

# 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.

**RECORDING:** Meetings, to include Public Comment, will be recorded.

**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](mailto:PublicComment@Lakecountyil.gov) or delivered to the County Board Office 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois (10th floor)).

Public Comment will proceed in the following order: (1) Public Comment by individuals in attendance on the 10th Floor, (2) Public Comment by individuals who registered via the link on the front page of the agenda and are attending remotely / virtually, and then (3) written comments.

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")

\* \* \*To view County Board Rules, click here: <https://bit.ly/3idRdrV> \* \* \*

**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,*

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*Committee of the Whole Chair*