



**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
LABOR COMMITTEE**

County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois
Tuesday, February 18, 2025 – 4:30 p.m.

Jennifer Putman Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E. Washington St., Urbana

Committee Members:

Aaron Esry
John Farney – Vice Chair
Stephanie Fortado
Emily Rodriguez – Chair
Daniel Wiggs

Agenda Items

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Approval of Agenda**
- IV. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. January 8, 2025
- V. **Public Participation**
- VI. **Closed Session Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)2 to Consider Collective Negotiating Matters Between the County and its Employees or their Representatives**
- VII. **Other Business**
 - A. Approval of Closed Session Minutes
 1. January 8, 2025
- VIII. **Adjournment**

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10 **OPEN MINUTES** – *Subject to Approval*

11 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Aaron Esry, John Farney (Vice Chair), Stephanie Fortado, Emily
12 Rodriguez (Chair), and Daniel Wiggs

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14 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

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16 **COUNTY STAFF:** Steve Summers (County Executive), Michelle Jett (Director of
17 Administration), Travis Woodcock (Budget Director), Andrew
18 Bequette (Assistant State’s Attorney), Melvin Stevens (Assistant
19 State’s Attorney), Laurie Brauer (Coroner) and Megan Robison
20 (Recording Secretary)

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22 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Jeff Wilson (County Board Member), and Barb Mann (Legal
23 Counsel)

24 **Agenda Items**

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26 **I. Call to Order**

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28 Chair Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

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30 **II. Roll Call**

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32 A verbal roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

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34 **III. Approval of Agenda**

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36 **MOTION** by Mr. Esry to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Farney. Upon vote, the
37 **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

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39 **IV. Approval of Minutes**

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A. October 22, 2024

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42 **MOTION** by Ms. Fortado to approve the minutes of October 22, 2024; seconded by Mr.
43 Esry. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

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45 **V. Public Participation**

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47 None

48 **VI. Closed Session Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)2 to Consider Collective Negotiating Matters**
49 **Between the County and its Employees or their Representatives**

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51 **MOTION** by Mr. Farney to enter into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c) 2 to
52 consider collective negotiating matters between Champaign County and its employees
53 or their representatives. He further moved that the following individuals remain
54 present; Legal Counsel, Assistant State’s Attorneys, Budget Director, Director of
55 Administration, County Executive, County Board Member Wilson and recording
56 secretary; seconded by Mr. Esry. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**
57 unanimously.

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59 The committee entered into closed session at 4:48 p.m.

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61 The committee resumed open session at 6:54 p.m.

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63 **VII. Other Business**

64 A. Approval of Closed Session Minutes

65 1. October 22, 2024

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67 **MOTION** by Mr. Farney to approve the closed session minutes of October 22, 2024;
68 seconded by Mr. Esry. Upon vote the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

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70 Before entering closed session Ms. Jett requested for the Committee to hear a request
71 from the Coroner. Ms. Brauer asked for an additional staff member to be added to her
72 budget. She wants to make a change in how the shifts work because the current
73 schedule is not sustainable. This position would require an additional \$65,000-75,000
74 with benefits. Committee members asked how the hours were covered previously,
75 about the increase in staff a couple years ago and if there has been an increase in
76 workload.

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78 Ms. Brauer shared that McLean County, a smaller county, has four more staff members
79 than Champaign County. Ms. Jett also explained the additional work that comes from
80 having a level one trauma center in our community. Mr. Wilson would like to see more
81 data to backup this request.

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83 **VIII. Adjournment**

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85 Chair Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

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