



# DU PAGE COUNTY

## Strategic Planning Committee

### Final Summary

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**Tuesday, March 5, 2024**

**8:30 AM**

**Room 3500A**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

8:30 AM meeting was called to order by Chair Sadia Covert at 8:30 AM .

**2. ROLL CALL**

Other Board members present: Member Lucy Chang Evans; Member Kari Galassi; Member Patty Gustin.

Staff in attendance: Jason Blumenthal (Policy and Program Manager); Joan Olson (Chief Communications Officer); Rene Zerante (State's Attorney's Office).

Also present (remote): Michelle Kennedy and Karen Whichard, BerryDunn

<b>PRESENT</b>	Covert, Cronin Cahill, Krajewski, LaPlante, and Rutledge
<b>ABSENT</b>	Yoo

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were offered.

**4. CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR COVERT**

Chair Covert noted that the purpose of today's meeting was to ask the committee for a vote to approve the 2024-2029 Strategic Plan and then forward the plan to the County Board to vote on approval on March 12.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED
<b>MOVER:</b>	Cynthia Cronin Cahill
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sheila Rutledge

5.A. [24-0851](#)

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**6. OTHER ACTION ITEM**

6.A. [SP-R-0001-24](#)

Adoption of the 2024-2029 DuPage County Strategic Plan

Jason Blumenthal thanked the committee for its work during the past year in the task of

updating the DuPage County strategic plan and commended BerryDunn for its partnership in developing and designing the final plan. He added that BerryDunn consultants Michelle Kennedy and Karen Whichard were present via Zoom to address questions and comments from the committee members. Chair Covert also thanked Jason and the BerryDunn team for their hard work and noted that she is very pleased with the outcome and the new strategic plan for 2024-2029.

During the committee members' review and discussion of the strategic plan, Members Cahill and Galassi questioned why the section titled "Strategic Priority: Safe Community" did not address reduction in crime as a matter of public safety. Member Galassi added that addressing crime was a top priority based on earlier feedback from the public across all demographics and should also be reflected in the strategic plan. Mr. Blumenthal explained that this strategic plan provides direction only for the departments that are within the County Board's jurisdiction, and does not include the departments and agencies that deal with crime-related issues, such as the Sheriff's Office, State's Attorney, Public Defender, Probation and Circuit Court. Member Cahill responded the County Board has direct control over the budget and can allocate funds for public safety. She emphasized that this should be included under the Strategic Priorities for "Fiscal Responsibility" and "Safe Community." Mr. Blumenthal proposed adding a strategic objective for properly allocating resources to the county's judicial and public safety agencies to ensure safe communities for DuPage with outputs prioritizing a decrease in crime rates.

At the conclusion of the discussion it was agreed that the strategic plan be amended to include the language related to allocation of funds for community safety. The amended plan will then be presented to the Strategic Planning Committee for approval in two weeks (March 19) and forwarded to the County Board for approval the following week (March 26). Member Krajewski then moved to table Resolution SP-R-0001-24 to March 19, 2024. Member Cahill seconded; motion approved upon roll call vote, all ayes.

<b>RESULT:</b>	TABLED
<b>MOVER:</b>	Brian Krajewski
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Cynthia Cronin Cahill
<b>AYES:</b>	Covert, Cronin Cahill, Krajewski, LaPlante, and Rutledge
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Yoo

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 AM.