

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Friday, August 5, 2022

8:30 AM

Board Room, 10th Floor or register to virtually attend at
<https://bit.ly/3Q97Wwn>

Committee of the Whole

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: The public can attend Lake County Committee and Board meetings (two options):

(1) In-person attendance is on the 10th Floor of the County Administrative Tower (9th Floor, if necessary), 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois.

(2) Remote / virtual attendance through registration at the link on the front page of this agenda.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: The public will be afforded time to comment on matters related to the business of the County Board. A total of 30 minutes will be permitted for Public Comment and no more than three minutes per comment. In general, Public Comment on items not on the agenda will be presented near the beginning of the meeting. Public Comment on agenda items may be presented during consideration of that item. Individuals attending in-person or remotely may present their Public Comment during the meeting. Individuals not in attendance may provide written Public Comment that must be received by 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting (emailed to PublicComment@Lakecountyil.gov or delivered to the County Board Office 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois (10th floor)).

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Individuals providing Public Comment will provide the following information:

- * Meeting: Committee of the Whole (Subject line for written Public Comment)
- * Name (REQUIRED)
- * Topic or Agenda Item # (REQUIRED)
- * Street Address, City, State (Optional)
- * Phone Number (Optional)
- * Organization/Agency/etc. Represented (If representing yourself, put "Self")

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1. Call to Order

Chair Hart called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Frank led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 14 - Member Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Clark, Vice-Chairman Ross Cunningham, Member Frank, Chair Hart, Member Kyle, Member Maine, Member Parekh, Member Pedersen, Member Roberts, Member Snarski, Member Vealitzek and Member Wasik

Absent 7 - Member Barr, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Member Sbarra, Member Simpson and Member Wilke

Member Barr, Member Danforth, and Member Simpson was unable to attend the committee meeting in person and did not meet the criteria for electronic attendance. Even though they were able to attend via electronic means, they must be marked absent.

**Electronic Attendance: Member Wasik.*

Others Present:

Abby Krakow, Communications

Andrea Crain, Public

Anthony McIntyre, Antmound Foundation

Ashley Rack, Sheriff's Office

Beth Pope, Public

Bob Goldbaum, Public

Carl Kirar, Facilities and Construction

Carly Luque, Fox 32 Chicago

Cassandra Hiller, County Administrator's Office

Chris Blanding, Enterprise Information Technology

Clare Lane, WBEZ Chicago Public Media

Claudia Gilhooley, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court

David Berner, WBBM Newsradio

David Fell, WLS Television

Doug Graham, Daily Herald

Eli Berk, WGN

Elizabeth Brandon, County Administrator's Office

Elizabeth Strickland, Public

Elliot Lieberman, Public

Eric Steffen, Planning, Building & Development

Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building & Development

Frank D'Andrea, Finance

Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office

Gavin Good, Lake County New Sun
James Chamernik, Sheriff's Office
James Hawkins, County Administrator's Office
Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office
Jaye Snell, Moms Demand Action
Jeanne Kearby, Public
Jeffrey Kasten, Public
Jennifer Serino, Workforce Development
Joanie Lum, FOX 32 Chicago
Jolanda Dinkins, County Board Office
Joel Sensenig, Public Works
Jon Nelson, Division of Transportation
Jordan Rame, Color of Equity
Juan Pimiento, Univision Chicago
Judy Armstrong, League of Women Voters
Kevin Quinn, Communications
Kristy Cechini, County Board Office
Justine Gilbert, Communications
Kasia Kondracki, Public
Kathleen Foody, The Associated Press
Laura Faver Dias, Public
Lauren Hames, NBC
Lynn Sweet, Chicago Sun Times
Mallory VorBroker, WLS Radio, Chicago
Mark Pfister, Health Department
Mary Crain, Division of Transportation
Mary Gramins, Public
Mayra Retana, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court
Melanie Nelson, State's Attorney's Office
Mick Zawislak, Daily Herald
Nicole Sullivan, Public
Polly Andrews, Moms Demand Action
Rebecca Kumar, EMA
Rita Kuly, League of Women Voters - Lake County
Robert Springer, Planning, Building & Development
Rose Feder, League of Women Voters of Highland Park/Highwood
Rosemary Heilemann, League of Women Voters Lake County
Samir Salya, Derive One, LLC
Sanjeev Bacuja, Derive One
Sharmila Manak, State's Attorney's Office
Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office
Stefano Esposito, Sun Times
Steven Patterson, News Nation

*Susan Berger, Washington Post
Tammy Chatman, Communications
Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office
Teri White, State's Attorney's Office*

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There was no additions or amendments to the agenda.

5. Public Comment (Items not on the agenda)

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

6. Chair's Remarks

Chair Hart discussed the rise in gun violence within Illinois and across our country, including the recent mass shooting in Highland Park, Illinois. Chair Hart thanked State's Attorney Eric Reinhart, for recognizing gun violence as a violent crime, and the work he has done in establishing the Lake County Gun Violence Prevention Initiative. Chair Hart noted gun violence ripples throughout the entire area and impacts how individuals spend their time and how government agencies need to spend their money. Chair Hart asked the Board to think about gun violence and the impact it has as they move into budget discussions.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1)

8.1 [22-0720](#)

Committee action approving the Committee of the Whole minutes from April 8, 2022.

Attachments: [COW 4.8.22 Final Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Casbon, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote.

Aye: 14 - Member Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Clark, Vice-Chairman Ross Cunningham, Member Frank, Chair Hart, Member Kyle, Member Maine, Member Parekh, Member Pedersen, Member Roberts, Member Snarski, Member Vealitzek and Member Wasik

Absent: 7 - Member Barr, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Member Sbarra, Member Simpson and Member Wilke

REGULAR AGENDA

8.2 [22-1116](#)

Discussion on Impacts of Gun Violence.

Mayor Leon Rockingham, City of North Chicago, Illinois spoke on gun violence in Lake County, Illinois.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Nancy Rotering, City of Highland Park, Illinois spoke on the recent mass shooting on July 4, 2022 in Highland Park, Illinois during their annual Fourth of July parade.

Discussion ensued.

Chris Patterson, Assistant Secretary of Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), Office of Firearm Violence Prevention, discussed re-imagining public safety.

Discussion ensued.

Sara Knizhnik, Chair, Gun Violence Prevention Initiative, Lake County State's Attorney's Office (SAO) discussed The Gun Violence Prevention Initiative (GVPI).

Member Maine left the meeting @ 10:47 a.m.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment was given in-person by Jordan Kane, Color of Equity.

9. County Administrator's Report

There was no County Administrator's report.

10. Executive Session

The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.

11. Members' Remarks

Member Wasik discussed finding common ground as we do not want to live in a climate of fear and we can work together and improve services, overall.

Member Vealitzek left the meeting @ 11:38 a.m.

Member Clark left the meeting @ 11:40 a.m.

Chair Hart shared she intends to have a Committee of the Whole, on September 9, 2022 and the topic will be gun violence.

12. Adjournment

Chair Hart declared the meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Next Meeting: September 9, 2022

Minutes prepared by Jolanda Dinkins.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee of the Whole Chair