

**Illinois State Board of Education
Independent Charter School Authorizer Task Force**

**Steans Family Foundation
50 East Washington, Suite 410
Chicago, IL 60602**

**Monday, December 14, 2009
1:30 - 5:00 p.m.**

Conference call information: please use conference phone number: 1-800-501-8979 and then enter 7-digit access code: 2887642

1:30 – 1:45 p.m.

Welcome

- Roll call
- Approve minutes from November 17th meeting

1:45 – 2:00 p.m.

Public Participation

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

New Business

- *Presentation and discussion:* ability and interest of Illinois' public universities to serve as a high-quality charter school authorizers – Bette Bergeron
- *Discussion and vote:* Should the task force recommend that Illinois' public universities have demonstrated the ability and interest to serve as high-quality charter school authorizers?
- *Presentation and discussion:* assessment of the capacity of school districts in Illinois to authorize charter schools – Paul Swanstrom and Michael Bartlett
- *Discussion and vote:* Should the task force recommend that Illinois maintain the status quo with regard to authorizing charter schools?
- *Discussion and vote:* Should the task force recommend that there is a need for a statewide independent charter school authorizer in Illinois because the state education agency does not have the capacity to authorize charter schools and because all school districts may not have the capacity to authorize or an interest in authorizing?

- *Discussion:* If the task force will recommend the creation of a statewide independent charter school authorizer in Illinois, how will each of the components below be addressed to ensure that the independent agency is committed to high-quality authorization practices?
 - Eligible authorizers in Illinois
 - Funding flows for charter schools authorized by alternate statewide authorizer
 - Resources for authorizer
 - Authorizing Process
 - Accountability for authorizer

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Adjourn