



# DU PAGE COUNTY

## Economic Development Committee

### Final Summary

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**Tuesday, June 18, 2024**

**8:30 AM**

**Room 3500A**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

8:30 AM meeting was called to order by Chair Lynn LaPlante at 8:30 AM.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Vice Chair Kari Galassi was allowed to participate remotely as per 7(A) of the Open Meetings Act read by Chair Lynn LaPlante, a motion was made by Member Yoo, a second by Member Rutledge, all ayes, motion passes for remote attendance. Member Deacon-Garcia was also present for the meeting.

<b>PRESENT</b>	Childress, Covert, LaPlante, Rutledge, and Yoo
<b>REMOTE</b>	Galassi

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3. A. [24-1813](#)

Economic Development Committee - Regular Meeting Minutes - May 21, 2024

**Attachments:** [Economic Development Committee - Minutes Summary - May 21, 2024](#)

<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED
<b>MOVER:</b>	Lynn LaPlante
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sheila Rutledge

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

The Chair congratulated Lisa Schvach and the workNet team for winning the National Association of Counties (NACo) award for the "Back to School, Back to Work" initiative for parents returning to the workforce. The chair also stated that to date, over 75 parents have taken advantage of these no-cost programs to boost their confidence, update their job search strategies, and develop current marketable job skills. This workforce development initiative is strengthening the local business community by increasing the volume of talented candidates actively searching for jobs.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following individuals made public comment:

Amy Gruben, Carol Stream, came to show support of the Fine Arts Feasibility Study. She is part of the Glen Ellyn-Wheaton Chorale and shared that they have struggled to find a place to practice

and perform, even after vetting more than 60 venues.  
Please see attachment for online comment submissions.

**Online -Submitted at 06/17/24 8:57 PM**

**Meeting Date:** 06/17/24 **Meeting:** Economic Development Committee **Name:** Jennifer Whiting **Organization:** Glen Ellyn-Wheaton Chorale **Address:** 11398 Bellflower Lane Huntley, IL 60142 **Daytime Phone:** (630) 453-8006 **Subject:** Please support Phase Two of the Feasibility Study for an Arts Venue **Comment:** Glen Ellyn-Wheaton Chorale is a 65-voice volunteer choir. We are a 501c3 non-profit organization that serves the musical needs of our community by presenting two concert seasons per year. After the ticketed events, we then share our music with local retirement communities and long-term care facilities. We also collaborate with other local arts organizations, including Anima-Glen Ellyn Children's Chorus. In the past several years, we have been bumped around to various locations, and I would like to share with you our struggle to find a new home for rehearsing and performing. Two Wheaton churches have terminated their rental agreements with us in the past two years. We have encountered many churches who now restrict access to their buildings. We have thoroughly investigated no fewer than 60 venues as potential locations for our weekly rehearsals and annual concerts-churches, schools, colleges, universities, theaters, and other venues. You can imagine the drain on our time, human resources, and finances caused by this crisis. Non-profit arts organizations such as Glen Ellyn-Wheaton Chorale face a critical need for rehearsal and performance venues in DuPage County. We press on, thanks to the dedication and passion of our volunteers, but we need help to continue our mission, "bringing harmony to the community." We would ask you to help us to keep the music flowing! Please support Phase Two of the Feasibility Study. Thank you, Jennifer Whiting Music Director, Glen Ellyn-Wheaton Chorale

**6. INCUMBENT WORKER TRAINING**

6.A. [24-1815](#)  
Vonberg Valve, Inc. - Training Memo

**Attachments:** [Vonberg IWT Board Memo final](#)

<b>RESULT:</b>	ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE
<b>MOVER:</b>	Lynn LaPlante
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Yeena Yoo

**7. GRANT PROPOSAL NOTIFICATIONS**

7. A. [24-1814](#)  
GPN 025-24: Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity, Department of Labor, Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Grant (WIOA) PY24, \$5,408,075.  
(Human Resources, Workforce Development Division)

**Attachments:**     [GPN 025-24 - 24-681006-FINAL](#)

<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
<b>MOVER:</b>	Lynn LaPlante
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sadia Covert

## 8. PROCUREMENT REQUISITIONS

### 8. A. [24-1734](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a contract purchase order issued to Walker-Miller Energy Services, to provide workforce development training & supportive services for the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant, for the period of July 1, 2024 to October 31, 2024, for a total contract amount of \$27,152. Per 55 ILCS 5/5-1022 the Training & Employment program was designed by Nicor & Walker-Miller Energy Services and prepares students for industry-recognized credentials, provides for wraparound supports, and connects students to on-the-job training opportunities; thus aligning with objectives of the EECBG workforce component.

**Attachments:**     [Walker-Miller PRCC](#)  
[Walker-Miller Pricing Page](#)  
[Signed Letter to DuPage County\\_Walker Miller Sole Source Redacted](#)  
[Vendor Ethics Disclosure Statement - June 11 2024\\_Redacted](#)

<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED
<b>MOVER:</b>	Lynn LaPlante
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Yeena Yoo

## 9. PRESENTATION: Greg Bedalov, Choose DuPage Update

Greg Bedalov, President & CEO of Choose DuPage, updated the committee members on several items. He noted the Greater Chicagoland Economic Partnership (GCEP) won a NACo award for Economic Development accomplishment of the year. In its first year, GCEP emerged as a dynamic force, growing the regional economy through the power of collaboration. Mr. Bedalov also discussed the Municipal Analytics Program (MAP), with the help of GCEP, municipalities now have more data on-hand than ever, this can be used to gain insights into communities, create data driven strategies, and drive economic development. Questions were taken from committee members.

## 10. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

## 11. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair LaPlante at 9:00AM.