



Illinois Counseling Association

A Branch of the American Counseling Association

Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Location: Zoom – Online

Attendance

Nicole Thompson – President* PRESENT Jessica Dyrek – President-Elect* NOT PRESENT Mandy Kellums Baraka – President Elect-Elect* PRESENT Kristina Hill – Past President* PRESENT Crystal Doc Murdock - Division Rep.* PRESENT Carmel Brown - Chapter Rep.* PRESENT Melissa Franzen – Region Rep.* NOT PRESENT Kris Wheatley– Past Presidents Chapter* PRESENT	Lauren Brdecka – Treasurer NOT PRESENT Kimberly Thomas – Secretary PRESENT Kesha Burch – Parliamentarian PRESENT Kristin Carlson – Association Director PRESENT (*) Denotes Voting Member
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I. Opening Procedures

- Call to Order **Call to Order at 9:01AM**
- Attendance & Roll Call
- Review of Voting Procedures

II. Consent Agenda

The following items are routine, noncontroversial actions requiring a board vote that are expected to generate no discussion. Any member may request to move an item to the regular agenda if there is concern or doubt.

- Approval of Agenda
 - **Approved**
- Approval of Previous Minutes: Executive Committee Meeting – February 13, 2026
 - **Approved**
- Standing Rules and Procedures: Standard updates/review

III. Reports & Information (No Action Required)

Informational items are shared separately and do not require formal approval.

- Membership Update
 - **Provided by Kristin Carlson**
- Director/Leadership Concerns
 - **Kristin presented Statement of Concern – being reviewed by EC**
- Finance Report
 - **Provided by Kristin Carlson**

- 2026 Spring Conference
 - Provided by Kristin Carlson and Immediate Past President Kristina Hill

IV. Unfinished Business (from Feb 13, 2026)

- Grievance & Appeals Committee Proposal
- Collar Counties & Email Threads
- Counselor Insurance Advocacy Committee (CIAC) – being reviewed by EC
- Evaluation of Diagnostic Tools for EC and GC – being reviewed by EC

V. New Business

- Personnel Committee Recommendations and Member Qualifications
- Association Director Annual Evaluation Process - being reviewed by EC
- MDW Leadership Engagement and LDA Proposal
- ACA MDW Chair Elect: Discussion on selection process
- VALOR – New Chapter
 - Sent for electronic vote
- IACSSW – New Division
 - Sent for electronic vote

VI. Closing

- **Announcements & Upcoming Dates:**
 - Governing Council (Virtual): April 24, 2026
 - Governing Council & Transition (In-Person): June 27, 2026
 - Governing Council (Oak Brook, IL): November 5, 2026
- **Adjournment 11:02AM**