

**ILLINOIS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE  
MEETING NOTES**

Annual Report Final Review

Wednesday, September 24, 2025 (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)

**I. Welcome, Opening Remarks, & Call to Order**

- **Date/Time:** September 24, 2025 (1:00–3:00 PM)
- **Chair:** Victoria Young
- **Host:** Illinois EPA

**II. Roll Call**

***Ex-officio Members, State Agency Directors or Designees***

- Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Chris Pressnall) – Present
- Illinois Department of Human Services (David Esposito) – Not Present
- Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (Isabel Velez-Diez) – Present
- Illinois Department of Natural Resources (Jose Burgos) – Present
- Illinois Department of Public Health (Gerrin Cheek Butler) – Not Present
- Illinois Department of Transportation (Brandy Phillips) – Present

***Elected Officials***

- Senator Celina Villanueva – State Senator 12<sup>th</sup> District – Not Present
- Representative Kimberly DuBuclet – State Representative 5<sup>th</sup> District – Not Present

***Governor Appointed Commissioners***

- Chair Victoria Young, Naturally Urban Environmental Inc. – Present
- Pratigyan Bhusal, United Congregations of Metro-East – Present
- Donovan Griffith, Illinois Manufacturer’s Association – Not Present
- Chynna Hampton, Illinois Workforce Innovation Board – Present
- Tonyisha Harris, The Nature Conservancy – Not Present
- Cheryl Johnson, People for Community Recovery – Not Present
- Marcus Jordan Indiana-Illinois-Iowa FFC – Present
- Marcella Keenan Corona, MK Corona – Present
- Samarth Medakkar, Advanced Energy United – Present
- Dulce Ortiz, Clean Power Lake County – Not Present
- Ashish Sharma, Discovery Partners Institute, University of Illinois System – Present
- Stephen Sylvester, Attorney General’s Office – Present

### III. Annual Report Review

- In accordance with the [Illinois Environmental Justice Act \(415 ILCS 155/1 et seq.\)](#), the Commission is tasked with submitting an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly with its findings and recommendations.
- The Commission engaged in a final review of the annual Commission report during this meeting. The draft report was shared with Commissioners via email and through their Microsoft Teams shared platform, in addition to being discussed at the August quarterly meeting.
- Commissioners joined IEPA staff and Commission Chair Victoria Young in a read-through of the draft report, section by section, answering any questions or making additions, as needed.
- In real time, the subcommittee chairs logged onto the shared draft report document to include key takeaways and next steps for each of their subcommittees. Commissioners were on board with proceeding, and no opposition occurred.
- The Commission submitted the report to the Governor and General Assembly on September 30, 2025.