

Lake County Illinois

Meeting held by Video Conference

Physical Location:

18 N County Street (10th Floor), Waukegan, IL 60085



Meeting Minutes - Final

Friday, November 5, 2021

8:30 AM

Meeting held by video conference. The public can register to attend remotely at <https://bit.ly/3BmmfWG>

Committee of the Whole

Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the current Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, and the Chair's Written Determination, this meeting will be held by audio and video conference.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: The public can attend Lake County Committee and Board meetings (two options): (1) remote / virtual attendance through registration at the link on the front page of this agenda, or (2) in-person attendance (to view the virtual meeting on the 10th Floor of the County Administrative Tower, 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois.)

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 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 who are attending remotely / virtually, (2) Public Comment by individuals in attendance on the 10th Floor, and then (3) written comments.

Individuals providing Public Comment will provide the following information:

- * Meeting: COW (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")

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Chair's determination of need to meet by audio or video conference.

Attachments: [Determination - Chair Hart 7.30.21\[379\]](#)

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 21 - Member Altenberg, Member Barr, Member Casbon, Member Clark, Vice-Chairman Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Frank, Chair Hart, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Member Kyle, Member Maine, Member Parekh, Member Pedersen, Member Roberts, Member Sbarra, Member Simpson, Member Vealitzek, Member Wasik and Member Wilke

**Electronic Attendance: All Members*

Others Present:

Abby Scalf, Communications

Adam Zawislak, Press

Al Giertych, Division of Transportation

Anthony Rubino, Pace

Arnold Donato, Lake County Stormwater Management Commission

Bea Reyna-Hickey, RTA

Cassandra Hiller, County Administrator's Office

Chris Blanding, Enterprise IT

Daniel Eder, County Administrator's Office

Darcy Adcock, Human Resources

Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development

Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office

Irshad Khan, Financial and Administrative Services

Jamie Helton, State's Attorney's Office

Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office

Jefferson McMillan-Wilhoit, Health Department

Jeremiah Varco, Facilities

Jim Hawkins, County Administrator's Office

John Light, Human Resources

Jon Nelson, Division of Transportation

Joy Gossman, Public Defender's Office

Katie Renteria, Metra

Kevin Carrier, Division of Transportation

Kristy Cechini, County Board Office

Kurt Woolford, Lake County Stormwater Management Commission

Lawrence Oliver, Sheriff's Office

Leanne Redden, RTA

Linda Soto, Pace
Mark Pfister, Health Department
Mary Crain, Division of Transportation
Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office
Melissa Gallagher, Financial and Administrative Services
Micah Thornton, Circuit Clerk's Office
Michelle Burns, 19th Judicial Circuit
Michael Klemens, Division of Transportation
Michael Wheeler, Financial and Administrative Services
Norm Carlson, Metra
Pam Riley, Health Department
Pat Carey, RTA
Patrice Sutton, Financial and Administrative Services
Rick Mack, Metra
Robert Springer, Planning, Building and Development
Rocky Donahue, Pace
Rosemary Heileman, Public
Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation
Sharmila Manak, State's Attorney's Office
Teri White, State's Attorney's Office
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 public comments.

6. Chair's Remarks

Chair Hart thanked the presenters from Metra, Pace, and the RTA for their time and dedication to their work.

(Member Frank entered the meeting at 8:33 a.m.)

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)

8.1 [21-1766](#)

Minutes from October 8, 2021.

Attachments: [COW 10.8.21 Final Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Cunningham, seconded by Member Altenberg,

that the minutes from October 8, 2021 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 19 - Member Altenberg, Member Barr, Member Casbon, Member Clark, Vice-Chairman Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Frank, Chair Hart, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Member Kyle, Member Parekh, Member Pedersen, Member Roberts, Member Simpson, Member Vealitzek, Member Wasik and Member Wilke

Not Present: 2 - Member Maine and Member Sbarra

REGULAR AGENDA

8.2 [21-1767](#)

Metra 2022 Program & Budget Presentation.

