

# Lake County Illinois

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



## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Friday, September 9, 2022**

**8:30 AM**

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

**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 8:30 a.m.*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Member Snarski led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**3. Roll Call of Members**

**Present** 14 - Member Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Clark, Member Frank, Chair Hart, Member Hewitt, Member Parekh, Member Pedersen, Member Roberts, Member Sbarra, Member Simpson, Member Snarski, Member Vealitzek and Member Wasik

**Absent** 7 - Member Barr, Vice-Chairman Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hunter, Member Kyle, Member Maine and Member Wilke

*\*Electronic Attendance: Member Parekh, Member Sbarra, Member Simpson, Member Vealitzek, and Member Wasik*

*Member Altenberg joined the meeting at 8:40 a.m.*

*Member Sbarra joined electronically at 9:12 a.m.*

*\*No physical quorum. Committee will not take action on any agenda items.\**

*Other Attendees:*

*In Person:*

*Cassandra Hiller, County Administrator's Office*

*Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney*

*Gary Gibson, County Administrator*

*Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office*

*Jim Hawkins, County Administrator's Office*

*Mark Pfister, LC Health Department Executive Director*

*Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office*

*Abraham Avalos, public*

*Ann Kiesling, Moms Demand Action*

*Dr. Venoncia M. Bate-Ambrus, Healthcare Foundation of Northern Lake County*

*Shane Selig, public*

*Electronically:*

*Abby Krakow, Communications*

*Ashley Rack, Sheriff's Office*

*Carl Kirar, Facilities and Construction*

*Chris Blanding, Enterprise Information Technology*

*Claudia Gilhooley, 19th Judicial Circuit Court*

*Eric Steffen, Planning, Building and Development*

*Irshad Khan, Facilities and Construction*  
*Jennifer Brennan, Communications*  
*Justine Gilbert, Communications*  
*Joel Sensenig, Public Works*  
*Jon Nelson, Division of Transportation*  
*Joy Gossman, Public Defender*  
*Kevin Kerrigan, Division of Transportation*  
*Kevin Quinn, Communications*  
*Kristy Cechini, County Board Office*  
*Mary Crain, Division of Transportation*  
*Michael Wheeler, Finance*  
*Monica Vervilos, 19th Judicial Circuit Court*  
*Patrice Sutton, Finance*  
*Robert Springer, Planning, Building and Development*  
*Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office*  
*Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation*  
*Steven Spagnolo, State's Attorney's Office*  
*Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office*  
*Alicia Timm, public*  
*Andrés Tapia, public*  
*Angel Lopez, Angels Boxing Academy*  
*Angelina Alfaro, Curt's Cafe*  
*B D, public*  
*Barbara L King, public*  
*Benjamin Ferdinand, Benjamin Specialties LLC*  
*Beth Pope, public*  
*Bobbi Selvik, public*  
*Bonnie McNeill, League of Women Voters - Lake County*  
*Bonnie Shaul, Moms Demand Action*  
*Brittany Chisum, public*  
*Chelsea Laliberte Barnes, public*  
*Deb Kruk, public*  
*Faye Solomon, public*  
*Gavin Good, Chicago Tribune*  
*Jessica Garcia, public*  
*Judith Brodner, public*  
*Kasia Kondracki, public*  
*MaryJane Wang, Be SMART for Kids (safe gun storage public education)*  
*Michael Taitel, public*  
*Michelle Alexander, public*  
*Michelle Progar, public*  
*Nicole Sullivan, public*  
*Pamela Idleburg, public*

*Rachel Lander, public*  
*Stephanie Jimenez, Mano a Mano Family Resource Center*  
*Sue Murrow, public*  
*Susan Zingle, public*  
*Syed Ullah, public*  
*Tania Morgan, public*

**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 regarding items not on the agenda.*

**6. Chair's Remarks**

*Chair Hart stated she appreciated everyone's attention to this topic and spoke about the impact that everyday gun violence has on communities.*

**7. Unfinished Business**

*There was no unfinished business to discuss.*

**8. New Business**

**CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)**

**8.1 22-1280**

Committee action approving the Committee of the Whole minutes from August 5, 2022.

**Attachments:** [COW 8.5.22 Final Minutes](#)

*Due to not having a physical quorum, no action was taken.*

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**8.2 22-1281**

Discussion on Impact of Gun Violence on Public Health.

**Attachments:** [1. Firearms Data Presentation \(Pfister\) for COW 9.9.2022](#)  
[2. Gun Violence-Public Health \(Hart\) for COW 9.9.2022](#)

*Chair Hart introduced Shane Selig, a City of Highland Park Certified Emergency Response Team member who was present at the Highland Park mass shooting event that occurred during the July 4, 2022 Independence Day parade. Mr. Selig presented on the details of the event and the effects on the community.*

*Lake County Health Department Executive Director Mark Pfister spoke about gun violence as a public health system issue and presented on Lake County Firearm Fatalities and Nonfatal Hospitalizations from 2018 through 2020. Discussion ensued.*

*State's Attorney Eric Rinehart provided an update on the Gun Violence Prevention*

*Initiative.*

*Chair Hart presented on the deadliest mass shootings in the United States in the last decade, assault firearms, types of firearm injuries and the measurable costs and impact of gun violence. Discussion ensued.*

*Public comment was made by:  
Susan Zingle, remotely  
Abraham Avalos, in person  
Bonnie Shaul, remotely*

**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**

*There were no remarks from members.*

**12. Adjournment**

*Chair Hart declared the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.*

**Next Meeting: October 7, 2022**

*Meeting minutes prepared by Janna Philipp*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Committee of the Whole Chair*