



# DU PAGE COUNTY

## Legislative Committee

### Final Summary

421 N. COUNTY FARM ROAD  
WHEATON, IL 60187  
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Tuesday, June 11, 2024

11:30 AM

Room 3500A

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**\*\* 11:30 AM or Immediately Following County Board\*\***

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Dawn DeSart at 11:44 AM.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Additional Board Members present: Member Paula Deacon Garcia, Member Yeena Yoo, Member Sheila Rutledge (arrived at 11:50 AM), and Member Lucy Evans (arrived at 11:53 AM).

Staff Present: Sheryl Markay (Chief Policy & Program Officer), Jason Blumenthal (Policy & Program Manager), Conor McCarthy (State's Attorney's Office), Jenna Rossi (Policy Analyst), and Jeremy Custer (Senior Advisor).

Guests Present: Chip Humes (State Lobbyist) and Marc Poulos (Remote - State Lobbyist)

Member Michael Childress arrived at 11:45 AM.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3.A. [24-1369](#)

Legislative Minutes - Regular Meeting - Tuesday, March 26, 2024

<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dawn DeSart
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Liz Chaplin

3.B. [24-1368](#)

Joint Judicial and Public Safety and Legislative Minutes - Special Call Meeting - Tuesday, April 23, 2024

<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dawn DeSart
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Liz Chaplin

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were offered.

**5. CHAIR'S REMARKS - CHAIR DESART**

Chair DeSart let the committee know that she made her remarks at the County Board meeting.

**6. DISCUSSION****6.A. End of Session Wrap-Up - DuPage County Lobbyists**

State Lobbyist Chip Humes thanked the committee for having him at this meeting. Mr. Humes provided an overview of the Legislative Agenda and the passage of the Illinois budget package. He let the committee know that the budget passed was a balanced budget. One of the important initiatives session-wide to DuPage County was the Impact Fee bill, which received bipartisan support. An item that did not pass this session was the Public Defender Legislation, to establish a State Agency to provide resources to underserved counties.

Mr. Humes, Chair DeSart, Member Zay and State Lobbyist Marc Poulos all stated that Chief Policy and Program Officer Sheryl Markay will be missed when she retires in early July, and all mentioned how much they have appreciated her work on this committee. Chair DeSart welcomed Senior Advisor Jeremy Custer as the new staff person for the Legislative committee.

Member Zay and Chair DeSart asked Mr. Humes about a procurement bill that was passed. Chair DeSart also discussed future DuPage County Legislative agendas, and asked Mr. Humes whether it is too aggressive or not. He mentioned that an aggressive agenda isn't a problem, but encouraged the committee to focus on priority bills, as only a small portion of bills introduced are actually passed. Chair DeSart inquired about the successes of the previous session, and State Lobbyist Marc Poulos responded highlighting the Impact Fee bill, the appropriations and re-appropriations of capital projects in DuPage County, and RTA reform legislation. There was discussion on what to focus on for the upcoming Fall Veto session, including the Public Defender bill and mass transit issues.

**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.



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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. ROLL CALL**

Additional Board Members present: Member Paula Deacon Garcia, Member Patty Gustin, Member Sheila Rutledge, Member Lucy Evans, and Member Yeena Yoo.

Staff present: Sheryl Markay (Chief Policy & Program Officer), Jason Blumenthal (Policy & Program Manager), Conor McCarthy (State's Attorney's Office), Mary Keating (Community Services Director) and Evan Shields (Public Information Officer).

<b>PRESENT</b>	Chaplin, Childress, DeSart, Eckhoff, and Zay
<b>ABSENT</b>	Galassi

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3.A. [24-0996](#)

Legislative Minutes - Regular Meeting - Tuesday, March 5, 2024

<b>RESULT:</b>	ACCEPTED
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dawn DeSart
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Liz Chaplin

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment received.

**5. CHAIR'S REMARKS - CHAIR DESART**

Chair DeSart stated that she made her remarks during the County Board meeting.

**6. ACTION ITEMS**

6.A. [24-0997](#)

Action Item - Key Bill List 3-26-2024

Sheryl Markay briefly reviewed the bill list document and provided updates of each bill's progress. Multiple members asked questions and Ms. Markay answered.

Member Jim Zay raised concerns over SB3680 Local Crime-Free Housing Ordinance and requested additional information.

