



# DU PAGE COUNTY

## Economic Development Committee

### Final Summary

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**Tuesday, October 21, 2025**

**8:30 AM**

**Room 3500A**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. ROLL CALL**

Chair Yoo read the language to allow Member Haider to participate remotely. Also present were Members Deacon-Garcia and Krajewski.

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

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following individuals made public comment:  
Nathan Karsten, Marriot Hotel, Naperville  
Jim Staley, President of Midwest Transit System

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

In interest of time, no remarks were offered.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5. A. [25-2459](#)

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**Attachments:**     [Economic Development Committee - Minutes - September 16, 2025](#)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | APPROVED          |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Childress |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Melissa Martinez  |

**6. PRESENTATION**

6. A. Choose DuPage: Greg Bedalov

Greg Bedalov, President & CEO of Choose DuPage, presented Choose DuPage's goals and outcomes for 2025 year to date. Mr. Bedalov also discussed various programs including Connect DuPage, Sustainable DuPage, and the Municipal Analytics Program. Questions were taken from Committee Members.

**7. RESOLUTIONS**

7. A. [ED-R-0002-25](#)

Service Agreement between the County of DuPage and Choose DuPage, Contract Date December 1, 2025 to November 30, 2027

Member Childress had to leave prior to the vote in order to Chair the Public Works Committee.

**Attachments:**     [Choose DuPage Service Agreement FY26 FY27 FINAL](#)  
[Economic Development Committee Letter\\_10.15.25\\_Redacted](#)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | APPROVED      |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Kari Galassi  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Grant Eckhoff |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Childress     |
| <b>REMOTE:</b>   | Haider        |

## **8. DISCUSSION**

### **8. A. Hotel Transportation Grant Program**

A consensus vote was taken to appropriate an additional \$25,000 to the Hotel Transportation Grant Program increasing to a total annual contribution of \$75,000, for FY2026, all ayes. This item will move forward for County Board approval.

## **9. OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was discussed.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

Member Martinez asked the Committee for support in finding solutions for local businesses struggling due to ICE activity.

Lisa Schvach, Executive Director of the Workforce Development Division, updated the Committee on the impact of the government shut down to workNet DuPages federal grant funding.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Yoo at 9:07am.