

- k. In matters of routine business, the chair may assume general (unanimous) consent unless or until someone objects. In those cases, a regular vote will be required.

Section 2. Quorum

The Board or its committees shall conduct no official business in the absence of a quorum. A quorum of the full Board and the Executive Committee shall consist of (1) forty percent (40%) of the acting voting members are present at any meeting of the Board and (2) forty percent (40%) of the quorum are business members. A quorum of the standing committees or ad hoc committees shall be 33% of voting members of standing committees or ad hoc committees.

Section 3. Technology

The Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2.01) as amended requires that all public meetings be held at specified times and places which are convenient and open to the public.

It also requires that a quorum of members of a public body must be physically present at the location of an open meeting.

The geographic area of Clinton, Monroe, Randolph, St. Clair and Washington counties which makes up local workforce innovation area is not more than 4,500 square miles. Therefore, the exception granted under the Illinois Open Meetings Act which allows for the public body to meet the quorum requirement when people are assembled at more than one location and connected via video conference does not apply.

Section 4. Voting Rights – Absentee Voting

Each member shall be entitled to one (1) vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members unless a conflict of interest arises. Members must be present at meetings to cast a vote.

Section 5. Conflict of Interest

When an issue presents a possible conflict of interest for a member, that member shall disclose the potential conflict of interest and shall abstain from voting on the matter for which a potential conflict of interest exists. A conflict of interest is any matter that has a direct bearing on services to be provided by the member or any organization such member directly represents, or any matter which would provide direct financial benefit to the member of the immediate family of the member or any organization they represents.

**ARTICLE VII
INDEMNIFICATION**

Section 1.

The Board shall indemnify any Board member, staff person, officer, or former Board member, staff person, or officer for expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him/her in connection with the defense of any action, suit or proceeding, civil or criminal, in which he/she is made a party by reason of being or having been a Board member, staff person, or officer, except in