I. Welcome.................................................................Jennifer DeFranco and Daniel Brown
   a. Dan Brown welcomed everyone and introduced Dr. Mary O’Brien, Director of Assessments, ISBE. The members in attendance on site were Drs. Cordogan, Dolan and Shriner. The members in attendance via telephone were Chairperson DeFranco and Dr. Ryan.
   b. Mary O’Brien thanked the members for the input and service.

II. Special Education.....................................................Jessica Dare
   b. Dr. Shriner advised ISBE to push DLM to develop and implement the appropriate levels of professional develop needed to field the assessment.

III. PSAE........................................................................Megan Forness
   a. Mrs. Forness provided dates for the 2014 administration. The dates will be the same as the State User group decided to move the test due to Easter weekend. The dates will be April 23 and 24 and May 7 and 8.
   b. Mrs. Forness provided information on Locating Information (LI), writing and the National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC).
   c. Dr. Dolen suggested ISBE make a directed effort to communicate benefits of the Locating Information test and NCRC.
d. Dr. Cordogan expressed concern that ISBE did not implement writing, but did test Locating Information. Mr. Brown provided information on cost for writing and Locating Information tests. Dr. Cordogan expressed concern for the validity of the WorkKeys products.

e. Dr. Dolen stated writing was needed. She expressed concern about the length of testing on Day 2 of PSAE and wondered if LI results would be impacted. She also spoke to the length of time needed to return test results to students and questioned if motivation would impact results.

f. Dr. Cordogan asked if the NCRC program gave additional information not provided by the ACT test. He said the committee had to separate the “marketing” from the actual usefulness of the assessments. Dr. O’Brian said ISBE would continue to research College and Career Readiness indicators to determine the relationships between the two categories.

g. Dr. Dolen suggested a communication plan be created by ISBE to inform stakeholders, especially employers, about the NCRC program. She also suggested ISBE pressure ACT, Inc. to get more disaggregated information, such as item analysis data, from ACT from the PSAE.

IV. ISAT ..................................................................................................................Jim Palmer and Andy Metcalf, Ph.D.

a. Mr. Palmer spoke about Common Core linked items in the 2013 and 2014 assessments.

b. Mr. Palmer provided some information regarding PARCC.

V. PARCC update ..................................................................................................Mary O’Brien, Ed.D.

a. See handout.

b. Dr. O’Brien expanded on the information provided by Mr. Palmer. ISBE has hired Danny Long, former Director of Assessment for Tennessee, as the IL PARCC Coordinator. Dr.
Long represents ISBE at the PARCC meetings and coordinates all efforts related to the consortium within IL.

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

VII. NAEP, Plan and Explore, Locating Information............................................................ Andy Metcalf, Ph.D.
   a. NAEP – a new engineering test will be given in 2014.
   b. EXPLORE/PLAN—Drs. Dolen and Cordogan expressed major concern with the EXPLORE test. They suggested ISBE adopt a sequence to include: PLAN at 9th and 10th grades and then PSAE at grade 11. They suggested the assessments take place in the spring to coincide with PSAE administration. The idea is to have the three growth points taken at the same time of the year, and aid schools in logistics and administration.

VIII. English Language Learners....................................................................................... Barry Pederson, Ph.D. and Boon Lee, Ph.D.
   a. Mr. Brown provided an update about ELL testing (see handout). A new assessment is forthcoming from the WIDA consortium.

IX. Discussion....................................................................................................................... Jennifer DeFranco and Daniel Brown