



AN ENGINE FOR COLLABORATION IN NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Regional Data Advisory Council Agenda

Date: Wednesday, May 27th, 2026

Time: 3:30 PM CT

Location: Region 1 Planning Council, 127 N Wyman Street, Rockford IL 61101

Called by: Amanda Mehl, Committee Chair

Members: Alignment Rockford, Boone County Health Department, Bridges to Prosperity Northern Illinois, City of Rockford, Discovery Center, Greater Rockford Chamber of Commerce, Growth Dimensions, Northern Illinois Center for Nonprofit Excellence, Platform Housing, Rockford Regional Health Council, Rockford Park District, Rockford Public Schools District 205, Rockford University, The Workforce Connection

Director: Jason Holcomb, Region 1 Planning Council

Agenda:

- A) Call to Order**
- B) Roll Call**
- C) Public Comment**
- D) Presentations**
 - 1) Mayor's Office of Community and Domestic Violence Data Presentation
 - 2) StreetLight Data Presentation
- E) Action Items**
 - 1) Approval of January 2026 Meeting Minutes
 - 2) Nomination of FY2027 Committee Chairs
- F) Discussion Items**
 - 1) Local Data Additions to Regional Health Atlas
- G) Other Matters**
- H) Adjournment**

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 29th, 3:30 PM

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Mayor's Office of Domestic and Community Violence Data Presentation

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January 2026 Meeting Minutes

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Regional Data Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 28, 2026
127 N Wyman St, Ste 100, Rockford, IL 61101

1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Amanda Mehl at 3:31 pm.

2. Roll Call

A quorum was present. Attending members included:

☒	Alignment Rockford	☒	Platform Housing
☒	Boone County Health Department	☒	Rock Valley College
☒	Bridges to Prosperity Northern Illinois (left 4:39)	☒	Rockford Regional Health Council (left 4:36)
☒	City of Rockford (left 4:43)	☒	Rockford Park District
☒	Discovery Center (left 4:15)		Rockford Public Schools District 205
☒	Greater Rockford Chamber of Commerce (left 4:36)	☒	Rockford University (left 4:39)
☒	Growth Dimensions	☒	The Workforce Connection
☒	Northern Illinois Center for Nonprofit Excellence		

Other attendees: Raegan Hilbrant, Jason Holcomb, Seth Boswell, Tim Verbeke, Maria Tiongco, Chelsey Glatz, Michael Welford

3. Action Item: Approve October 29, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Ron Clewer, seconded by Shelton Kay, to **approve** the October 29, 2025 meeting minutes.
Motion **approved** unanimously by voice vote. Everett Budzine abstained.

4. Action Item: Approval of Regional Health Atlas Indicator Recommendations

Jason Holcomb asked for feedback on the revised list of health indicators that will be included in the Regional Health Atlas. Meetings with key organizations were held in order to ensure this list includes the factors most relevant to local users. This new list of 100 indicators will be used going forward and reevaluated annually, adding and deleting indicators as community priorities change.

Motion by Deepshika Shula, seconded by Jennifer Cacciapaglia, to **approve** the amended list of proposed health indicators.

Motion **approved** unanimously by voice vote. Everett Budzine abstained.

5. Discussion Item: Livable Communities Initiative Index Methodology

Tim Verbeke and Michael Welford, R1 Planning Council

Tim Verbeke presented on R1's Livable Communities Initiative (LCI), giving a background of the initiative and explaining how data was used to identify target neighborhoods. This presentation was designed to solicit committee feedback on data to include when evaluating neighborhoods to be eligible for future rounds of funding.

Proposed updates:

1. Remove livable wage metric
2. Alternative to job accessibility metric
3. Align indicators with livability framework principles (such as transportation, housing variance)

Questions and discussion followed.

6. Discussion: Alignment Rockford Early Development Instrument (EDI) Gallery Walk

Emily Klonicki reviewed the data results from the 2025 EDI. This was the third wave of EDI surveying and included school districts throughout Winnebago County. Participants were able to walk through a gallery of maps showing results and were encouraged to complete a feedback survey.

The EDI maps can be found on Alignment Rockford's website at [alignmentrockford.org/our work/edi/interactive map](https://alignmentrockford.org/our-work/edi/interactive-map).

Emily Klonicki is available to visit your organization to present EDI data tailored to your organization's needs and goals.

Discussion followed.

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Ron Clewer, seconded by Pamela Lopez-Fettes, to **adjourn**.

Motion **approved** unanimously by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 4:52 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Meeting minutes prepared by: Amy Salamon
Minutes approved by action of the Board: _____



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Nomination of FY2027 Committee Chairs

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