



DU PAGE COUNTY

Economic Development Committee

Final Summary

421 N. COUNTY FARM ROAD
WHEATON, IL 60187
www.dupagecounty.gov

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

8:30 AM

Room 3500A

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Other board members present: Member Cahill, Member Evans, Member Garcia, Member Krajewski.

PRESENT	Childress, Eckhoff, Haider, Martinez, and Yoo
ABSENT	Galassi

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

4. CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR YOO

Chair Yoo thanked the board members in attendance. She then introduced the two guest speakers on the agenda. First, she introduced Eric Rhodes, the president of Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital, to speak on the importance of equitable health care for all in recognition of Black History Month. She also introduced Beth Marchetti, the Executive Director of the DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau (DCVB), to present the committee with the DCVB annual report.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5. A. [26-0547](#)

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RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Saba Haider
SECONDER:	Michael Childress

6. PRESENTATIONS

6. A. Eric Rhodes - Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital

Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital President Eric Rhodes addressed the committee on the vital role health care plays within a community and the importance of ensuring equitable access to care for all residents. He highlighted that Advocate Good Samaritan is a Level I Trauma Center, providing immediate and specialized care to those that need it.

Mr. Rhodes noted that as county demographics continue to evolve, health care must also adapt to meet the diverse needs of the community. He shared ways that the hospital works to promote

health equity, particularly in addressing disparities that can vary by geographic location. Advocate Good Samaritan works to use community resources to expand access to equitable health outcomes, regardless of race, ethnicity, or neighborhood.

Mr. Rhodes encouraged individuals from underrepresented communities to seek mentors who can guide and empower them to become leaders in their chosen fields.

6. B. Beth Marchetti -DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau Annual Report

The Executive Director of the DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau, Beth Marchetti, provided the committee with a comprehensive recap of the year. She outlined key events and partnerships planned for the upcoming year to bring more activity to hotels and businesses in DuPage County. Some of the upcoming events that Executive Director Marchetti highlighted include the Route 66 Centennial, the 2026 Presidents Cup, the Short-Course World Championship with USA Swimming, the EZ2 Tournament, and new upcoming Transportation grants to support continued regional growth.

7. RESOLUTIONS

7. A. [ED-R-0001-26](#)

DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau Designation of Representation for Grant Purposes.

RESULT: APPROVED AT COMMITTEE
MOVER: Michael Childress
SECONDER: Saba Haider

7. B. [FI-R-0037-26](#)

Annual financial commitment in support of the DuPage Convention & Visitor's Bureau, for Fiscal Year 2026, in the amount of \$50,000.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER: Michael Childress
SECONDER: Saba Haider

8. BUDGET TRANSFERS

8. A. [26-0548](#)

Transfer of funds from 5000-2841-50000 (Regular Salaries) to 5000-2841-50050 (Temporary Salaries), in the amount of \$3,000, to provide funds to cover Temporary Salaries during the grant period ending June 30, 2026.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Saba Haider
SECONDER: Michael Childress

9. INCUMBENT WORKER TRAINING

9. A. [26-0638](#)

TransChicago Truck Group

RESULT:	ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE
MOVER:	Saba Haider
SECONDER:	Melissa Martinez

10. OLD BUSINESS

Member Krajewski provided an update on the Natatorium hosting future events in DuPage County.

The Administrator for the Workforce Development Program, Lisa Schvach, provided an update on the Workforce Development Division's federal funding. She confirmed that the division programs will be funded through September 30, 2026. The committee members discussed the possibility of engaging the County's federal lobbyist regarding legislation that could allow DuPage County to receive funding directly from the federal government.

11. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was offered.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, this meeting was adjourned.



Minutes

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2. ROLL CALL

Chair Yoo read the language to allow remote participation for Member Martinez, a motion was made by Member Galassi, Second by Member Childress, approved.

PRESENT	Childress, Eckhoff, Galassi, and Yoo
ABSENT	Haider
REMOTE	Martinez

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

4. CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR YOO

Chair Yoo extended New Year greetings to the Committee at the first meeting of 2026 and thanked Mark Dennison of workNet DuPage for filling in at today's meeting. The Chair also announced two upcoming AI workshops to be held at workNet DuPage. Additionally, the Chair noted that the current continuing resolution for funding is set to expire on January 30, and that the Committee will be updated once workNet receives further information.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5. A. [26-0254](#)

Economic Development Committee - Minutes - November 18, 2025

Attachments: [Economic Development Committee - Summary Minutes - November 18, 2025](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Michael Childress
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi

