9:00 a.m.  Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Mr. Martin Torres, Deputy Governor for Education, Office of the Governor
Mr. John Atkinson, Chair, Illinois Board of Higher Education

9:10 a.m.  Ice Breaker

9:20 a.m.  Session I: A Thriving and Equitable Illinois: Updates from the Higher Education Strategic Implementation Plan

Mr. John Atkinson, Chair, Illinois Board of Higher Education
Ms. Ginger Ostro, Executive Director, Illinois Board of Higher Education

This session will present updates on the Higher Education Strategic Plan for A Thriving Illinois – highlighting short-term priority strategies selected for implementation in years 1 and 2 and the associated workstreams underway to advance substantive institutional change.

10:00 a.m.  BREAKOUT GROUPS: Peer Discussion/Reflections

10:30 a.m.  Share Out

10:40 a.m.  Break

10:50 a.m.  Session II: A Thriving Illinois in Action: Student Centered Supports and Initiatives That Drive Forward Equity, Sustainability, and Growth.

Dr. Javier Reyes, Interim Chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago
Dr. Gloria Gibson, President, Northeastern Illinois University
Dr. Austin Lane, Chancellor, Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Ms. Ginger Ostro, Executive Director, Illinois Board of Higher Education-moderator

This session will present leaders from three Public Universities highlighting evidence-based initiatives currently underway on their campuses developed to provide holistic and coordinated wrap-around supports to help close equity gaps and advance substantive institutional change.

11:50 p.m.  BREAKOUT GROUPS: Peer Discussion/Reflections

12:20 p.m.  Share Out

12:30 p.m.  Lunch Break
1:00 p.m.  **Session III: Legal-Guideposts and Guardrails for Illinois Public University Trustees**

Mr. Thomas Bearrows, General Counsel, University of Illinois  
Mr. John Alsterda, Campus Legal Counsel, University of Illinois Chicago

This session will present an overview of Trustees’ authority, duties and constraints; transparency; ethical guardrails; financial oversight and accountability; and university procurement, including considerations in engaging businesses owned by minorities, females, and persons with disabilities.

2:00 p.m.  **Break**

2:10 p.m.  **Session IV: Good Governance: Good Leadership- We Need Both!**

Dr. Jimmy Clarke, Senior Advisor HCM Strategists, LLC and Trustee for the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors

This session will feature an informational discussion from a Trustee for the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors on the responsibilities of a Board, guidance for building an effective team relationship with the university president, and strategies for leading institutions through disruptive change thereby creating broad paths to a prosperous future for every learner, leader, and community for a Thriving Illinois.

3:15 p.m.  **Concluding Remarks and Final Reflections**

3:30 p.m.  **Adjourn**

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