



DU PAGE COUNTY

Legislative Committee

Final Summary

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Tuesday, January 6, 2026

11:30 AM

Room 3500A

1. CALL TO ORDER

Legislative meeting was called to order by Chair Dawn DeSart at 11:40 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Guests: Jesse Gutierrez and Victoria Lukan.

Staff present: Evan Shields, Kate Kissane, Sheryl Markay, Mary Keating, Dennis Brennan, Conor McCarthy.

Additional County Board Members present: Member Yoo.

PRESENT	Childress, DeSart, Galassi, Garcia, and Schwarze
ABSENT	Ozog

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A. [25-1943](#)

Legislative Minutes - Regular Meeting - Tuesday, June 10, 2025

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Dawn DeSart
SECONDER:	Michael Childress

3.B. [25-1944](#)

Legislative Minutes - Regular Meeting - Tuesday, August 12, 2025

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Dawn DeSart
SECONDER:	Michael Childress

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

5. CHAIR'S REMARKS - CHAIR DESART

Chair DeSart shared:

Happy New Year and Go Bears!

Our Federal lobbyist, Greg Bales, is leaving McGuireWoods whose contract is up at the end of January. Instead of continuing with McGuireWoods, Chair Conroy has put forth Reilly O'Connor with Lincoln Park Group. The approval on this contract will be on the 1/13/2026 Legislative agenda.

The State Legislature reconvenes on 1/13/2026 for the Senate and the House on 1/20/2026. The Governor's budget address is scheduled for 2/18/2026.

The Federal government ended 2025 without addressing its two most pressing political issues:
How to fund the government beyond 1/30/26.
How to address the expired tax credits for the Affordable Care Act to help with insurance premiums.

6. LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMS

6.A. [LEG-R-0001-26](#)

Resolution to Adopt the County's 2026 State Legislative Program

Member Galassi asked that a section on Economic Development and Public Safety be added to the DuPage County State agenda including modifications to the SAFE-T Act to give judges more discretion. Member Galassi added she would like to include language to address increasing LGDF funding and language on the Federal scholarship tax credit that the Governor needs to opt into in order to be eligible to receive Federal tax credits from the Federal government. She also proposed changes to the Support our Immigrant Community section. There was discussion regarding these topics.

Member Yoo brought language asking to amend page 5 of the 2026 draft State Legislative program to add a new state legislative priority including:

-Keeping our communities safe

Protect our residents, especially children, from injury and death through continued public education and awareness campaigns, gun safety storage provisions, and stronger tools ensure those who violate gun law are held accountable.

Member Deacon Garcia made a motion to amend using the above language, Chair DeSart seconded and the Committee voted all Ayes in a voice vote.

More discussion and questions were had surrounding the DuPage County State agenda. The Committee was asked to get all of their additions and suggestions to Kate Kissane by 1/7/2026. Kate will then send out a new draft DuPage County State agenda for the Committee to review and respond to by 1/8/2026.

LEG-R-0001-26 was postponed until 1/13/2026. Motioned by Chair DeSart, 2nd by Member Childress and all Ayes in a voice vote.

RESULT:	TABLED
MOVER:	Dawn DeSart
SECONDER:	Michael Childress

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 12:14 PM.