



DU PAGE COUNTY

Legislative Committee

Final Summary

421 N. COUNTY FARM ROAD
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Tuesday, January 20, 2026

11:30 AM

Room 3500A

1. CALL TO ORDER

11:30 AM meeting was called to order by Chair DeSart at 11:30 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Other Board Members present: Member Yeena Yoo

Staff present: Conor McCarthy (Assistant State's Attorney - State's Attorney's Office), Craig Noll (Computer Technician - Information Technology), Sheryl Markay (Government Affairs Coordinator - County Board Office), Kate Kissane (Government Affairs Coordinator- County Board Office)

Public present: Jesse Guiterrez

PRESENT	Childress, DeSart, Galassi, Garcia, Ozog, and Schwarze
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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A. [26-0346](#)

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RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Dawn DeSart
SECONDER:	Paula Garcia

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

5. CHAIR'S REMARKS - CHAIR DESART

Chair DeSart thanked members for providing input on the Federal Legislative Agenda. She also invited the committee members to the Legislative Breakfast.

6. LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMS

MOTION TO AMEND THE 2026 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Member Schwarze commented on the federal budget cuts and food insecurity, stressing the importance of school lunch programs. Government Affairs Coordinator Kate Kissane provided an update on where the federal funding stands now. Consensus was given by the committee members to add support for school lunch programs to the 2026 Federal Legislative Program.

Member Ozog mentioned some programs in other states that cover all breakfasts and all lunches for students, and inquired about where Illinois stands with programs like that. Government Affairs Coordinators Sheryl Markay and Kate Kissane recommended that instead of adding a new category to the program, that this support for school lunch funding initiatives could be added under a section that already exists.

Member Ozog moved and Member Schwarze seconded a motion to add language that supports funding for school lunches in Illinois to the 2026 Federal Legislative Program.

Motion to amend the 2026 Federal Legislative Program

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Mary Ozog
SECONDER:	Greg Schwarze

6.A. [LEG-R-0002-26](#)

Resolution Adopting the County's 2026 Federal Legislative Program

A roll call vote was taken to approve the 2026 Federal Legislative Agenda as amended above.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED
MOVER:	Dawn DeSart
SECONDER:	Paula Garcia
AYES:	Childress, DeSart, Garcia, Ozog, and Schwarze
NAY:	Galassi

7. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

8. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, this meeting was adjourned.