



Chairman: Jaemie Neely
Members: Larry Ivory, Ron Anderson, Bob Grogan, Aaron Carter

Procurement Policy Board Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2025

Via Webex

10:00 am

I. Call to Order

The April 1, 2025, Procurement Policy Board meeting was called to order. Executive Director von Behren held a roll call. Chairperson Neely, Member Ivory, Member Grogan, and Member Carter were present via Webex. Member Anderson was absent.

II. Legislation Discussion

A discussion was held regarding proposed legislation for the current spring session. The Board discussed the pros and cons of proposed legislation along with the potential impact on a variety of factors across the State of Illinois.

HB3701/SB2187 – Member Carter noted that he had attending several meetings regarding this legislation that there were concerns across State Agencies about the added cost, the availability of items, and the logistics along with the impact on BEP vendors. Member Grogan question adding another layer of bureaucracy to this process. Chair Neely echoed those concerns the Board agreed that the legislation was well intended but could have some serious impact on Agency and University outcomes in the future.

HB3557/SB2296 – Member Carter stated that this piece of legislation may need to be more tailored and flushed out moving forward but it meant to start a point for a discussion regarding the University. A discussion was had regarding who else is exempt from the code including other Constitutional Officers. Member Ivory stated that it presented some challenges to him with lack of oversight. It was noted that this would not affect BEP goals since that is a separate statute. Chair Neely stated that she was concerned about where the line gets drawn when it comes to oversight when we start exempting certain entities. Member Carter noted that for him it was always about where the money comes from, and the State should always have oversight of its appropriated dollars but noted that the University does not use State appropriated dollars in procurement. Member Grogan stated that would like to have more discussion on what's not working currently and if there is a need for more flexibility. The Chair and Board Members agreed that more discussion on this the reason and needs for it would be had.

HB3558/SB2300 – Chair Neely noted similar concerns with oversight and transparency as were discussed previously.

SB0171 – It was noted that this bill was meant to address veterans and contracting. It was decided to discuss this later in conjunction with another bill addressing veterans.

HB3519/SB2297 – Member Carter stated that this was attempt to get small and diverse business into the process after the procurement. A good idea in concept, especially on long term contracts, but the Members aren't sure how that would compute with the language of the code. Chair Neely noted that it could be helpful



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to add BEP spend to contracts but would like to pay more attention to this bill and the language as it moves forward.

HB1053/SB1294 – Member Grogan noted that compliance with this could become cumbersome especial in the IT field. Members agreed that this is good idea in concept and every effort should be made to keep work here, but a mandate may not be the best result.

HB4023 – Chair and Board Members agreed this could be hard to enforce and the practicality of the bill could be challenging.

HB0531 – Director von Behren noted that this was currently a shall bill that could possibly have larger procurement changes added to it later on during the spring session.

SB1864 – Chair Neely was cautious about more exemptions form the code and curious if CDB had any insights to whether this is a good use of an exemption or not. Member Ivory was concerned about fast tracking procurement the tends to lead to a lack of minority participation.

HB2833 – Chair Neely noted that this may be to try and avoid some procedural hoops when it comes to federal dollars and BEP spend.

HB3655/SB2198 – Chair Neely and Board Members agreed that getting small business access to capital has always been a priority. There was some question regarding the scorecard and how that would function.

SB2411 – It was noted that vendors are already allowed to ask for an exit conference following a bid and that Agency should be debriefing losing vendors after a solicitation.

SB1423 – Member Carter noted no real problem except when it came to construction, the lack of potential vendors. Chair Neely and Member Ivory noted that they would like to follow up on this bill and see if it would have any impact on other BEP spend.

SB2272 - Chair Neely noted that the complexity of reporting and oversight might be a challenging part of the bill.

HB3574/SB2502 – Board Members noted that was good idea but question the possibility of it being able to be applied.

HB3537/SB2298 – Member Carter noted this was done to try and avoid duplicative oversight and increase efficient in the procurement process.

SB2290/HB3555 – Member Carter noted that there had not been an increase in the A/E threshold for ten years. Chair Neely noted that some smaller firms were being swallowed by larger one in this area so this may help them get more contracting deals in place.

SB2301/HB3556 – Member Carter stated that this was a technical change to solve a disagreement on whether the language applies to Universities.



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SB2302/HB3540 – Member Carter noted the Universities were having problems keeping BEP vendors certified and it was affecting their BEP spend. He hoped this would increase the time a vendor can remain certified by CMS.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. Adjournment

Member Grogan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Carter seconded the motion. All Members voted to adjourn the meeting and the motion carried.