6. INCUMBENT WORKER TRAINING

6. A. [26-0260](#)

Abrasive Form

Attachments: [Board Memo - Abrasive Form](#)

RESULT:	ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE
MOVER:	Grant Eckhoff
SECONDER:	Michael Childress

- 6. B. [26-0262](#)
Inland Midwest Corporation

Attachments: [Board Memo - Inland Midwest Corproation](#)

RESULT:	ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE
MOVER:	Grant Eckhoff
SECONDER:	Michael Childress

- 6. C. [26-0263](#)
Superior Ambulance

Attachments: [Board Memo -Superior Air-Ground Ambulance Service Inc.](#)

RESULT:	ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE
MOVER:	Grant Eckhoff
SECONDER:	Michael Childress

7. BUDGET TRANSFERS

- 7. A. [26-0285](#)
Transfer of funds from 5000-2840-50000 (Regular Salaries) to 5000-2840-50050 (Temporary Salaries) and 5000-2840-51000 (Benefit Payments), in the amount of \$93,000, to cover Temporary Salaries and Benefit Payments.

Attachments: [Budget Transfer 26-0285](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Michael Childress
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi

8. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Beth Marchetti of the DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau addressed the Committee regarding 2025 outcomes and anticipated events and goals for 2026. The DCVB exceeded all 2025 goals and doubled the number of sporting events held in DuPage County compared to 2024. Ms. Marchetti also discussed three bills headed to Springfield and noted that she will provide the Committee with updates on their progress. Committee members asked questions.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 AM by Chair Yoo.



Economic Development Resolution

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File #: ED-R-0001-26

Agenda Date: 2/17/2026

Agenda #: 12.A.

DUPAGE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATION FOR GRANT PURPOSES

WHEREAS, in 1987 the DuPage County Board adopted Resolution CA-1-87 establishing the DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau; and

WHEREAS, in June of 1989 the DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau was formally certified by the State of Illinois to represent all areas of the County of DuPage in the promotion of tourism for this County on the local, state, national, and international level; and

WHEREAS, a requirement of this Grant Program is the adoption by the County Board of a resolution designating the DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau’s area of representation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the DuPage County Board that the DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau shall continue to be designated as the only authorized Convention Bureau to represent all areas of the County of DuPage withing its jurisdictional boundaries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk transmit a certified copy of this resolution to Beth Marchetti, Executive Director, DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau, 915 Harger Road, Suite 240, Oak Brook, Illinois 60523.

Enacted and approved this 24th Day of February 2026 at Wheaton, Illinois.

DEBORAH A. CONROY, CHAIR
DU PAGE COUNTY BOARD

Attest: _____

JEAN KACZMAREK, COUNTY CLERK

February 3, 2026

Economic Development Chair Yeena Yoo
DuPage County Board
421 N. County Farm Road
Wheaton, Illinois 60187

Chair Yoo:

The DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau (DCVB) will apply for annual recertification with the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity for Fiscal Year 2027. Applications are due to the state tourism office by March 31, 2026. As part of this process, a resolution adopted by the DuPage County Board must be submitted with the application. The County Board has issued this resolution annually since 1987, supporting 38 years of growth and tourism excellence in DuPage County. DCVB is the County's designated destination marketing organization and the only state-certified organization eligible to receive DuPage County's share of state hotel tax revenues through the tourism matching grant program.

In conjunction with the annual resolution, DCVB respectfully requests a \$50,000 county contribution to support the state matching grant. This funding, combined with local municipal hotel tax revenues, enables DCVB to leverage DuPage County's full state allocation. Without the required match, DuPage's share would be redistributed to other certified destinations, including Rosemont, Schaumburg, Rockford, and other convention and visitors bureaus across Illinois.

A few highlights of DCVB's recent successful efforts include:

- Continued success in sports tourism, welcoming for the first time to DuPage County several major events including USA Curling's Wheelchair Curling Mixed Doubles National Championship, Major League Table Tennis, Perfect Game youth baseball tournaments, USA Ultimate, and the Rule of the Road for Autism Science Foundation's cycling ride and charity walk. In August, we look forward to hosting for the first time in Illinois in its 50-year history, the 2026 National Beep Baseball Association World Series.
- DCVB continues to maximize state dollars, participating in the Illinois Office of Tourism's recent fall co-op campaign. Hotel bookings from the Discover DuPage leisure ads account for half a million dollars in hotel revenue, reflecting a 22:1 return on investment.
- Visitation data for calendar year 2025 (through November 30) underscores DCVB's ability to attract and engage visitors well beyond the Midwest, reflecting a strong and growing national presence in key long-haul air markets across the South, Mountain West, and East Coast in addition to established drive markets. Visitors coming from more than 500 miles away accounted for 34% of overnight stays with an average length of stay of 2.5 days; the five top origin states were Texas, Florida, Georgia, Colorado, and New York. 27% of overnight visitors were from 250 to 499 miles away, matching average length of stay at 2.5 days; the five top origin states were Missouri, Ohio, Minnesota, Tennessee, and Michigan.

