

**ILLINOIS VENTURES, LLC  
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE  
BOARD OF MANAGERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 27, 2023**

**8:32 a.m. – 9:59 a.m. CST**

**Via Video Conference**

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

Before calling the meeting to order, Committee Chair Mike Tokarz referenced the following that was shown on the screen at the start of the meeting:

“Before we begin, the Committee is informed that on June 15, 2020, Governor Pritzker signed a new law amending the Open Meetings Act to allow public bodies to meet via audio or video conference during disasters. This law applies to today’s meeting. The key provisions of the new law are:

- The Governor or the IDPH must have issued a disaster declaration that is in effect at the time of the meeting, and all or part of the public body's jurisdiction must be covered by the disaster area; since Illinois Ventures’ jurisdiction is statewide, a disaster declaration involving Illinois would invoke the law for Illinois Ventures.
- The head of the public body -- for us, myself the Committee Chair -- must determine that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent;
- All votes must be taken by roll call, including procedural votes such as a motion to adjourn; and
- Open sessions will be recorded, and the recordings will be made available to the public”

Chair Tokarz called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. CST and asked Christopher Valera to take attendance. Mr. Valera took the roll call and confirmed that all members could hear each other and that a quorum of voting committee members was present. Mr. Valera also asked that if during the meeting any members could not hear, they note that in the chat<sup>1</sup>. Present and participating members included:

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<sup>1</sup> During the Open Session, no members noted that they could not hear.

Voting Members

Mike Tokarz  
Ed McMillan  
Dennis Hesch  
Todd Lillibridge  
Jay Walsh

Voting Members – Absent

Guy Padbury

Others Present

Andrew Allen  
Becca Bean  
Nancy Sullivan  
Christopher Valera

**Action Item: Approval of the Minutes of the December 21, 2022 Meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee of the Illinois Ventures, LLC Board of Managers**

No issues or corrections were noted regarding the minutes of the December 21, 2022 meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee of the Illinois Ventures, LLC Board of Managers.

**Chair Tokarz accepted a motion to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2022 meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee of the Illinois Ventures Board of Managers. This was so moved by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and approved unanimously via a roll call vote.**

**Discussion Item: Strategic Plan Discussion**

Mr. Allen reviewed with the Committee the slides that he planned to go through with the full Board on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. There was thorough discussion between Mr. Allen and the Committee regarding the proposed direction, and the pathway to get there.

The Committee was supportive of the direction that Mr. Allen was going in, and requested that he include a slide of key next steps for the January 31<sup>st</sup> Board meeting.

Approved by the Committee on  
April 28, 2023

**Adjourn**

**There being no further new or old business, a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Illinois Ventures Strategic Planning Committee was so moved by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Walsh, and approved unanimously via a roll call vote.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m. CST.**

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Valera