

Legislative & Economic Development Committee

Meets monthly - second Tuesday, 8:45 a.m. at Chamber Office

We know your time is valuable and sparse; **committee meetings are kept to one hour and always have an agenda.** We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. Should you have additional questions, please feel free to call the Chamber at 847-658-5300.

Objectives:

- Maintain an active relationship with legislators, track legislation, and communicate legislative positions of the Chamber to appropriate audiences.
- Utilize lobbying organizations for resources and information such as the Illinois Chamber, the Chicagoland Chamber, our local officials.
- Direct input and action from our members, and develop initiatives to effect change on issues that are key to the region.
- Form or join coalitions with other groups to strengthen our voice such as other chambers and industry groups.

Legislative Agenda Guidelines

The Chamber will address local, state or federal legislation that will have a direct effect on businesses within our region and have a substantial impact on the majority of our members.

LEC Guidelines for Election Terms

The LEC does not allow candidates running in the primary elections to speak at their regularly scheduled meetings, unless otherwise invited to do so, and it is approved by the LEC members.
LEC may host candidate forums.

Committee Procedures for Areas of Interest

1. Identify key areas/parameters to build policy statements

- a. Tax policies, Health Care Mandates, Workers Comp, Education, Transportation, Workforce Development, local issues etc.
- b. Generate a list of key issues and develop a priority list
- c. Poll members & elected officials

2. Develop a position statement/resolution and/or blanket opposition/support of issues

- a. Look at other chambers and organizations for examples
- b. Develop blanket opposition and support. Determine how information will be presented.
- c. What are the parameters of the types of issues that will be addressed?
 - i. What percentage of membership should the issue favor?
 - ii. Boundaries (pros/cons versus a definite position)
 - iii. What areas does the Chamber not get involved?
 - iv. Develop a process for drafting position statements and getting board approval
- d. Draft for Board approval

3. Develop a plan to manage issues

- a. Task forces research and recommend positions – Identify people who have the knowledge to serve on the committee
- b. Gain insight from knowledgeable sources
- c. Monitor issue and government actions

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4. Develop a call to action

- a. Outline how issue will be communicated and followed-through
- b. Educate members on issue and call them to action

5. Communicate Chamber's position

- a. Notify elected officials of Chamber's position
- b. Disseminate information to membership and encourage action
 - i. Broadcast/email/faxes
 - ii. Newsletter
- c. Track bills and communicate results

6. Build strength

- a. Collaborate with other chambers/organizations/develop partnerships/join coalitions
- b. Hold forums for business community and elected officials to meet

As a committee member, what can you expect?

The success of a Chamber is based on the success of its Committees and volunteers. For Committees to be successful, those volunteering understand and accept that there will be a commitment of time and effort on behalf of each committee member. The Chamber understands the value of time, and has created an agenda in which the committee creates monthly to insure that time and efforts are utilized to the best of everyone's ability.

As a member of the committee, you are encouraged to express your ideas, suggestions and opinions which will assist in reaching the goals of the committee. As a Committee member, individuals agree to come prepared to each meeting.



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