



# DU PAGE COUNTY

## Economic Development Committee

### Final Summary

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**Tuesday, February 17, 2026**

**8:30 AM**

**Room 3500A**

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**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.

<b>PRESENT</b>	Childress, Eckhoff, Haider, Martinez, and Yoo
<b>ABSENT</b>	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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<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED
<b>MOVER:</b>	Saba Haider
<b>SECONDER:</b>	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

<b>RESULT:</b>	ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE
<b>MOVER:</b>	Saba Haider
<b>SECONDER:</b>	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.