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Don

Could you please add the below email to our record in R25-18 as a public comment.

From: Lakhani, Radhika D. <Radhika.D.Lakhani@Illinois.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 11:23 AM
To: Tipsord, Marie <Marie.Tipsord@illinois.gov>
Subject: Re: letter from the Board

Hi Marie,

Thank you for your letter dated September 23, 2025. Our responses to your questions can be found below.

1. Do other state agencies live stream their public meetings? If so, could you provide a list of the agencies you are aware of doing so?

Yes. Several agencies such as the ICC, LCC, SUCSS, PRB, IRB, ISBE, IGB and others live stream their public meetings.

2. What is DoIT's preferred platform for video streaming?

DoIT does not have a preferred platform for video streaming, however Webex is primarily used. The platform used depends on what the Agency needs are; i.e. where the meeting is being held, the level of involvement, and the intended audience, etc.

3. Can the Board add a live stream to its public website?

Yes. You can add a link to the livestream page. For an example of such please see the link below.

<https://icc.illinois.gov/about/Media/>

4. Is there any added cost to the Board to add a live stream to its public website?

No there should be no added cost to the Board.

5. Is DoIT aware of other state agencies that allow for virtual public comment during their public meetings? If so, could you provide a list of which agencies are doing so, and what platform they are using?

There is no standard for whether or not an agency will allow for virtual public comment during their public meetings. It varies from event to event. DoIT has the ability to add a Comments section to the streaming page. Users input their name, email address and their comment and it's sent to a predefined email address. The user will not know the destination address. It is not real-time two-way communication and no one else sees the comment. However, it will be up to your agency to determine if a set up as described above comports with the Open Meetings Act or any other statutes which govern your agency.

6. Does DoIT have recommendations for agencies on the procedure for allowing virtual public comment?

DoIT does not have recommendations for agencies on the procedure for allowing virtual public comment. Currently, the agencies for which DoIT has helped set up livestreams for do not allow public comments for their public meetings as the meetings are strictly controlled based on the agenda. Comments are usually opened for events like a Town Hall or round table where they solicit for questions and then answer them live. As an option, your agency could open the comments form, let question askers submit questions/comments and then answer them offline after the event. However, it will be up to your agency to determine if a set up as described above comports with the Open Meetings Act or any other statutes which govern your agency.

Below are some examples of board meetings which have been live streamed in the past:

<https://multimedia.illinois.gov/lcc/LCC-Board-091725.html>

<http://multimedia.illinois.gov/icc/ICC-091825-ROM.html>

<https://multimedia.illinois.gov/irb/IRB-Board-091825.html>

If your agency has any further technical questions with respect to the live streaming / virtual public comment space, they can be sent to Dean Haukap, Dean.Haukap@illinois.gov. Likewise, Dean is the appropriate contact if your agency elects to proceed with the creation of a live streaming / virtual public comment space.

Thanks,

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From: Tipsord, Marie <Marie.Tipsord@illinois.gov>

Date: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 9:15 AM

To: Lakhani, Radhika D. <Radhika.D.Lakhani@Illinois.gov>

Subject: letter from the Board

Good morning,

I am attaching a letter we placed in the US mail today with some questions for you and your staff at DoIT. As a part of our rulemaking process, we have been asked about allowing for online participation at our hearings and meetings. As a result, we have some technical questions we wanted to get some guidance on from you and your staff. Because it is an open docket in a rulemaking we are placing the letter in the rulemaking docket. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me. Thanks

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