



Notice of Public Meeting:
Commission on Equity and Inclusion (CEI)

Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Time: 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Join in Person: Jesse White State of Illinois Building, 115 S. LaSalle St., 4th Fl.,
Lincoln Park Conference Room, Chicago, IL 60603

Join in Person: Lincoln Tower Plaza, 524 S. 2nd Street, Suite 502, Springfield, IL 62701

1. Call to Order

2. Minutes: March 18, 2026 (*Action*)

3. Stakeholder Spotlight: Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority (MPEA) - Alexander D. Buckles, Director of Business Diversity and Hilary Barker, Director of Procurement

4. Operations Reports

- A. Outreach Report – Nikita Richards, Internal/External Communications & Legislative Affairs Officer
- B. Administrative Report – Robin Streets, Chief of Staff
- C. Financial and Human Capital Report – Tracey Kenney, Chief of Finance and Human Capital Officer
- D. Business Enterprise Program (BEP) Compliance Unit and Veterans Business Program (VBP) Reports – Jacob Perez, Deputy Director
- E. Business Enterprise Program (BEP) Certification Unit and Mentor Protege Program (MPP) Reports – LaTasha Binder, Deputy Director

5. Ongoing Business

- A. Illinois Hiring Practices (30 ILCS 574/40-10(4)) – Commissioner Enneddy Rivera
- B. Stakeholder Engagement Updates

6. New Business

- A. Procurement Scorecard 2026 Report – Commissioner Richard Costes
- B. 2028-29 State of Illinois Disparity Study – Commissioner Benjamin Salentine

7. Public Comment

8. Adjournment (*Action*)