

CORRECTED AGENDA



# AGENDA FOR THE 230<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY CIVIL SERVICE MERIT BOARD

## Locations

The University Civil Service Merit Board (Merit Board) will convene for its 230<sup>th</sup> meeting at **1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, 2026**, at the following locations:

State Universities Civil Service System  
1717 Philo Road, Suite 24  
Urbana, IL

Northern Illinois University  
Altgeld Hall, Room 203  
DeKalb, IL

Chicago State University  
Gwendolyn Brooks Library  
Conference Room 352  
9501 South King Drive  
Chicago, IL

Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville  
School of Dental Medicine  
2800 College Ave.  
Alumni Conference Room, Room B273  
Alton, IL

Governors State University  
1 University Parkway  
Room C2315  
University Park, IL

University of Illinois at Chicago  
Discovery Partners Institute  
200 S Wacker Drive  
Conference Room 702  
Chicago, IL

Illinois State University  
718 W. College Avenue  
Room NSB 101A  
Normal, IL

Also, via live stream at the following address:

<https://multimedia.illinois.gov/sucss/sucss-live.html>

***Note: If you are requesting the opportunity to make public comments, please contact Jenn Miles at [jennm@sucss.illinois.gov](mailto:jennm@sucss.illinois.gov) by March 9, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. to receive additional information.***

## Agenda Items

1. Call to Order and Roll Call –John Butler, Chair  
Chair to call the meeting to order and roll call of members pursuant to Section 2.01 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.
2. Consideration of participation by other Merit Board Members not physically present at the meeting site – Action Item  
The Merit Board will be asked to permit other Merit Board members who are not physically present to actively participate by other means in accordance with the Open Meetings Act requirements.
3. Approval of the Agenda for the 230<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Merit Board – John Butler, Chair – Action Item  
The Merit Board will be asked to approve the March 10, 2026, meeting agenda.
4. Merit Board Reorganization – Action Item  
The Merit Board will elect the following Officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, and two additional members to the Executive Committee. The Merit Board is also required to appoint a Secretary for the Merit Board.
5. Consideration of the Minutes of the 229<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Merit Board, December 9, 2025 – Action Item  
The Merit Board will be asked to review and approve the Minutes from the December 9, 2025, meeting.
6. Consideration of the Closed Minutes of the 229<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Merit Board, December 9, 2025 – Action Item  
The Merit Board will be asked whether the Closed Minutes of the 229<sup>th</sup> Meeting still require confidential treatment or no longer require confidentiality and are available for public inspection.
7. Report of the Chair concerning the January 30, 2026 Executive Committee meeting  
The Chair will report on the discussion that occurred with the EAC during the January 30, 2026 Executive Committee meeting.
8. Public Comments – Action Item  
As of the publication of this Agenda, there have been no requests to present public comments.
9. Report of the Designated Employer Representative Group – Joshua Allen, DER for Governors State University  
Joshua Allen, DER for Governors State University, will update the Merit Board on recent activities of the DER group.

10. Report of the State Universities Employee Advisory Committee – Jill Odom, Chair  
Chair Jill Odom will update the Merit Board on recent committee activities.
  
11. Consideration of Discharge Proceeding Number UIUC-25-19 filed by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign against Clarissa Babiarz – Action Item  
The Merit Board will be asked to consider and act on matters surrounding this discharge case. The Merit Board will then be asked to adopt a decision and order on this matter.
  
12. Consideration of Discharge Proceeding Number UIC-25-17 filed by the University of Illinois at Chicago against Gino Ortiguerra – Action Item  
The Merit Board will be asked to consider and act on matters surrounding this discharge case. The Merit Board will then be asked to adopt a decision and order on this matter.
  
13. Review of Recent Activities of Audit Division and Classification, Examination, and Compensation Division – Liz Borman, Assistant Manager of the Classification, Examination and Compensation Division  
The Merit Board will be updated on current activities.
  
14. Report of the Executive Director – Gail Schiesser  
The Executive Director's Report will include a recap of each of the following items:
  - a. Staff Updates
  - b. Budget Updates – FY 26 and FY 27
  - c. Police Examination Update
  
15. Report of Legal Counsel – Maggie Miller  
The Merit Board will be updated on recent legal activities, including discharge and demotion cases referred to the Merit Board, as well as pending Administrative Review Cases.
  
16. Other Items as Presented