

ADVOCACY REPORT



ILLINOIS CHAMBER

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NEW BOARD LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCED

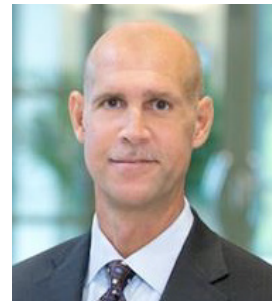


*Megan Woltman
New Board Chairperson*

On June 21, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce announced Meghan Woltman, vice president of government and community relations for Advocate Health Care, as its new incoming chairperson and Brent Eichelberger, president of Commerce Bank in Illinois, as board chair elect.

The Illinois Chamber of Commerce congratulates and welcomes the new leadership with utmost enthusiasm. We'd also like to thank long-time former Chairman Tony Reinhart for his dedication and insight proven to be invaluable to our board and the entire business community.

Please read the full announcement release [here](#) for more information.



*Brent Eichelberger
New Board Chair Elect*

DEPUTY MAYOR OF CHICAGO ROBERT RIVKIN ADDRESSES BOARD

At the Illinois Chamber's board meeting on June 21, Deputy Mayor of Chicago Robert Rivkin addressed the board to discuss some of our state's vital transportation and infrastructure needs and updates, such as the importance of Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, and the common goal of Illinois' overall economic prosperity.



*Tony Reinhart
Former Board Chair*

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MAISCH DEMANDS FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY, ECONOMIC GROWTH AT MIDYEAR ECONOMIC BUSINESS SUMMIT

On June 20, Illinois Chamber President and CEO Todd Maisch joined the Des Plaines Chamber of Commerce alongside Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs at the Midyear Economic Business Summit to discuss the long-term prospect for Illinois' fiscal responsibility, a recap of session, the future of the turnaround agenda, and Illinois' overall economic growth potential.

KEY CHICAGO RAIL PROJECT CRUCIAL TO ILLINOIS' INFRASTRUCTURE

Illinois can use its location and nation's infrastructure system to its advantage. One of the strongest examples of this was on June 5 Governor Bruce Rauner announced the U.S. Department of Transportation will be awarding \$132 million toward the 75th Street Corridor Improvement Project. By working together to form successful public-private partnerships, as in this case, valued opportunities prevail and Illinois' economy is better served. The Illinois Chamber thanks our congressional delegation for their bipartisan support of this project that made this award possible. Read our full statement [here](#).

WEIGHING IN ON THE JANUS V. AFSCME SUPREME COURT RULING

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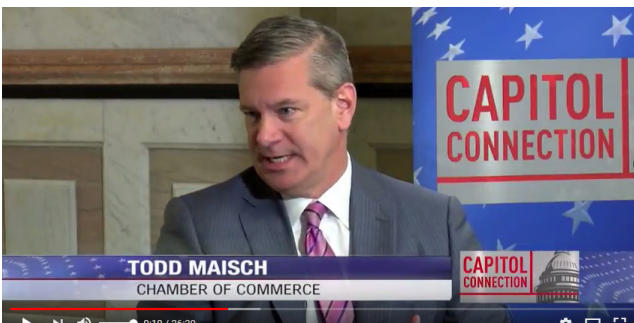
While court victories set precedent on many crucial issues nationally and statewide, there are still a lot of steps to be taken by lawmakers to ensure our states' employers are in the best position for success and economic advancement. And while this specific decision provides long-term relief for taxpayers, we must look at other reform opportunities that lawmakers should address; such as, real workers' compensation reform, property tax caps and smart investment tax policies.



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STATUS QUO UNACCEPTABLE TO ALL, BIZ NEEDS REFORM

On June 17, Illinois Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Todd Maisch appeared on WCIA's Capitol Connection to discuss a series of issues including complex tax matters, the budget, the future of the turnaround agenda and reforms. Watch Maisch's interview beginning at the 8:38 mark [here](#).

STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS & ILLINOIS' TRADE POLICY

On June 15, the International Business Council (IBC) at the Illinois Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with the Embassy of Ghana to the United States and its Honorary Consul in Chicago was honored to host H.E. Dr. Barfour Adjei Barwuah Ghana Ambassador to the United States to strengthen the U.S. Ghana strategic partnership.

Additionally, the Illinois Trade Policy Task Force, created by HJR 03, met on June 4 in Peoria for a roundtable with local policy leaders and manufacturers to discuss the state of trade in Illinois and obtain feedback to identify challenges and opportunities to international growth. Rep. Andre Thapedi and Rep. Keith P. Sommer, both members of the Illinois House international trade and commerce committee, were in attendance. The goal of the Trade Policy Task Force is to make recommendations to the U.S. Congress and pertinent federal agencies regarding trade policies that best serve Illinois interests.



Laura Ortega, Executive Director, International Business Council

CHAMBER ADVOCACY



IN THE NEWS

Fighting for Business Every Month

In the month of June, we spoke to radio, television, and print media outlets, delivering pro-business values to audiences across Illinois. Below is a selection of stories where the Chamber has advocated its position on a variety of topics.

ILLINOIS BUDGET

- [Rauner signs budget minus reforms](#)
- [State treasurer: New budget is both best and worst outcome for business](#)

ILLINOIS TAXES

- [Study looks at introducing graduated State income tax in Illinois](#)

ILLINOIS ECONOMY

- [Statement from Illinois Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Todd Maisch on the IEPA Volkswagen Settlement Plan](#)
- [Statement from Illinois Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Todd Maisch on SB 20](#)
- [Q&A: Illinois Chamber of Commerce on tariffs](#)
- [In which I agree with Todd Maisch](#)

ILLINOIS TRANSPORTATION

- [IL STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Statement from Illinois Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Todd Maisch on CREATE, key Chicago rail project:](#)

OTHER CHAMBER NEWS

- [In Case You Missed It: Illinois Chamber of Commerce Announces New Board Leadership](#)
 - [ILLINOIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Announces New Board Leadership](#)
- [Ryan Named One of the Best Places to Work in Illinois for the Eighth Consecutive Year](#)
- [Sterling Federal earns recognition](#)