Member Yeena Yoo voiced her disappointment in hearing that HB4469/SB2633, Protection of Domestic Violence victims has stalled and mentioned two related bills: HB4753 Case Review - Homicide Victims and HB4754 Uniform Crime Report - Homicides.

<b>RESULT:</b>	ACCEPTED
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dawn DeSart
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Liz Chaplin

**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 12:03 PM.



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## Joint Special Meeting of the Judicial and Public Safety and Legislative Committees

### Final-revised Summary

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

11:30 AM

County Board Room

#### \*11:30 AM or Immediately Following County Board Meeting\* Special Call

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by Chair Dawn DeSart.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Other Board members present: Member Cindy Cahill, Member Paula Garcia and Member Lynn LaPlante

Staff present: Conor McCarthy (Assistant State's Attorney), Sheryl Markay (Chief Policy and Program Officer), Jeff York (Chief Public Defender), Jason Blumenthal (Policy and Program Manager), Evan Shields (Public Information Officer) and Jenna Rossi (Policy Analyst).

Speakers: Jeff York (Chief Public Defender) and John "Chip" Humes (Lobbyist, Roger C. Marquardt & Co., Inc.)

Member Patty Gustin arrived at 2:02 PM due to attending another meeting.

<b>PRESENT</b>	Childress, Chaplin, DeSart, Evans, Galassi, Tornatore, and Yoo
<b>ABSENT</b>	Eckhoff, Krajewski, Ozog, Schwarze, and Zay
<b>LATE</b>	Gustin

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered.

#### 4. CHAIRS' REMARKS - CHAIR DESART AND CHAIR EVANS

Chair DeSart thanked everyone for attending this meeting which will provide an opportunity to learn more about the proposed Amendment to Illinois Senate Bill 595. The intent of this proposed Amendment is to encourage the Illinois Supreme Court to establish a framework for a statewide Office of Public Defense Trial Support. Chair DeSart then informed the Committee of another opportunity to participate in a discussion on this proposed legislation by attending the ISACo Justice and Public Safety Committee meeting on Friday, April 26, 2024 at 10:00 AM. She encouraged anyone interested in joining this discussion to contact her or Sheryl Markay to obtain the Zoom details. At this time, Chair DeSart and Chair Evans invited Chief Public Defender Jeff York to begin his presentation.

**5. DISCUSSION**

5.A. [24-1264](#)

Senate Bill 595 - Statewide Public Defender

Chief Public Defender Jeff York thanked the Committee for inviting him to present today and went on to provide an update on this proposed legislation. He began by clarifying that he will be sharing only his thoughts and opinions and does not speak for all public defenders. Initially, Mr. York reviewed the law as it stands currently, reported on his existing headcount and summarized the responsibilities of his office. He then spoke of the resources available to his office and the differences in how other Public Defender's Offices operate throughout the state. Mr. York also showed a graph comparing his office's budget with those of the collar counties. He next commented on a report entitled "The Right to Counsel in Illinois", published by the Sixth Amendment Center in June of 2021, that provides an evaluation of public defender services throughout the State of Illinois. Since this report, the Supreme Court as well as other entities have become involved in determining the future process of public defending. Mr. York then commented on the impact a Statewide Public Defender system might have on his office and other offices throughout the state. This concluded his presentation. At this time, questions and comments were brought forward by Member Gustin, Member Chaplin, Member Garcia and Chair DeSart, to which Mr. York responded. The topics covered possible opt-in/opt-out options, the importance of support from the Chief Judge and the County Board and proposed funding. Mr. York ended by recognizing Chief Administrative Officer Nick Kottmeyer, Chief Policy and Program Officer Sheryl Markay, Policy and Program Manager Jason Blumenthal and Lobbyist Chip Humes for being available and supportive in helping him navigate this issue.

Chair DeSart then asked Chip Humes to come forward to offer his thoughts on this pending legislation. Chair DeSart, Chair Evans and Member Gustin asked questions, to which Mr. Humes responded. One question raised was whether it would be advisable for a member of the Committee to contact their state senator or representative to express their concerns about this issue. Mr. Humes was not opposed to this. However, Chair DeSart cautioned that any member wishing to do this must do so as an individual, not as an elected official.

In conclusion, Chair DeSart thanked both Mr. York and Mr. Humes for providing the Committee with information on this proposed legislation.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was offered.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was offered.



**8. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Member Gustin moved, seconded by Member Yoo, to adjourn the meeting at 2:37 PM.