

**MEETING OF THE INTERAGENCY MILITARY BASE SUPPORT &  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
FRIDAY JANUARY 13, 2006  
OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR QUINN JAMES R. THOMPSON  
CENTER CHICAGO  
ILLINOIS STATE CAPITOL SPRINGFIELD  
10:00 A.M.**

**Call to Order:**

Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn, Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**Introduction by Committee Members:**

Chicago Office:

Director Jack Lavin Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) & Vice-Chair of Committee; Dave Streiker (DCEO); Mike Kocher Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR); Carolyn Brown-Hodge Office of Lt. Governor; Elizabeth Norden Office of Lt. Governor; Eric Schuller Office of Lt. Governor

Springfield Office:

Leslie Sgro Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR); David Smith Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT); Senator Larry Bomke; Bob Carson Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA); and Pat Welch, Illinois Department of Revenue.

Senator Bill Haine-on speakerphone  
Representative Dan Beiser-on speakerphone

**Opening Remarks:**

Chairman Quinn thanked every one present for attending the committee's second meeting.

**Approval of the Minutes of the December 2, 2005:**

A motion was made by Chairman Quinn to approve the minutes, seconded by Vice-Chair Lavin and unanimously approved.

### **Lt. Governor Quinn-**

Chairman Quinn stated that the most important mission is to nominate the eight public members that will form part of the committee. The sub-committee formed by the Lt. Governor, Director Lavin, Senator Larry Bomke, Senator Bill Haine, and Representative Ron Stephens, had met during the past week to put together the names of the eight nominees.

The nominees and their hometowns were read: Ms. Evelyn Alexander from North Chicago, Brigadier Gen. Frank Rezac from Peoria, Mr. Dan Silverthon from Peoria, Mr. Gary Gray from Granite City, Ms. Katy Podagrosi from Rantoul, Colonel Gene Blade from Springfield, Mr. Perry Hansen from Rapid City, and Mr. Jim Morgan from Rapid City.

The Lt. Governor then asked Vice-Chair Lavin to please explain the philosophy behind choosing the public members.

### **Director Jack Lavin-Vice-Chair:**

Director Lavin began by stating that they tried to look at major military bases across the state and have geographical diversity from Rock Island, Peoria, Springfield, Scott Air Force Base and the Great Lakes, in choosing the public members. He stated they talked to local leaders, including Springfield Mayor Timothy Davilin and Peoria Mayor Jim Ardis. The primary view was to look for people that cared about their community, then they looked at resumes, and names that where forward by some legislators and local leaders.

### **Senator Larry Bomke-**

Senator Bomke stated that he approved of the public members that were representing Springfield. He was particularly satisfied with the nomination of Colonel Gene Blade.

### **Lt. Governor Quinn-**

Chairman Quinn stated that this committee by statue has to meet quarterly. He then asked if anyone else had comments about the nominations.

### **Dave Streiker DCEO-**

Mr .Streiker stated that Jim Morgan participated in the BRAC committee in Washington D.C. and was very dedicated. He went on to say that Colonel Blade was very active in Springfield and has a lot of National Guard experience.

**Lt. Governor Quinn-**

Chairman Quinn asked that a motion be made to accept the names of the public members. Senator Bomke made the motion and Vice-Chair Lavin seconded the motion. He then asked Vice-Chair Lavin to please discuss the committee's duties.

**Director Jack Lavin-**

Vice-Chair Lavin stated that the main mission is to make Illinois '*BRAC proof*' in the future. He stated that housing is also an important issue.

**Lt. Governor Quinn-**

Chairman Quinn set up the next meeting for March 23, 2006. He stated that by that date the public members should be present and the committee should be complete.

**Adjournment-**

Chairman Quinn adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.