



# Lake County Illinois

## Department Details

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Department name: Housing and Community Development Commission

Type: Commission

Meeting time: 3:30 PM

Meeting location: 10th floor Assembly Room

Primary contact:

Description: **Title:** Housing and Community Development Commission

**Purpose/Function:** The Commission is responsible for overseeing local administration of the Federal Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program and other homeless assistance programs. The Commission is responsible for developing the Consolidated Housing and Community Development Consolidated Annual Action Plan by identifying community needs, setting priorities, and establishing goals. The Commission uses these goals to help determine which activities to fund on an annual basis.

**Term of members/trustees:** Board Members 2 years; Expires December 1; Municipal Officials and citizens four year terms; Expires April 30.

**Composition:** The Housing and Community Development Commission consists of seventeen appointed members and two ex-officio members. The appointed members are made up of five Lake County Board representatives, seven Lake County residents and five mayors, village presidents or township supervisors. These members are nominated by the Lake County Board Chair and approved by the Lake County Board. The ex-officio members are the Lake County Board Chair and the Lake County Board Health and Community Services Committee Chair. Ex-officio members, unlike regular members, are members by virtue of their office and are not required to participate in regular meetings. Their only formal function is to break a tie and/or help secure a quorum.

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**Website:** Housing and Community Development Commission

**Compensation:** unpaid

**Qualifications:** The appointed members are nominated by the County Board Chairman and

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approved by the County Board. They include; Five representatives from the County Board, five Mayors, Village Presidents, or Township Supervisors, and seven Lake County residents.

**Authority:** County Ordinance

**Apply:** Appointment Application

**Last updated:**

Name	Title	Start Date	End Date
Kathleen O'Connor	Commissioner	5/1/2023	4/30/2027
Janet Swartz	Commissioner	5/1/2023	5/30/2027
Dan Venturi	Commissioner	5/1/2023	4/30/2027
Michael Knight	Commissioner	5/1/2023	4/30/2027
Gina Roberts	Commissioner	12/10/2024	11/30/2026
Paras Parekh	Ex-Officio Member	12/10/2024	11/30/2026
Sara Knizhnik	Commissioner	12/10/2024	11/30/2026
Mary Ross Cunningham	Commissioner	12/10/2024	11/30/2026
Sandy Hart	Ex-Officio Member	12/10/2024	11/30/2026
Marah Altenberg	Commissioner	1/14/2025	11/30/2026
Marc Jones	Commissioner	6/10/2025	4/30/2029
Billy McKinney	Commissioner	6/10/2025	4/30/2029
Michael Meehan	Commissioner	6/10/2025	4/30/2029
Ray Rose	Commissioner	6/10/2025	4/30/2029
Stephanie Victor	Commissioner	6/10/2025	4/30/2029
Bethany Williams	Commissioner	6/10/2025	4/30/2029
Anne Flanigan Bassi	Commissioner	5/13/2025	12/31/2027
Linda Pedersen	Member	10/14/2025	11/30/2026