Attachments: [FY2022 Metra Lake County Board Presentation](#)

Chair Hart introduced Norm Carlson, Vice Chair of the Metra Board of Directors. Vice Chair Carlson thanked Chair Hart and the Board for their time and gave a presentation regarding the Metra 2022 Program and Budget.

During his presentation, Vice Chair Carlson noted that the COVID-19 pandemic caused significantly low Metra ridership. Vice Chair Carlson thanked the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) for the COVID-19 relief funding they provided to Metra. Vice Chair Carlson further noted that the proposed 2022 Metra Budget does not include any fare increases.

Vice Chair Carlson detailed a number of projects that Metra will undertake in the future and also highlighted Metra's Green Initiative.

(Member Sbarra entered the meeting at 9:01 a.m.)

(Member Maine entered the meeting at 9:04 a.m.)

Discussion ensued.

8.3 [21-1769](#)

PACE 2022 Budget Presentation.

Chair Hart thanked Linda Soto, Director of Pace, for her work on the County-wide paratransit system. Director Soto thanked Chair Hart for the opportunity to speak about the proposed 2022 Pace Budget and introduced Rocky Donahue, Executive Director of Pace.

During her presentation, Director Soto noted that Pace has experienced ridership challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and explained that there are no fare increases in the proposed 2022 Pace Budget. Director Soto also highlighted Pace's green initiatives. Executive Director Donahue summarized key points of Director Soto's presentation, due to the Zoom audio issues Director Soto experienced.

Discussion ensued.

8.4 [21-1768](#)

RTA 2022 Budget Presentation.

Attachments: [2022 RTA Budget County Board Presentation 10.26.21](#)

Chair Hart introduced Pat Carey, Director of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). Director Carey introduced Leanne Redden, Executive Director of the RTA. Executive Director Redden thanked the Board for their time and gave a brief presentation about the proposed 2022 RTA budget. Executive Director Redden noted that overall ridership is currently down 51 percent. Executive Director Redden also noted that the RTA is in the process of crafting a new strategic plan, which will be considered by the RTA Board in 2023.

Discussion ensued.

9. County Administrator's Report

Gary Gibson, County Administrator, noted that OSHA released guidelines regarding COVID-19 vaccinations and testing, which closely mirrors the policy adopted by the Lake County Board at the October Board meeting.

10. Executive Session

The Committee entered Executive Session at 10:08 a.m. to: discuss personnel matters pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) and review closed session minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21).

A motion was made by Member Durkin, seconded by Member Hunter, that the Committee move into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 16 - Member Altenberg, Member Barr, Member Casbon, Member Clark, Vice-Chairman Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Chair Hart, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Member Pedersen, Member Roberts, Member Sbarra, Member Simpson, Member Vealitzek and Member Wasik

Not Present: 5 - Member Frank, Member Kyle, Member Maine, Member Parekh and Member Wilke

10.1 [21-1791](#)

Executive Session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1).

10.2 [21-1799](#)

Executive Session to review closed session minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21).

10.2 [21-1800](#)

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Approval of Executive Session Minutes.

The Committee returned to Open Session at 11:14 a.m.

A motion was made by Member Durkin, seconded by Member Roberts, that the

Executive Session minutes from July 9, 2021 be removed from the agenda and brought back on a future Committee of the Whole agenda for consideration. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 20 - Member Altenberg, Member Barr, Member Casbon, Member Clark, Vice-Chairman Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Frank, Chair Hart, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Member Kyle, Member Parekh, Member Pedersen, Member Roberts, Member Sbarra, Member Simpson, Member Vealitzek, Member Wasik and Member Wilke

Not Present: 1 - Member Maine

11. Members' Remarks

There were no Members' Remarks.

12. Adjournment

Chair Hart declared the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Next Meeting: December 10, 2021

Minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee of the Whole, Chair