

Lake County Illinois

*Lake County Courthouse and Administrative Complex
18 N. County St.
Waukegan, IL 60085*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Friday, September 4, 2020

11:30 AM

(Or 1 hour after the adjournment of the Committee of the Whole,
whichever is later)

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AT&T U-Verse Ch. 99, & 18 N County St, Waukegan (10th Fl)

Ethics and Oversight Committee

Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the August 21, 2020, Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, and the attached Written Determination of the Lake County Board Chair, this meeting will be held via audio and video conference.

PUBLIC VIEWING: This meeting will be live-streamed at <http://lakecounty.tv/> and on Comcast's network, Channel 18 or 30 and AT&T Channel 99. Per the Governor's Disaster Proclamation, in accordance with section 120/7(e)(4) of the OMA, in-person attendance by members of the public will be available in the Assembly Room on the 10th Floor of the Administrative Tower at 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois and is limited to the number of persons practicable in keeping with social distancing requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public Comments are welcomed and encouraged. Emailed Public Comments received by 11:30 a.m., Friday, September 4, 2020 for items not on the agenda will be read at the beginning of the meeting agenda items will be read during consideration of that item. Comments received during the meeting will be held until the end of the meeting. A total of 30 minutes will be permitted for Public Comment and no more than three minutes per Comment pursuant to the County Board Rules of Order and Operational Procedures. All emailed Comments received will be included in the Committee's meeting minutes.

Email Public Comments to CountyBoard@lakecountyil.gov with the following:

- * Subject Title: Ethics and Oversight Committee Public Comment
- * Name
- * Street Address (Optional)
- * City, State (Optional)
- * Phone (Optional)
- * Organization/agency/etc. represented. (If representing yourself, put "Self")
- * Topic or Agenda Item Number followed by Public Comment.

Public in attendance on the 10th Floor of the Administrative Tower at 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois may provide Public Comment. Public may also leave a message with the County Board Office at 847-377-2300.

0 [20-0824](#)

Determination of need for meetings of the Lake County Board and Committees to be held by audio or video conference.

Attachments: [Determination - Chair Hart - Rev 081320.pdf](#)

1. Call to Order

Chair Vealitzek called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Present 7 - Chair Vealitzek, Vice Chair Martini, Member Carlson, Member Frank, Member Rummel, Member Wasik and Member Wilke

Chair Vealitzek reported that Vice-Chair Martini will be attending the meeting electronically.

Others present:

Karen Fox, State's Attorney's Office

Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office

Jim Hawkins, County Administrator's Office

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Cassandra Torstenson, County Administrator's Office

Blanca Vela-Schneider, County Administrator's Office

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Frank led Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

4. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

5. Chair's Remarks

Chair Vealitzek had no remarks.

6. Old Business

There was no old business to conduct.

7. New Business

REGULAR AGENDA

8. Executive Session

Closed Session was entered into at 11:34 a.m.

A motion was made by Member Rummel, seconded by Member Wasik, that this item be to go into Closed Session. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Vealitzek, Vice Chair Martini, Member Carlson, Member Frank, Member Rummel and Member Wasik

Not Present: 1 - Member Wilke

8.1 [20-1213](#)

Closed Session to continue a discussion that began in closed session on August 25, 2020 regarding the performance of the occupant of a public office pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(3) as it relates to an ethics complaint.

(Member Wilke arrived at 11:51 a.m.)

The Committee discussed a continued discussion that began in closed session on August 25, 2020 regarding the performance of the occupant of a public office pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(3) as it relates to an ethics complaint.

Closed Session was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

A motion was made by Member Rummel, seconded by Member Carlson, to come out of Closed Session. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Vealitzek, Member Carlson, Member Frank, Member Rummel, Member Wasik and Member Wilke

Not Present: 1 - Vice Chair Martini

8.1A [20-1214](#)

Committee actions on the determination of whether allegations in an ethics complaint have any merit and recommendation on further action.

A motion was made by Member Frank, seconded by Member Wasik, to rescind the actions taken on item 8.2A of the August 25, 2020 Ethics and Oversight Committee Meeting because the events transpired under a previous version of the Ethics Code and are currently unenforceable. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Vealitzek, Member Carlson, Member Frank, Member Rummel, Member Wasik and Member Wilke

Not Present: 1 - Vice Chair Martini

A motion was made by Member Carlson seconded by Member Rummel, to include reminder language in the complaint response to the respondent of the current ethics code. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Vealitzek, Member Carlson, Member Frank, Member Rummel, Member Wasik and Member Wilke

Not Present: 1 - Vice Chair Martini

Executive Session

Closed Session was entered into at 12:38 p.m.

A motion was made by Member Rummel, seconded by Member Carlson, to go into Closed Session. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Vealitzek, Member Carlson, Member Frank, Member Rummel, Member Wasik and Member Wilke

Not Present: 1 - Vice Chair Martini

8.2 [20-1215](#)

Closed Session to discuss the performance of the occupant of a public office pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(3) as it relates to an ethics complaint.

The Committee discussed the performance of the occupant of a public office pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(3) as it relates to an ethics complaint in Closed Session.

Closed Session was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

A motion was made by Member Carlson, seconded by Member Wilke, to come out of Closed Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Vealitzek, Member Carlson, Member Frank, Member Rummel, Member Wasik and Member Wilke

Not Present: 1 - Vice Chair Martini

8.2A [20-1216](#)

Committee action on the determination of whether allegations in an ethics complaint have any merit and recommendation on further action.

A motion was made by Member Frank, seconded by Member Wasik, that the complaint has merit. Motion FAILED by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 2 - Member Frank and Member Wasik

Nay: 4 - Chair Vealitzek, Member Carlson, Member Rummel and Member Wilke

Not Present: 1 - Vice Chair Martini

A motion was made by Member Frank, seconded by Member Wilke, to draft a complaint response letter to the public official stating their actions were unbecoming of a county board member, inappropriate, and disrespectful to the Chair, Board, and Lake County employees from the Ethics and Oversight members present for review at a future committee meeting. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Vealitzek, Member Carlson, Member Frank, Member Rummel, Member Wasik and Member Wilke

Not Present: 1 - Vice Chair Martini

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

10. County Administrator's Report

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, reported he will be working on dates for future meetings.

11. Members' Remarks

There were no remarks from Members.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Next Meeting: To Be Determined

Minutes prepared by Blanca Vela-Schneider.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Ethics and Oversight Committee