



DU PAGE COUNTY

Legislative Committee

Final Summary

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Tuesday, January 13, 2026

11:30 AM

Room 3500B

**** Or Immediately Following County Board ****

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Dawn DeSart at 12:35 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Additional Board Member: Member Yeenah Yoo.

Staff Present: Mary Catherine Wells, Mary Keating, Kate Kissane, Sheryl Markay, Conor McCarthy.

Guests: Reilly O'Connor, Jesse Gutierrez.

Member Mary Ozog arrived at 12:37 PM after the first vote accepting the minutes.

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A. 26-0250

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RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Dawn DeSart
SECONDER:	Paula Garcia

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jesse Gutierrez gave public comment regarding the 2026 State Legislative Program.

5. CHAIR'S REMARKS - CHAIR DESART

No remarks were offered.

6. PRESENTATION

6.A. Introduction to Reilly O'Connor with Lincoln Park Group

Chair DeSart introduced Reilly O'Connor with The Lincoln Group. Reilly shared with the committee his background and accomplishments. Chair DeSart asked a few questions to help the committee get to know him and his talents.

7. ACTION ITEMS**7.A. LEG-P-0001-26**

Recommendation for the approval of a County Contract to Lincoln Park Group LLC, to provide Consulting Services as Lobbyists representing DuPage County before the U.S. Congress and the Federal Executive Branch for DuPage County's Division of Transportation, Public Works, Stormwater Management and all other County departments and agencies, for the period of February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2027, for the County Board, for a contract total amount not to exceed \$96,000. Other Professional Services not suitable for competitive bid per 55 ILCS 5/5-1022(c). Vendor selected pursuant to DuPage County Procurement Ordinance 2-353(1)(b).

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Dawn DeSart
SECONDER:	Michael Childress

8. LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMS**8.A. LEG-R-0001-26**

Resolution to Adopt the County's 2026 State Legislative Program

Member Childress suggested changing the word "residents". After discussion, the Committee agreed on "all individuals" to replace "residents". Member Ozog motioned to amend the language to be "all individuals", Chair DeSart seconded, the Committee had a voice vote of all ayes.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED
MOVER:	Dawn DeSart
SECONDER:	Mary Ozog

9. OLD BUSINESS

The Committee was reminded to review the 2026 Federal agenda and provide their feedback to Kate Kissane as soon as possible.

10. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:07 PM.