

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

1:00 PM

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at:
<https://bit.ly/46Mb6kM>**

Legislative Committee

1. Call to Order

Chair Wasik called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Campos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 6 - Vice Chair Campos, Member Hunter, Member Roberts, Member Schlick, Member Vealitzek and Chair Wasik

Absent 1 - Member Kyle

Other Attendees*In Person:*

Sandy Hart, County Board Chair

Mary Ross Cunningham, County Board Vice Chair

Carissa Casbon, Board Member

Robin Grooms, County Administrator's Office

Walter Willis, Solid Waste Agency of Lake County

Kevin Quinn, Communications

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office

Lacey Simpson, County Administrator's Office

Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development

Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office

Electronically:

Marah Altenberg, Board Member

Emily Gelber, Health Department

Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group

RuthAnne Hall, County Administrator's Office

Greg Bales, McGuire-Woods Consulting, LLC

Demar Harris, Workforce Development

Michael Wheeler, Finance

Abby Krakow, Communications

Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office

Elizabeth Brandon, County Administrator's Office

Christine Sher, Stormwater Management

Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation

Dominic Strezo, Planning, Building and Development

Jennifer Brennan, Communications

Alex Carr, Communications

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

6. Chair's Remarks

Chair Wasik noted that the Committee will be reviewing and considering additional proposed items for the Draft 2026 Legislative Agenda.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business**CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)*****MINUTES*****8.1 25-1192**

Committee action approving the Legislative Committee minutes from September 2, 2025.

Attachments: [LEG 9.2.25 Final Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Vice Chair Campos, Member Hunter, Member Roberts, Member Schlick, Member Vealitzek and Chair Wasik

Absent: 1 - Member Kyle

REGULAR AGENDA**8.2 25-1318**

Update and discussion regarding the State of Illinois 2025 Legislative Sessions.

Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group, provided a summary of the State of Illinois 2025 legislative session thus far. Topics included: Veto Session, Governor's Executive Order pertaining to a budget holdback, and the Mass Transit Bill. Discussion ensued.

8.3 25-1319

Update and discussion regarding Federal Legislative items.

Greg Bales, McGuire-Woods Consulting, LLC, provided a summary of the Federal 2025 legislative session thus far. Topics included: the Federal government shutdown, Federal Budget, Extension of Affordable Care Act tax extensions, and Federal grants. Discussion ensued.

8.4 25-1317

Discussion regarding the draft 2026 Legislative Program and additional concepts.

Attachments: [Draft 2026 Legislative Program V2](#)

Matt Meyers, Deputy County Administrator, provided an overview of the Draft 2026 Legislative Program. Discussion ensued.

Deputy County Administrator Meyers invited staff to speak regarding additional initiatives to potentially add to the Draft 2026 Legislative Program.

Walter Willis, Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO), provided an overview of the SWALCO Legislative Program for potential inclusion in the Draft 2026 Legislative Program. Topics included food scrap diversion, household hazardous waste recycling, mattress disposal, and plastic and paper bag fees. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to add these initiatives as topics of interest to the Draft 2026 Legislative Program.

Sandy Hart, County Board Chair, provided an overview of the current licensing restrictions for engineers based on Illinois State statute. The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to have staff research the topic further.

Chair Wasik provided an overview of legislation that would restore financial support to those who monitor bodies of water. The consensus of the Committee was to add this initiative to the Draft 2026 Legislative Program.

Deputy County Administrator Meyers provided an overview of the bills listed below for the Committee to consider supporting:

HB 4086 and the No Secret Police Act of 2025: Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group, provided background regarding HB 4086. Discussion ensued. Chair Wasik requested a roll call consensus for this item. The following Members were in support of HB 4086 and the No Secret Police Act of 2025: Vice Chair Campos, Member Roberts, Member Vealitzek, and Chair Wasik. The following Members were not in support: Member Hunter and Member Schlick. Member Kyle was absent. Therefore, the consensus of the majority of the Committee was to support HB 4086 and the No Secret Police Act of 2025.

SB 2053 and HB 3100: Carissa Casbon, County Board Member, provided background regarding SB 2053 and HB 3100, which would change grant matching requirements for convention and tourism bureaus and alter how funds are distributed. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the majority of the Committee was for staff to research the topic further.

Member Schlick left the meeting at 2:36 p.m.

HB 4141: Member Vealitzek and Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development Director, provided background regarding HB 4141, which would prevent counties and municipalities from prohibiting non-commercial solar energy systems. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to support HB 4141.

Member Hunter left the meeting at 2:57 p.m.

HB 1370 (Microfiber Act): Robin Grooms, Sustainability Programs Manager, provided background regarding HB 1370, which would require all new washing machines after the year 2030 to have a microfiber filter. The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to support HB 1370.

SB 2196 (Powering Up Illinois Act): Robin Grooms, Sustainability Programs Manager, provided background regarding SB 2196, which would require electric utilities serving over 200,000 customers to upgrade electrical distribution systems. The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to support SB 2196.

Chair Wasik requested that legislation pertaining to the Route 53 Greenway be added to the Draft 2026 Legislative Program as an item of interest.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

8.5 [25-1308](#)

Committee action for the permanent destruction of Executive Session recordings for the inactive Revenue, Records and Legislation Committee from October 2, 2013, through November 2, 2016, in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act (OMA) and as recommended on the attached document.

Attachments: [RRL ES Recording Log with Recommendations](#)

Matt Meyers, Deputy County Administrator, explained that this item is for the destruction of Executive Session recordings from the Revenue, Records and Legislation Committee from October 2, 2013, through November 2, 2016, as recommended.

A motion was made by Member Campos, seconded by Member Roberts, that this committee action item be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 4 - Vice Chair Campos, Member Roberts, Member Vealitzek and Chair Wasik

Absent: 1 - Member Kyle

Not Present: 2 - Member Hunter and Member Schlick

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

Marah Altenberg, County Board Member, provided additional background regarding the Route 53 Greenway.

12. Adjournment

Chair Wasik declared the meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 4, 2025

Meeting minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.

Minutes were approved on November 4, 2025, by the Legislative Committee.