

COMMUNICATIONS AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE (CASE) COMMUNICATIONS WORK GROUP



Date: February 19, 2026 **Time:** 2:00 pm
Location: Zoom

Members Present: Jess Wright, Kraig Kistingner, Christine Caves, Lavon Nelson, Mitch Dickey, Michelle Sabasco, Kara Demirjian Huss, Biswa Puhya, Alex Purcell
Members Absent: Kristie Conklin

Co- Chair: Mitch Dickey – TRANSFR Inc.
Kara Demirjian Huss – TCCI
Manufacturing/DCC Marketing, IWIB
CASE
Committee, Chair
Alex Purcell – United IWIB CASE
Committee, Vice Chair
Jess Wright – Three Sixty Mep
Kraig Kistingner – National Tube Supply

Co-Chair Christine Caves – Quad City Chamber
Biswa Puhya – IDHS/DRS
Lavon Nelson – ICCB
Kristie Conklin - Commonwealth Edison

STAFF: Kiersten Baer & Jalissa Jones, ISU-ICSPS, **Gina Wells**, AIR

Staff Support: Coryn Barger

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2:00 PM	<p>Welcome & Quorum</p> <p>Chairperson Mitch Dickey welcomed the group.</p> <p>Ms. Jalissa Jones conducted roll call. A Quorum was determined to be present.</p>	Mitch Dickey and Christine Caves
2:05 PM	<p>Minutes</p> <p>Chairperson Mitch Dickey called for a motion to approve the January 2026, Communications Workgroup Meeting Minutes as presented. Mr. Kraig Kistingner made a motion to approve. Ms. Jess Wright seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted in order to carry the motion. The motion carries. The February 2026 CASE Committee Communications Workgroup Meeting Minutes stand approved as presented.</p>	Mitch Dickey and Christine Caves

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2:10 PM	<p>Co-Chair Introduction</p> <p>Ms. Christine Caves was introduced to the group as new Committee Co-Chair. Chairperson Mitch Dickey noted that Ms. Caves has been heavily involved with the larger committee as well as this work group and thanked her for stepping into the new role.</p>	
2:15 PM	<p>Illinois Workforce Innovation Board (IWIB) Communication Plan Voting</p> <p>Chairperson Mitch Dickey provided a quick review of the IWIB Communication Plan as it currently stands, noting that there will be several more iterations moving forward to address different points.</p> <p>Mr. Dickey called for a motion to approve the Draft IWIB Communication Plan as presented. Mr. Kraig Kistingner made a motion to approve. Ms. Michelle Sabasco seconded the motion. Ms. Jalissa Jones conducted a roll call vote to carry the motion.</p>	Mitch Dickey and Christine Caves
2:40 PM	<p>Communication Plan: Next Steps</p> <p>Ms. Jalissa Jones provided a review of the CASE Comms Bulletin Draft.</p> <p>Mr. Dickey opened the floor for feedback.</p> <p>Ms. Jalissa Jones will share out a copy of the draft for work group review.</p> <p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review of SOP for Bulletin. - Current state of the website/discussion regarding possible modifications to be made with the timeline presented. 	Mitch Dickey and Christine Caves
2:50 PM	<p>New/Old Business</p> <p>There was no new/old business.</p>	Mitch Dickey and Christine Caves
2:55 PM	<p>Public Comment & Questions</p> <p>Chairperson Mitch Dickey opened the floor for public comment. There was none.</p>	Mitch Dickey and Christine Caves

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3:00 PM	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>Chairperson Mitch Dickey called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Kara Demirjian Huss made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Kraig Kistingner seconded the motion. Ms. Jalissa Jones conducted roll call to uphold the motion. All present members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 3pm.</p>	Mitch Dickey and Christine Caves
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Next Communications Workgroup Meeting: 2 PM – 3 PM March 19th ▪ Next CASE Committee Meeting March 19th: 9 AM – 10 AM (Vote on approval of Comms Plan) 	

Project Timeline:

- July 17th – Approving Logic Model & Outlining First Steps for Relationship Inventory
- August 21st – Progress of Relationship Model & Starting Value Proposition
- September 18th – Finish Value Proposition & Review Drafts of Communications (Value propositions Communications) & Starting Outreach for Relationship Inventory