



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: October 1, 2025

Time: 6:15 PM

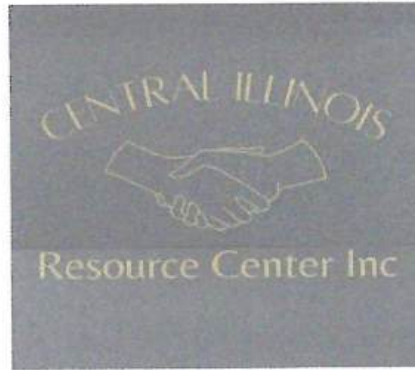
Location: Peoria Public Library North Branch

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM by Board President Jacob Partee.

Board Members Present:

- **Jacob Partee, President**
- **Robin Henry, Vice President**
- **Renee Pierce, Member-at-Large**
- **Adrienne Nelson, Member-at-Large**
- **Cari Blodgett, Member-at-Large**
- **Felicia Murray, Member-at-Large**
- **Jade Reddick, Member-at-Large**



Quorum: A quorum was established with seven (7) members present.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

No previous minutes were available for approval.

4. President's Report (Partee)

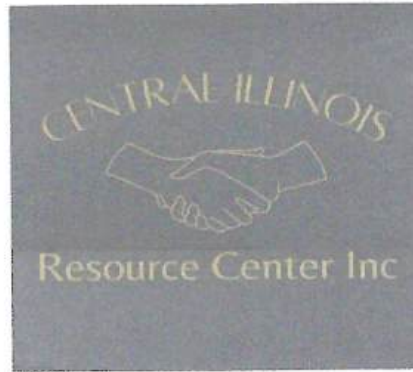
- **Financial Status:** Reported a current balance of \$121.90 in the corporate account at Regions Bank.
- **Mental Health Campaign:** Reported \$125 raised toward a goal of \$3,500.
- **Mental Health Fair:** Approximately 40 attendees participated. Vendor feedback was positive, particularly regarding networking opportunities. The Board agreed that future similar events would be beneficial.
- **Town Hall on Homelessness:** Noted that keynote speaker Bobby J. cancelled due to a family emergency. The event was rescheduled from September 29, 2025, to December 6, 2026. Additional invitations have been extended to local leaders including KShe Bernard, Mayor Rita Ali, City Council members, Carol Merna, Pathway Ministries, Imago Dei Church, and Pastor Melinda Sparks-Renner.
- **Grant Applications:** Reported submission of a Community Needs Grant to the Community Foundation of Central Illinois.



- **Potential Partnership – City of Washington:** Shared discussion with Mayor Stevens regarding a “Rave with Food & Resources” community event. The City may consider sponsorship if presented at a regular council meeting.
- **2026 Annual Ballot:** Advised that the draft ballot will be reviewed at the next board meeting prior to distribution to members. Items will pertain to internal procedures required annually.
- **Potential Partnership – Carle Health:** Reported ongoing review of a draft MOU with Carle Health. The Board will consider after both parties complete review.

5. Member Reports

- **Felicia Murray:** Reported PCCEO Head Start programs will remain open despite government shutdown risks due to secured funding. Expressed concern about rising community violence and emphasized the importance of providing preventative resources.
- **Renee Pierce:** Raised concerns regarding workplace violence directed at healthcare workers.
- **Robin Henry:** Shared that local health departments are offering free *Mental Health First Aid* training opportunities.



6. Board Actions and Voting

- **CARE Fair – Fulton County: Motion to pursue a collaborative Community CARE Fair in Fulton County, Illinois in early 2026, including venue and vendor exploration.**
 - **Vote: Passed unanimously (7–0).**
- **Pink Blossom Resource Fair: Motion to pursue collaborative planning of a Resource Fair with Pink Blossom in early 2026, including venue and pricing exploration.**
 - **Vote: Passed unanimously (7–0).**

7. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

These minutes were prepared by Jacob Partee, Board President and submitted for Board review.

Jacob Partee
Board President

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Board Member At-Large

X Renée Pierce
Board Member At-Large

X *Felicia Murray*

Board Member At-Large

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Board Member At-Large