

**OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL**  
Procurement Policy Compliance and Monitoring Board

**PPCMB Board Special Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, January 29, 2026**

**\*\* Began Recording\*\***

Karla Schreiber, Chairperson, called the special meeting to order at 2:02 pm and made a prefatory statement that the meeting was being conducted pursuant to the PPCMB's Remote Attendance Policy, as posted on the website of the Office of the Attorney General.

**Roll Call**

*Board Members Springfield:*

Lisa Kaigh – Present via Webex  
Pam Blackorby – Present via Webex in Springfield Office

*Board Members Chicago:*

Karla Schreiber – Present via Webex  
Matt Rogina- Present via Webex in Chicago Office  
Maxwell Schmidt- Present via Webex

*Non-Board Members Chicago:*

Kathy Tedesco- Present via Webex in Chicago Office  
Eileen Pratt- Present via Webex

A quorum of the PPCMB was in attendance.

**Review of meeting minutes of January 9, 2026**

Karla Schreiber asked the Board if there were any comments, questions or concerns regarding the draft minutes of the special meeting, held on January 9, 2026. No comments, questions or concerns were received from the Board. Karla Schreiber asked that the minutes of these meetings be approved as presented. Pam Blackorby so moved, and Matt Rogina seconded the motion. A roll call vote of the Board members was taken, and “yes” votes were received from Karla Schreiber, Matt Rogina, Max Schmidt, Lisa Kaigh and Pam Blackorby. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

## **Old Business-**

There was no Old Business to come before the board.

## **New Business**

### **Agenda item 1: FY26 Dell Apex Refresh**

Eileen Pratt stated that the Chief Technology Officer, has submitted a request to replace all servers in Chicago and Springfield. The current Dell VXRail was a three-year lease and is now at end of life (May 2026). A request was submitted to replace VXRail with Dell Powerflex equipment and services.

Office Services will execute a purchase order to AHEAD for the PowerFlex hardware and services from the DELL/AHEAD CMS Contract CMT 4040325 P-72306 (25-448DOIT-INFOT-P-72306) (Alt ID: 91000019). This purchase will cover a five (5) year term beginning in 2026 upon the ship date of the equipment and extending through 2031. This cost will be financed at 0% interest over the duration of the term. This will result in annual payments of \$1,566,448.80 with a total cost of \$7,832,244.01.

Karla Schreiber asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the documentation for this purchase.

No comments or questions were received from the Board.

### **Agenda item 2: FY26 Dell RMS Managed Services**

Eileen Pratt stated that the Chief Technology Officer, submitted a request to purchase five (5) years of Dell Managed Services from DELL/AHEAD for the Powerflex equipment. Dell PowerFlex is Dell's high-performance, software-defined infrastructure platform designed to combine compute and storage into one scalable system. It's built for organizations that need fast, resilient, and flexible infrastructure for databases, virtual machines, and private/hybrid cloud environments.

Office Services will execute a purchase order for DELL/AHEAD for Managed Services for the Powerflex equipment from the DELL/AHEAD CMS Contract CMT 4040325 P-72306 (25-448DOIT-INFOT-P-72306) (Alt ID: 9100001956) **for a cost of \$2,515,274.00**. The first month's payment will be \$82,468.00, then monthly payments of \$41,234.00 for five (5) years beginning in 2026 and extending through 2031.

Karla Schreiber asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the documentation for this purchase.

No comments or questions were received from the Board.

### **Agenda item 3: FY26 APEX Maintenance Renewal**

Eileen Pratt stated that the Chief Technology Officer, has submitted a request to extend maintenance for the Dell APEX Flex On Demand PowerScale NAS infrastructure supporting both the Chicago and Springfield locations.

Office Services will extend the **Chicago** PowerScale APEX infrastructure from March 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028, at a total amount of **\$261,820.74**, with monthly payments of **\$7,700.61**.

Office Services will extend the **Springfield** PowerScale APEX infrastructure for the same period at a total amount of **\$230,221.82**, with monthly payments of **\$6,771.23**.

Office Services will be processing two (2) purchase orders with Dell under the MHEC Contract MHEC-04152022 for **\$261,820.74** and **\$230,221.82**, respectively, to ensure uninterrupted maintenance, support, and operational continuity for our enterprise storage systems.

Karla Schreiber asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the documentation for this purchase.

### **Agenda item 4: FY26 VMWare License Renewal**

Eileen Pratt stated that the Bureau Chief of IT, has submitted a request to purchase VMware licensing, software and maintenance and AVI Load Balancer Cloud Foundation Service for the Dell PowerFlex systems to serve the agency over the next five (5) years.

VMware Cloud Foundation and the Avi Load Balancer provide a secure, efficient, and resilient infrastructure that supports the agency's mission-critical operations while reducing complexity and operational risk.

Office Services will purchase VMware Licensing, software and maintenance and AVI Load Balancer Cloud Foundation Services through a CMS Master contract with ZONES (CMT3029413).

Office services will enter into a five (5) year agreement with Zones for a total cost of \$5,719,500.00. The office will make annual payments of \$1,143,900.00. The term of this renewal is 04/01/2026 and terminating on 03/31/2031.

Karla Schreiber asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the documentation for this purchase.

No comments or questions were received from the Board.

### **Public Comments**

Karla Schreiber asked if any members of the public were present at the telephonic meeting and wished to make a public comment. No public comments were received.

Karla Schreiber called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pam Blackorby so moved and Max Schmidt seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 2:16 pm.

\*Recording ended\*\*