

# Lake County Illinois

*Lake County Courthouse and Administrative Complex  
18 N. County Street  
Waukegan, IL 60085-4351*



## Meeting Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, February 4, 2025**

**8:30 AM**

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at:  
<https://bit.ly/4h4EOUZ>**

**Health and Community Services Committee**

**1. Call to Order**

*Chair Parekh called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Vice Chair Altenberg led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**3. Roll Call of Members**

**Present** 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

*\* Electronic Attendance: Member Maine*

*Other Attendees*

*In Person:*

*Sandy Hart, County Board Chair  
Sam Johnson, Health Department  
Michele Esser, Health Department  
Christopher Anderson-Sell, Communications  
Dominic Strezo, Community Development  
Richard Amonon, College of Lake County  
Jennifer Serino, Workforce Development  
Malin Gembro, Community Development  
Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development  
Rachel Taylor, Public  
Andrea Taylor, Public  
Ashley Celrose, Public  
Michael Karner, Regional Office of Education  
Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office  
Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office  
RuthAnne Hall, County Administrator's Office  
Kristy Cechini, County Board Office*

*Electronically:*

*Holly Kim, Treasurer  
Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office  
Abby Krakow, Communications  
Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office  
Brea Barnes, Finance  
Michael Wheeler, Finance  
Demar Harris, Workforce Development  
Jolanda Dinkins, County Board Office  
Jennifer Brennan, Communications*

**4. Addenda to the Agenda**

*There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.*

**5. Public Comment**

*There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.*

**6. Chair's Remarks**

*Chair Parekh welcomed everyone and stated there is a packed agenda.*

**7. Unfinished Business**

*There was no unfinished business to discuss.*

**8. New Business**

**CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1)**

**\*MINUTES\***

**8.1 [25-0194](#)**

Committee action approving the Health and Community Services Committee meeting minutes from January 7, 2025.

**Attachments:** [HCS 1.7.25 Final Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, seconded by Vice Chair Altenberg, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Knizhnik

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**\*COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT\***

**8.2 [25-0140](#)**

Joint resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Lake County and the Jewish Community Centers of Chicago (JCC) for the completion of an Environmental Review Record (ERR).

**Attachments:** [IGA Environmental Review CPF JCC](#)

*Dominic Strezo, Community Development Administrator, provided a summary of the intergovernmental agreement with Lake County and the Jewish Community Centers of Chicago to complete an Environmental Review Record.*

**A motion was made by Member Casbon, seconded by Vice Chair Altenberg, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Knizhnik

8.3 [25-0202](#)

Joint resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Lake County and the Hispanic American Community Education Center (HACES) for the completion of an Environmental Review Record (ERR).

**Attachments:** [IGA Environmental Review CPF HACES](#)

*Member Knizhnik joined the meeting at 8:33 a.m.*

*Dominic Strezo, Community Development Administrator, provided a summary of the intergovernmental agreement with Lake County and the Hispanic American Community Education Center to complete an Environmental Review Record.*

**A motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, seconded by Vice Chair Altenberg, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

8.4 [25-0211](#)

Director's Report - Community Development.

*Dominic Strezo, Community Development Administrator, provided an update on the Federal Funding Pause and the Point-in-Time Count event. Administrator Strezo also stated two external funding applications have been submitted. The first one is to support a full-time Property Engagement Specialist position for Community Development and the second is to help support the Affordable Housing Task Force. Discussion ensued. Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development Director, introduced Danielle Dulski, Continuum of Care Coordinator. Discussion ensued in regards to Service Point.*

*Public Comment was made by:  
Andrea Taylor*

**\*HEALTH DEPARTMENT\***

8.5 [25-0184](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$184,167 for fiscal year 2025 accepting additional funding from the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services Care Coordination and Support program.

**Attachments:** [Emergency Appropriation Template for FY25 January 2025 CCSO \(002\)](#)

*Sam Johnson, Health Department Interim Executive Director, provided a summary of the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services Care Coordination and Support program. Discussion ensued.*

**A motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, seconded by Vice Chair Altenberg, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

**\*REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION\***

**8.6 [25-0172](#)**

Discussion on the initiative by the Regional Office of Education (ROE) to implement the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Lake County.

*Dr. Michael Karner, Regional Superintendent of Schools, provided a summary of the initiative by the Regional Office of Education to implement the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Lake County. Discussion ensued.*

**\*WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT\***

**8.7 [25-0208](#)**

Presentation and discussion on Workforce Development and College of Lake County Climate Equity Jobs Act (CEJA) Workforce Hub Project launch.

**Attachments:** [Workforce Development\\_CEJA Update\\_HCS 02.04.25](#)

*Jennifer Serino, Workforce Development Director, introduced Antonio Garcia, Climate Equity Jobs Act (CEJA) Director, and Richard Amonon, College of Lake County, who presented on the College of Lake County CEJA, Workforce Hub Project launch. Discussion ensued.*

**9. County Administrator's Report**

*There was no County Administrator's Report.*

**10. Executive Session**

*The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.*

**11. Member Remarks and Requests**

*There were no Member remarks or requests.*

**12. Adjournment**

*Chair Parekh declared the meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.*

**Next Meeting: February 25, 2025**

*Meeting minutes prepared by Kristy Cechini.*

*Minutes were approved on February 25, 2025, by the Health and Community Services Committee.*