The Task Force on Internationally-Licensed Health Care Professionals

Meeting Minutes

Date: December 11, 2025

I. Call to Order

Ericka Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Location: 555 West Monroe Street, 10th Floor, Champaign Conference Room

Chicago, IL 60661

320 West Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Conference Room 376

Springfield, IL 62786

The locations were connected by interactive video conferencing.

II. Roll Call/Introductions

A quorum of members were present:

IDFPR Secretary or Designee: **Ericka Johnson**

Speaker of the House of Representatives: **Theresa Mah**

Minority Leader of the House of Representatives: **Erin O'Brien**

President of the Senate: **Suzy Glowiak-Hilton**

Minority Leader of the Senate: **David Porter**

DPR Director or designee: **Lauren McGinn**

Nursing Coordinator of the Division of DPR: **Michele Bromberg**

Representatives of an organization that seek to eliminate employment barriers and advance the skills for immigrant professionals: **Tamar Frolichstein-Appel; Bethany Atkins**

A representative of an organization that recruits immigrants and foreign students to work in health related areas; focusing on raising the awareness of social, political, and economic issues faced related to immigrant health: **Mike Zimmer**

A representative of an organization that seeks to increase the number of internationally educated medical professionals for practice within diverse communities: **Óscar Iván Zambrano**

Guest(S) Dr. Bill Hauter, Lance Kovacs, Joe Ourth

IDFR staff were present for the meeting:
Ronald Almiron
Chloe Compton
Katie Workman

III. Meeting Minutes
Erin O'Brien made a motion to approve the October 9th minutes, and Óscar Iván Zambrano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. New Business & Reports
Katie Workman provided applicant data for the International Medical Graduate Pathway through the Department's new Comprehensive Online Regulatory Environment (CORE) system. Ms. Workman reported that as of December 10th, 2025, 20 IMG applications have been submitted to the Department. Additionally, 272 applications are currently in draft status, meaning the applicants have started the process but have not yet submitted their completed applications. Ms. Workman provided a detailed explanation of the application process and outlined necessary steps, including the verified documents required to begin processing the application.

Staff assisted two applicants through virtual visits regarding their applications. The Department received fewer than 10 inquiries per day directed to the International Liaison.

The Department is actively improving the online portal to make it more accessible and user-friendly for applicants.

Miss Johnson provided an overview of the critical tasks and milestones in the 2026 Work Plan that support the Task Force's forthcoming recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly. Miss Johnson highlighted the plan to begin working on action items with progress updates shared during subsequent meetings.

Members and stakeholders contributed feedback and committed assistance to advance each action item. After reviewing and making edits, Miss Johnson asked participants and stakeholders for a motion to approve the 2026 Work Plan. David Porter moved to approve, and Mike Zimmer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. Open Discussion

Miss Johnson asked if there were any comments for open discussion.

V. Public Comment

There were no comments.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Miss Johnson asked if there was a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by David Porter, and seconded by Senator Suzy Glowiak-Hilton at 10:59 a.m., and the motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 10 a.m. in the Chicago and Springfield meeting rooms.