

# **Lake County Illinois**

*University Center of Lake County  
1200 University Center Drive  
Grayslake, IL 60030*



## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Monday, February 25, 2019**

**8:30 AM**

**Special Meeting - Legislative Breakfast**

**Multipurpose Room**

**Legislative Committee**

**1. Call to Order**

*Chair Wasik called the meeting to order at 8:44 a.m.*

*Others Present:*

*Sandy Hart, County Board Chair*

*Mary Ross-Cunningham, County Board Vice-Chair*

*Jessica Vealitzek, County Board Member*

*Jennifer Clark, County Board Member*

*Paul Frank, County Board Member*

*Steve Carlson, County Board Member*

*Linda Pedersen, County Board Member*

*Sarah Duby, Representative of Congressman Brad Schneider*

*Joyce Mason, State Representative*

*Laura Dias, Representative of Congresswomen Joyce Mason*

*Josh May, Representative of Bob Morgan*

*Mary Edly-Allen, Representative of Edly Allen*

*Sam Yingling, State Representative*

*Tom Weber, State Representative*

*Craig Wilcox, State Senator*

*Dan McConchie, State Senator*

*Bob Morgan, State Representative*

*Melinda Bush, State Senator*

*Ed Gallagher, Representative of Senator Melinda Bush*

*Quinne Welter, Representative of Melinda Bush*

*Daniel Didech, State Representative*

*Michael Pattis, Representative of Dan Didech*

*Amy McEwan, Interim County Administrator*

*Mark Pfister, Health Department*

*Laura Schneider, Health Department*

*Patrice Sutton, Finance and Administrative Services*

*Robin O'Connor, County Clerk*

*Walter Willis, Solid Waste Agency of Lake County*

*Joy Gossman, Public Defender*

*Mike Warner, Storm Water Management*

*Roycealee Wood, Regional Office of Education*

*Mike Munda, Regional Office of Education*

*Erin Cartwright-Weinstein, Circuit Clerk*

*Rodney Worden, Public Works*

*Andrew Tangen, Veterans Assistance Commission*

*Holly Kim, Treasurer*

*John Idleberg, Sheriff*

*Paul Fetherston, Assistant County Administrator*

*Conor Schultz, County Administrator's Office*

*Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office  
Danya Abusoud, Finance and Administrative Services*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Vice-Chair Martini led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**3. Addenda to the Agenda**

*There were no items added to the agenda.*

**4. Public Comment**

*There were no comments made by the public.*

**5. Chair's Remarks**

*Chair Wasik welcomed and introduced the legislators, board members, and staff to the legislative breakfast and provided a brief background on the College of Lake County. Board Chair Hart thanked all the participants for attending the event and noted its importance. She emphasized the opportunity to understand everyone's legislative priorities and obtain feedback. Discussion ensued.*

**6. Old Business**

**7. New Business**

**7.1 [19-0338](#)**

*Legislative Breakfast - Discussion of Legislative Priorities in the 101st General Assembly between Committee members, Board Members and Lake County Legislative Delegation.*

*Chair Wasik provided an overview of the bills of interest that staff have been monitoring. Eric Waggoner provided a summary of Senate Bill (SB) 1114 amending state statute so that the County may expeditiously remediate hazardous conditions within an abandoned housing unit or other property that may pose a transferable health or safety risk to adjoining units or properties, such as townhomes, condominiums, or other close-set units. He also provided an overview of SB1179 amending state statute so that the County may regulate agricultural activity, specifically regarding for animal husbandry, excluding equine activity, in and adjacent to residential areas. Senator Melinda Bush updated the Legislative Committee regarding the legislative process and anticipated events in Springfield pertaining to County bills and commended Lake County for its stupendous efforts throughout this legislative session. On behalf of Shane Schneider, Interim County Administrator Amy McEwan provided an update on the County's consensus plan. Senator Yingling inquired on the County's legislative process. Board Chair Hart emphasized the County's strong interest in property tax reform legislation and sought feedback from the legislators on how the County can make a positive impact for taxpayers. Member Didech noted taxpayer requests for consolidation. Chair Wasik expressed that the County Board is developing reforms to address assessments and appeals. Member Martini noted the County Board is reviewing a comprehensive real estate property bill of rights for taxpayers. Discussion ensued.*

**This matter was discussed.**

**7.2 [19-0337](#)**

Committee discussion and possible action on active legislation/bills of interest.

*Chair Wasik requested legislators highlight their top three legislative priorities for this session. Discussion ensued. Chair Wasik and County Board Chair thanked everyone for attending the legislative breakfast and providing their feedback.*

**This matter was discussed.**

**8. Approval of Minutes**

*There were no minutes for approval.*

**9. Executive Session**

*There was no Executive Session.*

**10. County Administrator's Report**

*There was no County Administrator's Report.*

**11. Members' Remarks**

*There were no Members' remarks.*

**12. Adjournment**

*Meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.*

**A motion was made by Member Simpson, seconded by Member Martini, to adjourn.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Wasik, Vice Chair Martini, Member Danforth, Member Didech, Member Kyle, Member Rummel and Member Simpson

**Next Meeting: April 2, 2019.**

*Meeting minutes prepared by Danya Abusoud.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Chair*

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*Vice-Chair*

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*Legislative Committee*