely to cause a parent, legal guardian, teacher or other person to mistake the electronic cigarette for a product that is not a tobacco product.

[SB 2744](#) Amends coverage requirements for vaccine administration fees for individual and group health insurance plans and managed care plans.

[SB 2876](#) Creates the Large Event Facilities Act, requiring event facilities to compost organic waste and transfer recyclable materials to recycling facilities.

[SB 3173](#) Allows counties to lease, license, or grant access to infrastructure they own or control, such as fiber optic cables, to public or private entities to help expedite the delivery of broadband services.

[SB 3481](#) Establishes registration requirements for sites that store used EV batteries and requires rulemaking to address safe storage of used EV batteries.

[HB 5511](#) 2024 Illinois Procurement Code Omnibus.

[SB 692](#) Creates the Task Force on Interjurisdictional Industrial Zoning Impacts to study State and local zoning laws and policies related to large industrial developments.

[SB 2849](#) Allows a unit of local government to adopt reasonable rules for private party use of airspace for unmanned aircraft that is above public property under specific circumstances.

[SB 3696](#) Requires producers of portable and medium-format batteries to participate in and fund a stewardship program, managed by the IEPA, for the collection, transportation, and recycling of those batteries.

[SB 3713](#) Increases accessibility to the Illinois Crime Victims Compensation Program.

[SB 3426](#) Makes changes to the Motor Fuel Tax Law to amend the method for calculating percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for the purpose of annual adjustment in the tax rate and makes a clarification to the sales tax exemption for certain aircraft materials.

Executive Order: Governor Pritzker issued [Executive Order 2024-02](#) to begin a cross-sector planning process to outline a framework for addressing the needs of older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers over the next decade.

The Executive Order creates a new strategic position, the Chief Planning Officer, within the Illinois Department on Aging. This position will lead the development and implementation of a multi-year Multi-Sector Plan for Aging (MPA). The MPA will serve as a 10-year blueprint to support healthy aging in Illinois communities and set clear, measurable objectives for evaluating public and private sector progress toward this goal. The Chief Planning Officer will deliver the MPA to the Governor and General Assembly by December 31, 2025, and an additional status report by December 31, 2026. Read more [here](#).

2024 Economic Growth Plan: The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity released Illinois' 2024 Economic Growth Plan, a five-year plan to guide Illinois' economic development priorities and programming. The plan outlines a roadmap to attract investments, create jobs and support communities over the next five years while laying the foundation for economic growth for generations to come.

Illinois' 2024 Economic Growth Plan is guided by four overarching economic development goals:

- Focus on high-growth sectors and continue overall business climate improvements
- Advance comprehensive economic development efforts for business growth and attraction
- Promote equitable growth by empowering workers, entrepreneurs, and communities
- Build out the new clean energy economy

Read the full plan [here](#).

DCEO Proposes Broadband Grants: The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity proposed rules to implement the Broadband Infrastructure Investment Act. As a means of documenting unserved and underserved locations and community anchor institutions within Illinois that qualify for federal Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) funding, this rulemaking replaces Federal Communications Commission broadband data maps with a dataset approved by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA, a federal agency within the U.S. Department of Commerce).

The rulemaking also updates an incorporation by reference of DCEO's Connect Illinois Initial Proposal (Vol. 2), which was revised in May 2024 and approved by NTIA on June 10, 2024. Information that must be submitted by BEAD grant applicants has been simplified and demonstration of financial need is no longer required, nor will it be a factor in determining grant awards. Those affected by this rulemaking include small businesses, small municipalities and non-profits that may be eligible for BEAD grant. The proposed rules can be found [here](#) on page 11415.

Venture Investment for Semiconductor Technology Advancement: The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity announced a \$20 million offering through the Venture Investment for Semiconductor Technology Advancement (VISTA) initiative. This funding is targeted at strengthening Illinois' ecosystem, catalyzing transformative innovations, and attracting substantial private investments that will drive the state's leadership in semiconductor technology.

As part of DCEO's \$114 million Illinois Innovation Venture Fund (INVENT) program, VISTA is designed to reinforce sectors and technologies aligned with the federal CHIPS and Science Act, including initiatives spearheaded by the National Semiconductor Technology Center (NSTC). The VISTA initiative will channel investments into businesses such as advanced computing and software, advanced materials, microelectronics, quantum science and semiconductor manufacturing and packaging. Those interested can submit an Expression of Interest via the [DCEO website](#) to get started.



Connect Transit will livestream the Board of Trustees meetings when a YouTube link is provided on the agenda. Anyone who attends the meeting or addresses a public meeting during Public Comment time will be heard and may be seen on the livestream. Any audio and video captured will be in the recording.

If you are experiencing COVID symptoms, please do not attend the meeting.

AGENDA

Connect Transit Board of Trustees, Board Workshop

August 27, 2024 – Immediately Following Regular Session
Connect Transit Board Room, 351 Wylie Drive, Normal, IL 61761

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Communications Protocols
- D. Adjournment

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