



CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
JOINT LABOR & LITIGATION COMMITTEE
County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois

OPEN MINUTES – Approved as Distributed on February 10, 2026

DATE: Thursday, January 29, 2026
TIME: 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: Jennifer Putman Meeting Room
Bennett Administrative Center
102 E. Main St., Urbana, IL 61801

Committee Members:

Present	Absent
Aaron Esry	Jilmala Rogers
John Farney	Daniel Wiggs
Stephanie Fortado	Jeff Wilson
Jennifer Locke	
Emily Rodriguez	
Eric Thorsland	

County Staff: Andrew Bequette (Assistant State’s Attorney), Melvin Stevens (Assistant State’s Attorney), Steve Summers (County Executive), Michelle Jett (Director of Administration & Recording Secretary), Suzanne Brock (HR Manager), Byron Clark (Treasurer), and Megan Robison (Recording Secretary)

Agenda Items

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of Agenda

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

IV. Public Input

None

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

MOTION by Ms. Locke to enter into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c) 2 to consider collective negotiating matters between Champaign County and its employees or their representatives. She further moved that the following individuals remain present; Assistant State's Attorneys, County Executive, Director of Administration, HR Manager, Treasurer and recording secretary; seconded by Mr. Esry. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

The Litigation Committee entered Closed Session at 4:32 p.m.

The Litigation Committee resumed Open Session at 4:57 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

Labor Committee Chair Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 4:57 p.m.