Evelyn Sanguinetti: The Wheaton City Council member and lieutenant governor-elect will lead the charge as Chairwoman. "There is no one better prepared to help me achieve our administration’s goals than Evelyn. She has been my partner throughout this campaign and will continue that role as we prepare to take office," said Rauner, to which Sanguinetti trumpeted plans "to build an administration that reflects our state’s diversity and is prepared to lead on Day One."

Mike Zolnierowicz: Transition Director. He led Rauner's campaign on the ground and previously worked as Deputy Chief of Staff for Illinois' Mark Kirk, U.S. senator and GOP moderate.

Chip Englander: Senior Advisor. As campaign manager, Englander navigated a successful bid to unseat Quinn that began downstate and in the Republican-leaning collar counties before shifting focus to unsettle Democrats' firm grip on Chicago. He's overseen various campaigns in California, Oklahoma and Wisconsin. His son is also named Chip Englander.

Mike Schrimpf: Communications Director. He was previously communications guru for the Republican Governor's Association. He has a twin brother named Chris, who did public relations for Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker.

Nancy Kimme: The new Transition Advisor is the only one not to have worked for Operation Rauner 2014. But she's got plenty of experience running things on the state government level as a trusted aide to Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka, for whom she's served as Chief of Staff since 2011.

On Thursday, Rauner unveiled 26 other transition committee members with varying resumes and degrees of fame. Here are six whose names are the biggest and most boldfaced:

Bill Daley: He's a former White House Chief of Staff to President Obama and the brother of ex-Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley. The Chicago Democrat recently returned to the banking world after flirting with a run for Illinois governor. His day job: Managing partner and head of U.S. operations at the Swiss-based hedge fund Argentiere Capital. Like Rauner, he knows business; his status as a people connector and operator in a tangled web of movers and shakers will make him especially valuable.


Pastor Corey Brooks: A former Democrat-turned-Independent. Brooks, leader of South Side Chicago's New Beginning Church, campaigned hard for Rauner on the platform that Democrats are taking the African-American vote for granted. His controversial views grabbed headlines as the North Shore candidate made inroads into the city's predominantly African-American wards; several days before the election, Brooks' church was burglarized. He linked the crime to his support for Rauner.

Rev. James Meeks: This prominent African-American leader will also be key in extending Rauner's reach throughout the black community, wherein loyalties tend toward the Democratic Party. Meeks founded the popular Salem Baptist Church in the Pullman neighborhood and formerly served as an Illinois state senator (a Democrat) for a 10-year stint ending in 2013.

Aaron Schock: A rising star in the national GOP, the ambitious 33-year-old U.S. Rep for District 18 was named senior deputy whip earlier this year by Steve Scalise.

Jim Edgar: The well-regarded Republican governor of Illinois from 1991 to 1999, Edgar came around to back Rauner after initially criticizing the multi-millionaire political rookie as
too rich to govern. On the campaign trail Monday, Edgar flubbed and told reporters of his party successor: "I wish he had more government experience."


Rauner’s transition committee

-Governor Jim Edgar
-Bill Daley – Managing Partner and head of U.S. operations, Argentiere Capital LP, former White House Chief of Staff
-Glenn Poshard – Former President, Southern Illinois University; former U.S. Congressman
-Rev. James Meeks – Founder and Senior Pastor, Salem Baptist Church of Chicago; former Illinois State Senator
-Manny Sanchez – Founder and Managing Partner, Sanchez Daniels & Hoffman LLP; Co-Chair, Latinos for Obama
-Doug Oberhelman – CEO and Chairman, Caterpillar Inc.
-State Representative Jill Tracy – 94th District, Illinois House of Representatives
-Ron Huberman – Operating Executive, Prairie Capital; former Superintendent and CEO, Chicago Public Schools
-Phyllis Wise – Chancellor, University of Illinois
-Jim Alexander – President, Illinois State Police Command Officer’s Association (ISPCOA)
-Congressman Aaron Schock – Representative, 18th Congressional District of Illinois
-Arabel Alva Rosales – President, AAR & Assocs., LTD.
-Ron Gidwitz – Partner, GCG Partners
-John Gates – Chairman and CEO, PortaeCo, LLC.
-Pastor Corey Brooks – Founder, New Beginnings Church of Chicago
-Rob Funderburg – Chairman and owner, Alpine Bank
-Mark Cozzi- Managing Partner, Lincoln Park Capital Group
-Tony Anderson – Retired Vice Chairman and Midwest Managing, Partner Ernst & Young
-Sarah Frey-Talley – President, CEO Frey Farms
-Gloria Cardenas Cudia – President and Founder, Salsa Business Network
-Jim Schultz – Founder of Open Prairie and Managing Director of Open Prairie Ventures I and II
-Dr. Willie Wilson – Chairman, Chicago Baptist Institute International (CBII)
-Eleni Bousis – Board Chair for the Greek American Rehabilitation and Care Centre, Entrepreneur of Frontida (CARE) Institution supporting and assisting women and families in need and Board Member for Leadership 100 and the Little City Foundation.
-Ryan Ruskin- President and COO, Ruskin Group
-Beth Christie – Founder and CEO, Avent America
-Ed McMillan – Principal and CEO, McMillan L.L.C
-Andrea Brown – Member of the Illinois State Board of Education, former Regional Superintendent, teacher and administrator
NEW ELECTED OFFICIALS 2015

Senate:
Chris Nybo (R)
Neil Anderson (R)

House:
Pamela Reeves-Harris D
Margo McdDermed R
Will Guizardi D
Grant Wehrli R
Christine Winger R
Peter Breen R
Sheri Jeseil R
Steve Andersson R
Litesa Wallace D
Randy Frese R
Mark Batinick R
Carol Ammons D
Tom Bennet R
Reginal Phillips R
Terri Bryant R