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MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE ILLINOIS STATE MINING BOARD  
BENTON, ILLINOIS  
February 10, 2022

The following Special Committee members were present:

Robert Eggerman  
Bernard Harsy  
Michael Huff  
Steve Willis

### Call to Order, Roll Call of Board Members

The meeting was called to order. A roll call of Special Committee members was made with all members present. Having a quorum, the Committee proceeded with the meeting.

### Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

As this was the first meeting of the Special Committee, there were no previous minutes to approve.

### Public Comments

David L. Rieser, an attorney for K&L Gates LLP, asked how long the upcoming closed session would take. Scott Sievers, legal counsel for the Special Committee, stated that he did not know how long the closed session would take. Mr. Sievers then told all attendees that the Special Committee could not make any final decisions in closed session. Mr. Sievers also indicated there were no items on the agenda to vote on.

Motion to enter closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) to consider litigation affecting and pending before the Special Committee of the State Mining Board

A motion was made to enter closed session so that the Special Committee and their legal counsel Scott Sievers could discuss the upcoming hearing scheduled for February 17, 2022 before the Special Committee. The hearing concerns a complaint filed by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources against Randy Nowland. The motion to enter closed session was voted on and approved unanimously.

After closed session, the Special Committee returned to open session. Steve Willis motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mike Huff seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.