



**Near North Unity Program (NNUP)
Membership Meeting NOTES
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Monday, July 27, 2026**

**In Person Meeting
Cornerstone Center, 1111 N Wells**

Welcome & Introductions

- **Review Question and Answer Guidelines**

AGENDA

- **Illinois Department of Transportation**
 - **State of Illinois Hiring Process**
 - **Aisha Price - Recruitment Section Manager**
 - **Presentation about how to create resumes for the State of Illinois**
 - **Discussion about using specificity in your job description.**
 - **Unlike other employers, the State of Illinois reads the resume and wants to understand exactly what you have to offer. Spell out every task and responsibility you have/had at your past jobs, internships, or volunteer positions.**
 - **Don't worry about length 5-10 pages is OK.**
 - **When filling out the application answer with what it is asking for that fits your past skills. Don't leave out details, more is more.**
 - **Jobs without college available.**
 - **Must register first with the State Employment website.**
 - **You will get updates about open jobs there.**
 - **CDL Drivers needs**
 - **Other administrative jobs**
 - **Don't just go by title when you select a job to apply to. sometimes job title sounds technical but does not require a college degree.**
 - **Even Though a job may say Springfield, that job may be hybrid remote and only needs to have a person in Springfield once a week or once a month, depending on the individual job. Should apply and find out specifics before dismissing an opportunity.**

- **Chicago Public School/Board of Education**
 - **Candidates for Board of Education Area 6a**
 - **Dr Brenda Anderson**
 - **Gave personal history.**
 - **A Church Ministry helped her out with her education.**
 - **Gave a vision for how she would serve area 6a.**
 - **Outcome based with Accountability.**
 - **Didn't know and could not give comments about the Ogden Jenner Merger.**
 - **Anusha Thotakura (incumbent)**
 - **Gave personal history of journey to US and her interactions as a child with education in India.**
 - **Teach for America**
 - **Spoke about what she's doing in the role now.**
 - **Citizen Action Illinois member.**
 - **Organizer and Advocacy history.**
 - **Supporter and Implementation for CPS Green School Initiative.**
 - **Spoke at length about her understanding of the Ogden Jenner merger and the challenges of racial equity at schools.**
 - **Isaiah White (Campaign Manager)**
 - **Didn't show up to speak.**

- **Aug 1 - Touch a Truck, Near North Library, 310 W Division, 10 am - 12 pm**
- **Aug 4 - National Night Out, Soldier Field, Stadium Green, 1410 Special Olympic Drive, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm (free parking, buses from neighborhood)**
- **Aug 7 - Stepping under the Stars, Seward Park, 375 W Elm, 6 pm - 9 pm**
- **Aug 8 - The 27th Ward Back to School Picnic, Union Park, 10 am - 3 pm**
- **Aug 14 - Near North Jazz, Seward Park, 375 W Elm, 6:30 pm**
- **Aug 18 - Stanton Park PAC meeting, via zoom, 6 pm**
- **Aug 21 - Stepping Under the Stars, Seward Park, 375 W Elm, 6 pm - 9 pm**
- **Aug 31 - NNUP Meeting, Coffee with the Community - Randall Sendoff, 1111 N Wells, 6 pm**