

Illinois Community College Board

**UPDATE ON THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) Executive Director Ginger Ostro will provide a brief update on the progress of the Strategic Plan for Higher Education. The IBHE derives its statutory authority to develop the Strategic Plan from the IBHE statute (110 ILCS 205/6) (from Ch. 144, par. 186) Sec. 6, which states:

The Board [IBHE], in cooperation with the Illinois Community College Board, shall analyze the present and future aims, needs and requirements of higher education in the State of Illinois and prepare a master plan for the development, expansion, integration, coordination and efficient utilization of the facilities, curricula and standards of higher education for public institutions of higher education in the areas of teaching, research and public service. The master plan shall also include higher education affordability and accessibility measures. The Board [IBHE], in cooperation with the Illinois Community College Board, shall formulate the master plan and prepare and submit to the General Assembly and the Governor drafts of proposed legislation to effectuate the plan. The Board [IBHE], in cooperation with the Illinois Community College Board, shall engage in a continuing study, an analysis, and an evaluation of the master plan so developed, and it shall be its responsibility to recommend, from time to time as it determines, amendments and modifications of any master plan enacted by the General Assembly.