

# 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](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 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")

\* \* \*To view County Board Rules, click here: <https://bit.ly/3idRdrV> \* \* \*

0. [21-1171](#)

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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Executive Session Minutes from July 9, 2021.

*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,*

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*Committee of the Whole, Chair*