

**Illinois Electronics Recycling Task Force  
Meeting Minutes  
April 24, 2026, 10-11 am CT, via Zoom**

| <b>Role</b>                        | <b>Task Force Member</b>          | <b>Present</b> | <b>Absent</b> |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Local government (2)               | Christina Seibert, Chair (SWANCC) | X              |               |
|                                    | Amanda Hunt (Tazewell County)     | X              |               |
| Recycler (2)                       | Lisa Kneller (URT)                |                | X             |
|                                    | {open}                            |                |               |
| Manufacturers (2)                  | Melissa Mallory (Dell)            | X              |               |
|                                    | {open}                            |                |               |
| State retail association (1)       | Alec Laird (IRMA)                 |                | X             |
| State manufacturer association (1) | Donovan Griffith (IMA)            | X              |               |
| State waste association (1)        | Frank Hillegonds (NWRA)           | X              |               |
| National manufacturer association  | Katie Reilly (CTA)                | X              |               |

Other attendees: Kim Bottomley & Vishnu Srinivasaraghavan (IEPA); Jason Linnell (NCER)

**1. Administrative items**

**a. Filling of vacant positions (recycler, manufacturer)**

CTA put call out with no response but will try again

Kim and Christina will continue to pursue filling these positions

**b. Mandatory state trainings**

Due by October 31; Kim will do individual follow-ups for any that are incomplete

**2. Updates for program year 2025 and 2026 operations (if any)**

**a. 2025 annual report**

Posted on IEPA website – 8.4 million pounds from opt-in, 20.9 million tons with private network

No 2026 updates from NCER

**3. Updates for program year 2027 planning**

**a. Opt-in counties**

A couple new counties have opted in, with 52 opt-ins to date; IEPA did outreach to draw in some new counties

Manpower and money are issues for counties to be able to opt in

Hawaii is using surplus funds to provide program grants; this is something that we may want to consider for Illinois

**b. Group plans / 2027 program plan**

5 group plans (no changes from recent years), plus Best Buy will continue to operate its own program

**c. Manufacturer and recycler registrations**

Coming in as planned; registrations are due April 1 of each year

IEPA will be moving to electronic applications soon; these may be piloted with Task Force members before rolling out

**d. Covered device changes – home audio component definition, peripherals**

Consensus on what constitutes a home audio component: a device that provides audio input and/or output and is sold or commonly found in the home

For clarity, definitions could be clarified through rulemaking or a guidance document, with subsequent legislative amendment when bill sunset is extended to memorialize interpretation

**4. Task force responsibilities – best practices documents all due November 1, 2026**

**a. Collection event best practices**

The need for an update is being considered

**b. County opt-in best practices**

Christina and Amanda are working on a draft to present for review during the July meeting

**c. Consumer education and awareness best practices**

NCER has a new website in development, launching midyear – educational materials will be hosted there

Jason will provide an update on materials to be available to support development of the new best practices document

**5. Next meeting – July 17 @ 10am CT**

**6. Adjourn – 10:40**