I. Welcome...........................................................................................................Jennifer DeFranco and Daniel Brown
   a. Mr. Brown introduced all at the table. Jennifer DeFranco, Chairperson, spoke about her background and the volunteer work she is involved in at the local, state, and national levels.
   b. Those in attendance: Chairperson DeFranco, Dr. Ryan, Dr. Dolen, Dr. Cordogan, Mr. Hunter and Mr. Brown. Dr. Shriner joined by telephone for the afternoon session.

II. Special Studies, University of Illinois.................................................................Katherine Ryan, Ph.D.
   a. Dr. Ryan presented a review of the study. (PowerPoint posted to the STRC website).
      No direct questions were asked about the project, but Ken and Katherine did discuss the auditing system in England, how it was conducted, and how it was perceived by various stakeholder groups in England.
   b. No further questions or comments were offered by the group.

III. Special Education............................................................................................Jessica Dare
   a. Dan provided handouts prepared by Mrs. Jessica Dare as she was not able to attend as she was travelling for ISBE. The IAA Scale Score Change and Consortium update were provided.
   b. No questions or comments were offered by the group.

IV. English Language Learners.................................................................Barry Pederson, Ph.D. and Boon Lee, Ph.D.
   a. Drs. Lee and Pederson provided an update on the New ASSETS test and the ACCESS and students with severe cognitive disabilities. Dr. Dolen offered a question about how to hand students who continue in school to age 22 in testing. Dr. Lee said the students would be tested. As an action item, Dan will have Barry and Boon develop a guidance sheet to post on the Assessment website.
   b. No questions or comments were offered by the group.

V. NCLB Waiver update....................................................................................Jim Palmer
   a. Mr. Palmer presented a high level overview of the waiver process. Current challenges include the USDE’s desire for States to use their state assessments as part of teacher/administrator evaluation. Illinois currently has laws on the books that prevent
this at the present time. In addition, the current IL law does not add state assessments as part of evaluation until after 2015.

b. Mr. Palmer and Mr. Brown discussed the additional testing written into the waiver request.

c. Mr. Palmer and Mr. Brown discussed the ongoing budget and funding discussions taking place with the General Assembly.

d. No questions or comments were offered by the group.

VI. PARCC update.......................................................................................................................................................... Jim Palmer

a. Mr. Palmer provided an update on the Assessment Consortia.

b. The group discussed challenges in test security, item development, and test administration.

c. No questions that required follow-up were offered by the group.

VII. Lunch Discussion................................................................................................................................. Jennifer DeFranco and Daniel Brown

VIII. ISAT.................................................................................................................................................................. Jim Palmer and Daniel Brown

a. Mr. Palmer and Mr. Brown outlined the addition of Common Core aligned items to the current ISAT. In addition, ISBE’s “Plan B” was discussed as the contingency plan in case PARCC is not ready for school year 2014-2015. Equating and setting of scale scores were presented in the handouts.

b. No questions or comments were offered by the group.

IX. NAEP, Plan and Explore.................................................................................................................................... Andy Metcalf, Ph.D.

a. Dr. Metcalf was traveling on ISBE business, so Mr. Brown provided an update on NAEP, Plan and Explore.

b. Dr. Dolen suggested Plan be given on Day 1 of PSAE and Explore be given on Day 2. The reason was that the administration times for Plan and Explore worked better with Day 1 and Day 2 respectively.

c. Mr. Brown said his plan was to provide schools with the test materials and allow schools flexibility to administer Plan and Explore as long as testing was completed during the PSAE initial and make-up administration dates.

d. No further questions or comments were offered by the group.

X. PSAE.................................................................................................................................................................. Megan Forness

a. Mrs. Forness was traveling on ISBE business, so Mr. Brown provided an update on PSAE.

b. The NCLB waiver calls for the addition of the Locating Information WorkKeys test. The current ISBE plan is to add the Locating test at the end of Day 2 as a stand-alone booklet.

c. Dr. Cordogan expressed concern for how ACT data are used by the media. A general discussion around validity of ACT scores ensued.

d. No questions or comments were offered by the group.
XI. Discussion

Chairperson DeFranco and Mr. Brown concluded the meeting at approximately 2:30 p.m.