

*****April 15, 2026, Minutes*****

Meeting: Illinois Nursing Workforce Center
Meeting Date: April 15, 2026
Meeting convened: 11: 05 am
Meeting Adjourned: 12: 50 pm
Meeting Locations/Video Conference: Chicago #5C5, Springfield#258
Guests: Remote

Board Members Present:

Krista L. Jones, Chairperson	Elaine Hardy, Member
Gina Canny, Member	Blanca Miller, Member
Heather Escobar, Member	Diane Smith, Member
Lynda M. Bartlett, Member	Theresa E. Towle, Vice-chairperson
Glenda Morris Burnett, Member	Karen Richey, Member

Board Members Virtual: None

Board Members Absent: Daisy Sherry, Member

Staff Present:

Michele Bromberg, Nursing Coordinator
Reid Paxson, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Remote: None

Topic	Action
I. Call to Order, Roll call.	K. Jones declares quorum 11:05 a.m.
II. Announcements, Correspondence 1. Welcome to Illinois Nursing Workforce Center Advisory Board meeting. All board members, guests and staff self-Introduce. 2. Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) a. FY26 Nurse Educator Fellowship program update. 3. Stateline Nurses Network Annual Expo 4/24/26 Rockford, Illinois. Staff will attend.	
III. Review and Approval of Open Minutes (Action) Approval of February 18, 2026, INWC Advisory Board meeting minutes. Motion to approve February 18, 2026, meeting minutes made by Krista L. Jones / moved by Gina Canny / seconded by Elaine Hardy. Abstain: Theresa E. Towle.	02/18/26 minutes approved by individual board members.
IV. Chairman Time	

V. Board Liaison Time VI. Board Liaison/INWC manager position remains open. VII. M. Bromberg, Nursing Coordinator - Renewal Survey update - Renewal Process - CORE “Comprehensive Online Regulatory Environment”, new examination application process for Nurses (RN/LPN), update. - Board of Nursing Meeting 05/01/2026	
I. Old Business – Report on the Student Nurse Day in Springfield. March 24, 2026	
VII. New Business - NCSBN presentation: Evolving Workforce Trends in Nursing, Richard Smiley. - Chicago Bilingual Nurse Consortium (CBNC) outreach. They will do a presentation at the June 17, 2026 meeting	
VIII. Public Comment	None
IX. Adjournment Motion to adjourn meeting made by Krista L. Jones / moved by Lynda M. Bartlett / seconded by Elaine Hardy. Abstain: none.	There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm
The next INWC BOD meeting will be Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 11 am. Springfield: room 202, Chicago: room 5C5	

Members of the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center (INWC) Advisory Board of Directors: Lynda Bartlett, Chicago, IL; Gina Canny, Springfield, IL; Heather Escobar, Norridge, IL; Elaine Hardy, Bloomington, IL; Krista Jones, Broadlands, IL; Blanca Miller, Dunlap, IL; Glenda Morris-Burnett, Chicago, IL; Karen Richey, IN; Daisy Sherry, Darien, IL; Diane Smith, Richton Park, IL; Theresa Towle, Tinley Park, IL.

The Illinois Nursing Workforce Center (INWC) (formerly the Illinois Center for Nursing) was established in 2006 to advocate for appropriate nursing resources necessary to meet the healthcare needs of the citizens of Illinois. INWC is working with industry professionals and educational institutions to ensure that Illinois has a nursing workforce that is necessary to meet the demands of a growing and aging population.

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