DuPage CVB Board of Directors extends deep appreciation for the county support through the grant program, which offsets airport and ground transportation costs and directly drives demand for DuPage County hotels with a demonstrated return on investment. In FY 2025, the program generated more than 20,000 room nights, \$2.6 million in hotel room revenue, and an estimated \$10 million in total economic impact. With continued financial participation from DCVB, partner municipalities, and the County, this program can remain a competitive tool in positioning DuPage County as a premier destination.

The DCVB Board of Directors respectfully requests that these items be included for discussion at the DuPage County Economic Development Committee meeting on February 17, 2026.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Brett Hintz
Chair



Beth Marchetti
Executive Director





Finance Resolution

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File #: FI-R-0037-26

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Agenda #: 9.B.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL COMMITMENT
IN SUPPORT OF THE DUPAGE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026
\$50,000

WHEREAS, the DuPage County Board supports the DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau through an annual financial commitment; and

WHEREAS, the DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau promotes economic development and tourism for all DuPage County residents and local governments; and

WHEREAS, the DuPage County Board recognizes that the DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau is an organization worthy of continued financial support; and

WHEREAS, in its Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, DuPage County has identified \$50,000 (FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS) in the General Fund - Company 1000, Accounting Unit 1180, Account 53704 for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the DuPage County Board supports the annual financial commitments to the DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau in the amount up to, but not to exceed \$50,000 (FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS) in one of more payments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the DuPage County Board that the said payments may be made anytime from the period of December 1, 2025, to November 30, 2026.

Enacted and approved this 24th day of February, 2026 at Wheaton, Illinois.

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Budget Transfer

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File #: 26-0548

Agenda Date: 2/17/2026

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FY25
 DuPage County, Illinois
 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT
 Effective April 1, 2025

From: 5000
 Company #

WIOA DCEO GRANTS
 From: Company/Accounting Unit Name

Accounting Unit	Account	Sub-Account	Title	Amount	Finance Dept Use Only Available Balance		Date of Balance
					Prior to Transfer	After Transfer	
2841	50000	0000	REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 3,000.00	29,612.66	26,612.66	1/23/26
Total				\$ 3,000.00			

To: 5000
 Company #

WIOA DCEO GRANTS
 To: Company/Accounting Unit Name

Accounting Unit	Account	Sub-Account	Title	Amount	Finance Dept Use Only Available Balance		Date of Balance
					Prior to Transfer	After Transfer	
2841	50050	0000	TEMPORARY SALARIES	\$ 3,000.00	(2,085.00)	915.00	1/23/26
Total				\$ 3,000.00			

Reason for Request:

To provide funds to cover Temporary Salaries during the grant period ending 6/30/2026

Activity 26-071006
 (optional)


 Department _____

 Chief Financial Officer

1/23/2026
 Date
1/26/24
 Date

****Please sign in blue ink on the original form****

Finance Department Use Only

Fiscal Year 25 Budget Journal # _____ Acctg Period _____

Entered By/Date _____ Released & Posted By/Date _____

ELON - 2/17/26
 FIN/CB - 2/24/26



Informational

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Memo

Date: February 3, 2026
To: Economic Development Committee
From: Nicolas J. Webb, Business Services Representative, DuPage Workforce Development Division
RE: Incumbent Worker Training Application – TransChicago Truck Group

TransChicago is a leader in trucks and truck related products and services. The three main aspects of the business are sales, service, and parts. They have two dealerships, a training center, and a corporate warehouse all located in DuPage County. Three of their employees will soon begin training for various IT systems.

For IT support, this training will help strengthen their cybersecurity knowledge and practical skills. They will be trained on firewall policies, user authentication, high availability, SSL VPN, site to site IPsec VPN, Fortinet Security Fabric, and how to protect network using security profiles, such as IPS, antivirus, web filtering, application control, and more.

Notes:

- * TransChicago Truck Group — 485 Employees
- * Located in Elmhurst, Illinois
- * Number of Incumbent Workers to be Trained: 3
- * Total Amount Approved: \$10,265.00