



EngAging Illinois Commission Inaugural Meeting

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

2:30-4:30pm CT

555 W. Monroe St., Peoria Conference Room - 4th Floor

Call to Order

Welcome

- Mary Killough, Director, IDoA
- Mary O'Donnell, President, RRF Foundation for Aging
- Michelle Hoersch, Chief Planning Officer, IDoA

Roll Call and Introductions

Public Comment

EngAging Illinois Updates

Milestones and Activity

Philanthropy – Mary O'Donnell

Working Groups

Age-Friendly Communities – Gia Schultz and Neil James

Housing - Alan Quick

Transportation – Kim Edwards and David Schafer

Social Connection – Sandy Pastore and Teresa Davis

Ensuring Health for All Ages – Michelle for Meghan Huisingsh-Scheetz

Investing in Caregivers – Diane Slezak, Susan Real, Amy Brennan

Affording Aging – Sandy Pastore

Academic Collaborative on Aging

Engage Central/Caregiver Portal

Modernizing Home and Community-based Services

Communications and Ambassadors Program – John Beilenson and Chris Gherst, SCP

Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy (IRRPP) – Ivan Arenas

Data and Data Dashboard – Ben Shaw, UIC School of Public Health

Moving Forward

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