

Lake County Illinois

*Lake County Courthouse and Administrative Complex
18 N. County St.
Waukegan, IL 60085*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

8:30 AM

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AT&T U-Verse Ch. 99, & 18 N County St, Waukegan (10th Floor)**

Ethics and Oversight Committee

Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the October 16, 2020, Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, and the attached Written Determination of the Lake County Board Chair, this meeting will be held via audio and video conference.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: Public Comments are welcomed and encouraged. Emailed Public Comments received prior to start of meeting for items not on the agenda will be read at the beginning of the meeting under Public Comment in the order they are received. Comments on agenda items will be read during consideration of that item. Comments received during the meeting will be held until the end of the meeting. A total of 30 minutes will be permitted for Public Comment and no more than three minutes per Comment pursuant to the County Board Rules of Order and Operational Procedures. All emailed Comments received but not read during the meeting will be included in the Committee's meeting minutes.

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- * Subject Title: Ethics and Oversight Public Comment
- * Name
- * Street Address (Optional)
- * City, State (Optional)
- * Phone (Optional)
- * Organization/agency/etc. represented. (If representing yourself, put "Self")
- * Topic or Agenda Item Number followed by Public Comment.

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0.0 [20-0824](#)

Determination of need for meetings of the Lake County Board and Committees to be held by audio or video conference.

Attachments: [Determination - Chair Hart - Rev 081320.pdf](#)

1. Call to Order

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

Present 7 - Member Carlson, Member Frank, Vice Chair Martini, Member Rummel, Chair Vealitzek, Member Wasik and Member Wilke

Others present:

Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office

Kristal Larson, Lake County Resident

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Cassandra Torstenson, County Administrator's Office

Blanca Vela-Schneider, County Administrator's Office

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Carlson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

4. Public Comment

Kristal Larsen, Lake County Citizen, stressed the importance of ethics and implored the committee to execute the duties of this committee faithfully.

5. Chair's Remarks

Chair Vealitzek had no remarks.

6. Old Business

There was no old business to conduct.

7. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 7.1 - 7.2)

Approval of Minutes

7.1 [20-1416](#)

Minutes for September 23, 2020.

Attachments: [E&O 9.23.20 Minutes - Final.pdf](#)

Member Carlson moved, seconded by Member Rummel, to approve the minutes as presented.

Blanca Vela-Schneider, County Administrator's Office, identified an error in the minutes for item 7.1 which reflected Member Wilke approving previous minutes when he had actually recused himself.

A motion was made by Member Carlson, seconded by Member Rummel, that the minutes for item 7.1 be approved as amended and that the minutes for item 7.2 be

approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Carlson, Member Frank, Vice Chair Martini, Member Rummel, Chair Vealitzek, Member Wasik and Member Wilke

7.2 [20-1417](#)

Executive Session minutes of September 23, 2020.

A motion was made by Member Carlson, seconded by Member Rummel, that the minutes for item 7.1 be approved as amended and that the minutes for item 7.2 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

REGULAR AGENDA

8. **Executive Session**

Executive Session was entered into at 8:37 a.m.

A motion was made by Member Frank, seconded by Member Wasik, to go into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Carlson, Member Frank, Vice Chair Martini, Member Rummel, Chair Vealitzek, Member Wasik and Member Wilke

8.1 [20-1412](#)

Closed Session to discuss the performance of the occupant of a public office pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(3) as it relates to an ethics complaint.

The Committee discussed the performance of the occupant of a public office pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(3) as it relates to an ethics complaint in Executive Session.

Aye: 7 - Member Carlson, Member Frank, Vice Chair Martini, Member Rummel, Chair Vealitzek, Member Wasik and Member Wilke

Executive Session was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

A motion was made by Member Carlson, seconded by Member Frank, to come out of Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 7 - Member Carlson, Member Frank, Vice Chair Martini, Member Rummel, Chair Vealitzek, Member Wasik and Member Wilke

8.1A [20-1413](#)

Committee action on the determination of whether allegations in an ethics complaint have any merit and recommendation on further action.

A motion was made by Member Martini, seconded by Member Wilke, that the complaint has merit. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 1 - Vice Chair Martini

Nay: 6 - Member Carlson, Member Frank, Member Rummel, Chair Vealitzek, Member Wasik and Member Wilke

(Member Wilke recused himself from the remainder of the items and left the meeting at 9:13 a.m.)

Executive Session was entered into at 9:13 a.m.

A motion was made by Member Frank, seconded by Member Carlson, to go into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Member Carlson, Member Frank, Vice Chair Martini, Member Rummel, Chair Vealitzek and Member Wasik

Not Present: 1 - Member Wilke

8.2 [20-1414](#)

Closed Session to discuss the performance of the occupant of a public office pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(3) as it relates to an ethics complaint.

The Committee discussed the performance of the occupant of a public office pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(3) as it relates to an ethics complaint in Executive Session.

Executive Session was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

A motion was made by Member Rummel, seconded by Member Wasik, to come out of Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 7 - Member Carlson, Member Frank, Vice Chair Martini, Member Rummel, Chair Vealitzek, Member Wasik and Member Wilke

8.2A [20-1415](#)

Committee action on the determination of whether allegations in an ethics complaint have any merit and recommendation on further action.

A motion was made by Member Martini, seconded by Member Rummel, that this complaint has merit. Motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 1 - Vice Chair Martini

Nay: 5 - Member Carlson, Member Frank, Member Rummel, Chair Vealitzek and Member Wasik

Not Present: 1 - Member Wilke

RECESS

Chair Vealitzek called for a short recess at 9:30 a.m.

RECOMMENCEMENT

Chair Vealitzek reconvened the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

Executive Session

Executive Session was entered into at 9:39 a.m.

A motion was made by Member Carlson, seconded by Member Rummel, to go into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Member Carlson, Member Frank, Vice Chair Martini, Member Rummel, Chair Vealitzek and Member Wasik

Not Present: 1 - Member Wilke

8.3 [20-1643](#)

Closed Session to discuss the performance of the occupant of a public office pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(3) as it relates to an ethics complaint.

The Committee discussed the performance of the occupant of a public office pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(3) as it relates to an ethics complaint in Executive Session.

A motion was made by Member Carlson, seconded by Member Rummel, to come out of Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Member Carlson, Member Frank, Vice Chair Martini, Member Rummel, Chair Vealitzek and Member Wasik

Not Present: 1 - Member Wilke

8.3A [20-1644](#)

Committee action on the determination of whether allegations in an ethics complaint have any merit and recommendation on further action.

A motion was made by Member Frank, seconded by Member Wasik, that the complaint has merit. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 1 - Member Frank

Nay: 5 - Member Carlson, Vice Chair Martini, Member Rummel, Chair Vealitzek and Member Wasik

Not Present: 1 - Member Wilke

A motion was made by Member Carlson, seconded by Member Frank, to include language in the letter reminding the elected official of the County's core values and principles. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Member Carlson, Member Frank, Vice Chair Martini, Member Rummel, Chair Vealitzek and Member Wasik

Not Present: 1 - Member Wilke

9. County Administrator's Report

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, reported on staff's research in conducting the ethics process and thanked the committee for their efforts during the last two years.

10. Members' Remarks

Members Frank, Carlson, Rummel, Wasik, and Chair Vealitzek remarked on the committee and staff efforts navigating the review process. Chair Vealitzek thanked Members Rummel and Carlson for their service.

11. Adjournment

Chair Vealitzek adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Next Meeting: To Be Determined

Minutes prepared by Blanca Vela-Schneider.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethics and Oversight Committee Chair