

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

8:30 AM

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at
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Health and Community Services Committee

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

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Individuals providing Public Comment will provide the following information:

Meeting: Health and Community Services Committee (Subject line for written Public Comment)

Topic or Agenda Item #: (REQUIRED)

Name: (REQUIRED)

Organization/Entity Represented: (REQUIRED) ("Self" if representing self)

Street Address, City, State: (Optional)

Phone Number: (Optional)

Email: May be REQUIRED for remote attendance

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Altenberg called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Hewitt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 6 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent 1 - Member Danforth

Other Attendees:

In Person:

Abby Krakow, Communications

Bailey Wyatt, Communications

Brenda O'Connell, Community Development

Cassandra Hiller, County Administrator's Office

Chris Anderson-Sell, Communications

Cody Canegan, State's Attorney's Office

Emily Mitchell, Workforce Development

Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building, and Development

Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Circuit Clerk

Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office

Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office

John Idleburg, Sheriff's Office

Joy Gossman, Public Defender's Office

Keith Kaiser, Sheriff's Office

Kevin Quinn, Communications

Kristy Cechini, County Board Office

Michael Karner, Regional Office of Education

Rob Richards, Sheriff's Office

Sandy Hart, Board Chair

Steve Rice, State's Attorney's Office

Tara Niemi, Circuit Clerk

Todd Schroeder, Courts

Electronically:

Demar Harris, Workforce Development

Dominic Strezo, Planning, Building, and Development

Eric Tellez, Planning, Building, and Development

Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office

Jolanda Dinkins, County Board Office

Karen Fox, State's Attorney's Office

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Michael Wheeler, Finance

Nick Principali, Finance

Patrice Sutton, Finance
Paul Frank, Board Member
Sam Johnson, Health Department
Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

5. Public Comment (Items not on the agenda)

There were no comments from the public.

6. Chair's Remarks

Vice Chair Altenberg stated the Board is working on educating people on safe gun storage and there will be more of a discussion during Member Remarks.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1 - 8.2)

MINUTES

8.1 23-0781

Committee Action approving the Health and Community Services minutes from April 25, 2023.

Attachments: [HCS 4.25.23 Final Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 4 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Hewitt and Member Maine

Absent: 3 - Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik and Chair Parekh

8.2 23-0843

Joint resolution approving the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Job Center of Lake County, and authorizing execution of all necessary correspondence to submit these plans to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO).

Attachments: [PY23 LWIA 1 MOU Narrative](#)

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

Aye: 4 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Hewitt and Member Maine

Absent: 3 - Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik and Chair Parekh

REGULAR AGENDA

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

8.3 [23-0841](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the Workforce Development Department to enter into Summer Youth Worksite Agreements with public, private, or nonprofit organizations to host youth onsite as part of the Lake County Summer Youth Work Experience Program.

Attachments: [WDD SYEP Worksite Agreement 2023](#)
[SYEP Worksites 2023 LC](#)

Emily Mitchell, Business Manager, Workforce Development, provided an update on the Summer Youth Worksite Agreements for the Summer Youth Work Experience Program. Discussion ensued.

Member Knizhnik joined the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

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

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik and Member Maine

Absent: 2 - Member Danforth and Chair Parekh

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

8.4 [23-0762](#)

Community Development Annual Update.

Attachments: [HCS Annual Update 2023](#)

Brenda O'Connell, Community Development Administrator, provided an annual update of the Community Development Department which included investing with community partners, funding sources, rental assistance and eviction prevention, the homeless crisis responses system, and the attainable housing strategies. Discussion ensued.

Chair Parekh joined the meeting at 8:59 a.m.

*Public Comment by:
Renetrice Pierre*

REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION

8.5 [23-0813](#)

Regional Office of Education Annual Update.

Attachments: [Lake County Regional Office of Education Board Presentation](#)

Dr. Michael Karner, Regional Office of Education, provided an annual update on the Regional Office of Education (ROE) which included the two purposes of the ROE. Dr.

Karner also provided updates on the Health Life/Safety and Compliance of schools and overviews of the licensure, fingerprinting, GED/HSE, bus driver training, Attendance and Truancy Division, the Professional Development Division, homelessness, early childhood, the Regional Safe School Program, Regional School Board of Trustees, Illinois Virtual Schools and Academy. Dr. Karner provided the highlights of the past school year, new initiatives for the 22-23 school year and other roles and committees within the ROE. 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. Members' Remarks

Member Cunningham praised Dr. Michael Karner, Regional Office of Education, for all the new programs and also stated the Boys and Girls Club will be Marching on June 19 for gun violence.

Vice Chair Altenberg, Chair Parekh, and Member Knizhnik remarked on safe gun storage education and the gun violence initiative. Discussion ensued. The Committee agreed to have staff work with the Gun Violence Prevention Initiative (GVPI).

12. Adjournment

Chair Parekh declared the meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Next Meeting: June 27, 2023

Meeting minutes prepared by Kristy Cechini.