



# DU PAGE COUNTY

## Economic Development Committee

### Final Summary

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**Tuesday, April 21, 2026**

**8:30 AM**

**Room 3500A**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

8:30 AM meeting was called to order by Chair Yeena Yoo at 8:30 AM.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Also present for the Committee meeting were Members Evans, Deacon-Garcia, and Krajewski.

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| <b>PRESENT</b> | Childress, Galassi, Haider, Martinez, and Yoo |
| <b>ABSENT</b>  | Eckhoff                                       |

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were offered.

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

The Chairwoman welcomed attendees, and noted that Choose DuPage would be presenting at today's meeting.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5. A. [26-1108](#)

Economic Development Committee - Minutes - February 17, 2026

**Attachments:** [Economic Development Committee - Minutes - February 17, 2026](#)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | APPROVED          |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Saba Haider       |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Michael Childress |

**6. INCUMBENT WORKER TRAINING**

6. A. [26-1113](#)

Crash Champions

**Attachments:** [Crash Champions](#)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Childress           |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Saba Haider                 |

6. B. [26-1114](#)

Demeter Millwork

**Attachments:**     [Demeter Millwork](#)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Childress           |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Saba Haider                 |

6. C.     [26-1115](#)

Fair Oaks Ford

**Attachments:**     [Fair Oaks Ford](#)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Childress           |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Saba Haider                 |

6. D.     [26-1116](#)

GC Machining Solutions Corp.

**Attachments:**     [GC Machining Solutions Corp.](#)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Childress           |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Saba Haider                 |

6. E.     [26-1117](#)

Hand & Stone Massage and Facial Spa

**Attachments:**     [Hand & Stone Massage and Facial Spa](#)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Childress           |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Saba Haider                 |

7.     **BUDGET TRANSFERS**

7. A.     [26-1231](#)

Transfer of funds from 5000-2841-53820 (Grant Services) to 5000-2841-50050 (Temporary Salaries), in the amount of \$48,000, to provide funds to cover Temporary Salaries during the grant period ending June 30, 2026.

**Attachments:**     [Budget Transfer - Intern Salaries](#)

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | APPROVED    |
| <b>MOVER:</b>  | Saba Haider |

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| <b>SECONDER:</b> Michael Childress |
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**8. PRESENTATION****8. A. Greg Bedalov - Connect DuPage**

Greg Bedalov, President & CEO of Choose DuPage, presented on Connect DuPage, a program designed to strengthen the local small business ecosystem by increasing supplier visibility, improving business readiness, and supporting local business-to-business connections. Mr. Bedalov outlined program goals, target markets, and recent enhancements to the initiative. Committee members had the opportunity to ask questions and engage in discussion.

**9. RESOLUTIONS****9. A. [FI-R-0067-26](#)**

Agreement between the County of DuPage and Choose DuPage for the Connect DuPage Supplier Program, in the amount of \$30,000. (ARPA Interest)

**Attachments:** [Exhibit A - Agreement](#)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Childress            |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Kari Galassi                 |

**10. OLD BUSINESS**

Lisa Schvach provided an update to the Committee on the progress of workNet's State Supplemental Grant interns. The NxtGen team of young adults is actively engaging with local businesses to learn about various industry sectors and produce video content for their social media platforms, which has contributed to increased traffic across multiple channels. Additional updates will be provided as the initiative progresses.

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

Greg Bedalov reminded Committee members of the 16th Annual DuPage County Regional Business Outlook breakfast to be held June 4, 2026 and encouraged all members to attend.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 am by Chair Yoo.