



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 25TH, 2026

1. Call to Order

The February 2026 meeting of the Board of Directors of Central Illinois Resource Center Inc. ("CIRC") was called to order by the President. A quorum was present.

Member(s) Present: President Partee, VP Henry (Remote), Secretary Nelson, Member Garcia, Member Arnold (Remote) and Member Murray (Remote).

2. Approval of Agenda and Prior Minutes

The Board reviewed and approved the meeting agenda. Prior meeting minutes were approved as presented (or as amended, if applicable).

3. Mental Health & Community Initiatives

A. Approval of New Grief Support Group

The Board unanimously approved the addition of a new grief support group titled "Holding Hope, Your Grief, Your Pace", to be added to the CIRC Resource Calendar.

- **Launch Date: May 13, 2026**
- **Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM**
- **Facilitator: Kellie Dircks (Licensed Clinical Counselor)**



Action Items:

- **Kellie to provide Zoom link for promotional distribution.**
- **CIRC team to design and send promotional flyers to Kellie by end of next week.**
- **President to connect Kellie and Yolanda to coordinate participant referrals.**

B. Collaboration – Peoria Public Schools & Dream Center

The Board discussed collaboration with Peoria Public Schools Wraparound Center regarding youth mental health programming, including:

- **Three breakout sessions (students, parents, professionals)**
- **Mental Health First Aid responder training**
- **Participation in Backpack Peoria event**

A follow-up planning meeting is scheduled for April between the CIRC President and Dr. Mitchell to finalize program details.

Action Items:

- **President to send transcript of Dream Center meeting to Board.**
- **President and Dr. Mitchell to update the Board once the meeting date is confirmed.**



4. SAL Partnership & Community Engagement

The Board reviewed its collaboration with SAL, including:

- Conference room availability for board meetings and community events
- Shared resource support for children, parents, and foster parents

The Board also reviewed social media metrics. While Facebook engagement showed a decrease in page views and followers, recent event promotion (Mardi Gras post) showed strong engagement.

The Board noted a positive meeting with the NAACP focused on voter registration support, potential grant funding, and mentorship initiatives.

The Board approved a new Social Media Policy to protect CIRC, its Board Members, volunteers, and the public.

5. Youth Program Collaboration – Mother’s War on Violence

Yolanda presented updates regarding:

- After-school programming
- Tea Party event
- Upcoming Fatherhood and Motherhood initiatives

CIRC expressed interest in partnership and promotional support.



Action Items:

- Yolanda to send Tea Party flyer and press release for distribution.
- President and Felicia to coordinate involvement in Fatherhood and Motherhood initiatives upon launch.
- Yolanda to send vendor applications and event lists (including Crime Victims' Rights Day) for CIRC review.
- CIRC to consider resource table participation.

6. Resource Center Operations Policy Update

The Board adopted a formal directive modifying CIRC's Peer-to-Peer Support Line operations, establishing:

- Structured phone service hours
- 24/7 text messaging access with AI autoresponder
- Clear emergency disclaimers
- Standardized communication protocols

The Board also approved current expenditures and deposits, including payment toward the phone system.

The President will obtain revised liability insurance quotes and circulate to the Board for approval by the March 2026 Meeting.



7. Mental Health Town Hall Planning

The Board approved hosting a Mental Health Town Hall on:

 Peoria Public Library – North Branch

 April 2, 2026

 Time to be confirmed

Action Items:

- President to notify the library of the confirmed topic for website update.
- President and team to coordinate consent-focused town hall planning for late summer.
- Proposed dates to be sent to Alyssa.
- Alyssa to potentially serve as a speaker at the consent-focused town hall.

8. Partnership Exploration

The Board discussed:

- Scheduling a meeting and tour with Meadowview Behavioral Health Hospital
- Exploring future collaboration opportunities



- **Considering programming at Morton Library and potential collaboration with local nonprofit leadership**

President will update the Board once meetings are scheduled.

9. Board Governance

The Board reviewed attendance records and discussed a Board Member's ongoing absence from meetings and CIRC events.

A motion was presented and approved to terminate the specified Board Member in accordance with CIRC bylaws and governance procedures.

Action Item:

- **President to send formal motion email to Board for final written sign-off and documentation.**

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Certification of Minutes

These minutes were prepared by Jacob Partee, Board President and submitted for Board review. Secondary Review conducted by the Board Secretary.

Approved by the Board of Directors on: 02/27/2026

Signature: Adrienne Nelson
Adrienne Nelson, Board Secretary

Jacob Partee
Jacob Partee, Board President

Robin Henry
Robin Henry, Vice President

ABSENT Excused
Renee Pierce, Board Member At-Large

Felicia Murray
Felicia Murray, Board Member At-Large

ABSENT 2nd
Cari Blodgett, Board Member At-Large

ABSENT 3rd
Jade Reddick, Board Member At-Large

Austin Arnold
Austin Arnold, Board Member At-Large

ABSENT 1st
Thomas Hinton, Board Member At-Large

Natalie Garcia
Natalie Garcia, Board Member At-Large