



DU PAGE COUNTY

Public Aid Committee

Summary

421 N. COUNTY FARM ROAD
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Monday, July 13, 2026

12:30 PM

3-500B

1. CALL TO ORDER

12:30 PM meeting was called to order by Chair Deborah A. Conroy.

2. ROLL CALL

Elizabeth Higgins-Beard was present for this meeting, but was not participating as a committee member.

PRESENT Conroy, Hernandez (Addison), Hovde (Bloomington), Murray (York), and Rutledge (Winfield)

EXCUSED Higgins-Beard (Milton)

ABSENT Bedford (Naperville), Savage (Downers Grove), Ramey (Wayne), and Wright (Lisle)

3. PUBLIC AID APPEAL FROM MILTON TOWNSHIP REGARDING APPELLANT #PA062026

A motion was made by Member Hernandez and seconded by Member Rutledge to open the hearing on the Appeal No PA062026. Appellant Julie Gaedke and Respondents Elizabeth Higgins-Beard and Shelia Beine were sworn in. Neither party presented any additional witness. Documentation received by both parties was admitted into record. Both parties provided opening statements. Appellant Gaedke provided her testimony and presented her Exhibits 1-6. Respondents Higgins-Beard and Beine also provided testimony and Milton Township's Statement of Facts and Exhibits 1-32, consisting of 14 pages. Both parties provided closing statements.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Member Hovde and seconded by Member Murray that pursuant to Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (4) and 120/2(c)(21), the Committee moved into Executive Session for the purpose of considering evidence or testimony presented in open hearing to the committee and semi-annual review of closed session minutes.

MOVER: Michael J. Hovde (Bloomingtondale)

SECONDER: Timothy Murray (York)

PRESENT Conroy, Hernandez (Addison), Hovde (Bloomingtondale), Murray (York), and Rutledge (Winfield)

EXCUSED Higgins-Beard (Milton)

ABSENT Bedford (Naperville), Savage (Downers Grove), Ramey (Wayne), and Wright (Lisle)

- 4.A. Closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(4) and (c)(21) to consider evidence or testimony presented in open hearing to the committee and semi-annual review of closed session minutes.

PRESENT Conroy, Hernandez (Addison), Hovde (Bloomingtondale),
Murray (York), and Rutledge (Winfield)

ABSENT Bedford (Naperville), Savage (Downers Grove),
Ramey (Wayne), and Wright (Lisle)

A roll call was taken to go into Closed Session.

PRESENT Conroy, Hernandez (Addison), Hovde (Bloomingtondale), Murray (York), and Rutledge (Winfield)

EXCUSED Higgins-Beard (Milton)

ABSENT Bedford (Naperville), Savage (Downers Grove), Ramey (Wayne), and Wright (Lisle)

5. ACTION ITEMS**5.A. Announcement of the decision.**

A roll call vote was taken to either affirm or deny the appeal.

Milton Township's decision was affirmed 5-0. Chair announced the decision and gave her recommendations.

PRESENT Conroy, Hernandez (Addison), Hovde (Bloomingtondale), Murray (York), and Rutledge (Winfield)

EXCUSED Higgins-Beard (Milton)

ABSENT Bedford (Naperville), Savage (Downers Grove), Ramey (Wayne), and Wright (Lisle)

5.B. Disposition of closed session minutes.

As to the matter of review of closed session minutes, the Committee finds the need for confidentiality still exists as to the Executive Session minutes from March 11, 2022 as well as previous closed sessions and the verbatim recordings thereof, and those minutes should not be released.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Member York and seconded by Member Rutledge. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm.