

Agenda Item #7  
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Illinois Community College Board

### **RURAL COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND HIGH SCHOOLS PANEL PRESENTATION**

High schools and community colleges in rural areas face particular challenges that are unique to their setting. These natural partners have also found innovative and collaborative ways to overcome these challenges. During this panel presentation, ICCB Board members will hear from three individuals with significant knowledge and experience working on high school to college partnerships in rural areas. Dr. David Adrey, Executive Director of the Association of Illinois Rural and Small Schools, will be joined by Dr. Jonah Rice, President of Southeastern Illinois College and Dr. Ken Trzaska, President of Lewis and Clark Community College. Dr. Adrey will discuss some of the partnerships he has witnessed across the state and share information about the Association he leads. Drs. Rice and Trzaska will discuss strategies and opportunities for meeting the needs of rural students in their own districts. Time for questions from Board members will be provided.