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Illinois Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights Announces Public Web Briefings Focused on Access to Post- Secondary Education

The Illinois Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will convene a series of public meetings – via webinar – examining access to post-secondary education in the state. Members of the public will be invited to speak during an open comment session.

EVENTS: Illinois Advisory Committee Public Meetings

WHEN: Access to Post-Secondary Education – Panel I

Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. CT, via webinar

Registration: <https://bit.ly/32lhY4o>

Webex Meeting Number: 2760 847 3639

Audio: (800) 360-9505

Access to Post-Secondary Education – Panel II

Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. CT, via webinar

Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/nmnd4f2k>

Webex Meeting Number: 2761 746 0141

Audio: (800) 360-9505

Access to Post-Secondary Education – Panel III

Monday, April 18, 2022, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. CT, via webinar

Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/3bjus2wh>

Webex Meeting Number: 2760 040 4373

Audio: (800) 360-9505

Meeting materials and presentations will be available after the event at <https://tinyurl.com/2022Illinois>. These are the first three public meetings exploring this topic with forthcoming meetings in the Summer of 2022. Please contact Ana Victoria Fortes (information above) for more details or regarding requests for accessibility. Visit <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/cu/ts1Jd7B/ILAdvisoryCommittee> for updates.

The Committee will also accept written comments from members of the public. Please send written statements to Ana Fortes.

Vice Chair Cindy Buys said: “Access to education is crucial to the future well-being of our country. The coronavirus pandemic has more clearly exposed gaps in that access. We must ensure that all people, regardless of personal characteristics or demographics, have equal access to high-quality education. Doing so will create a more prosperous economy by leveraging the talents of our entire population and create a more just and equitable future. We hope that through these hearings, we are able to identify remaining barriers to post-secondary education and to find solutions to reduce or eliminate those barriers.”

Illinois Advisory Committee Access to Post-Secondary Education Web Briefing Agendas

Access to Post-Secondary Education – Panel I

Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. CT

- I. Welcome Remarks (11:00 – 11:10 a.m.)
- II. Presentations (11:10 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.)
 - Amy Korte, Vice President of Policy, Illinois Policy Institute (11:10 - 11:25 a.m.)
 - Juan Salgado, Chancellor, City Colleges of Chicago (11:25 – 11:40 a.m.)
 - Dan Mahony, President, Southern Illinois University (11:40 – 11:55 a.m.)
 - Dr. Carmen Ayala, State Superintendent, Illinois State Board of Education (11:55 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.)
- III. Q&A (12:10 – 12:45 p.m.)
- IV. Public Comment (12:45 – 12:55 p.m.)
- V. Committee Business/Announcements*
- VI. Adjournment (1:00 p.m.)

*Tentative

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