

Democratic Caucus COW
Tuesday December 9, 2025

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:47 PM

Members present: Locke, Lokshin, Hanauer-Friedman, Vanichtheeranont, Wiggs, Sullard, Arres, Fava, Rogers. Late arrivals: Rodriguez at 5:53 PM, Peugh at 6:00 PM.

Motion by Vanichtheeranont to approve agenda, second by Wiggs.

Motion by Vanichtheeranont to approve minutes, second by Sullard.

Public participation: County Clerk Ammons (1) asked if any questions about polling places to be voted on during meeting (no questions), (2) expressed concerns regarding potential non-binding ballot measures, and (3) informed the Caucus of a \$30K grant from the U of I toward the (anti)Restrictive Covenant project.

Communications, none .

Discussion of agenda.

Elly and Finance. A report on the deficit. Auditor report through June. Treasurer report through October. Revise civil fees to be charged by Circuit Clerk. Discussion of three non-binding Public Questions for inclusion on March 17, 2026 Primary Election: Rogers – how will public be educated; Rodriguez – who will fund public campaign; Sullard – Board members should engage in public education and town halls. Finance Study Session January 27th at 6 PM,

Policy, Vanichtheeranont, A vote on appointments to CU-MTD (Alan Nudo's agenda item needs to be amended to reflect proper appointment), Mental Health Board, Developmental Disabilities Board, and Rural Transit Advisory Group.

Justice and Social Services – Rogers. Discussion of Funding Street College for Reentry Services. Rodriguez expressed desire to fund a broader array of reentry services within the community. Full discussion limited by need to vacate Putman Meeting Room for Labor Committee meeting at 6:10 PM.

Adjourn at 6:09 PM.