



DU PAGE COUNTY

Strategic Planning Committee

Final Summary

421 N. COUNTY FARM ROAD
WHEATON, IL 60187
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Tuesday, December 9, 2025

11:00 AM

Room 3500A

****11:00AM or immediately following County Board****

1. CALL TO ORDER

11:00 AM meeting was called to order by Chair Saba Haider at 11:28 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Other Board Members present: Member Deacon Garcia, Member Yoo

Staff in Attendance: Evan Shields (Communications Manager); Renee Zerante (Assistant State's Attorney); Nick Kottmeyer (Chief Administrative Officer); Nicole Long (Principal Budget Analyst); Mary Keating (Director of Community Services); Jeffrey Martynowicz (Chief Financial Officer)

Also Present: Lisa Schvach, Executive Director, workNet DuPage; Greg Bedalov, President and CEO, Choose DuPage

PRESENT	Cronin Cahill, Haider, Honig, Krajewski, LaPlante, and Martinez
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3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

4. CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR HAIDER

In her opening remarks to the committee upon its final meeting of 2025, Chair Haider thanked everyone present for their efforts in making the strategic planning process for DuPage County such a great success. The fact that the County is tracking and staying ahead of the strategic plan objectives is a huge testament to the work of every department and all staff who were involved.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A. [26-0056](#)

Strategic Planning Committee - Regular Meeting - Tuesday, September 9, 2025

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill
SECONDER:	Brian Krajewski

6. PRESENTATION

6.A. Fiscal Responsibility and Thriving Economy

In his introductory remarks, Evan Shields noted that this meeting will focus on the final two priorities of the DuPage County Strategic Plan, Fiscal Responsibility and Thriving Economy. The presenters were Nicole Long, Principal Budget Analyst from the Finance Department; Lisa Schvach, Executive Director, workNet DuPage; and Greg Bedalov, President and CEO, Choose DuPage.

Nicole Long's presentation on Fiscal Responsibility highlighted the goal of maintaining the highest standards of financial planning, forecasting, transparency, risk analysis and innovation to ensure DuPage County has a sustainable financial future.

Lisa Schvach of workNet DuPage next spoke on the issue of Thriving Economy. One of the goals of workNet is to increase access to employment and career opportunities through workforce development programming designed for a diverse population. Greg Bedalov of Choose DuPage next spoke on Thriving Together - Business, Community and Economic Growth in DuPage County.

At the conclusion of each presentation, the speakers received questions and comments from committee members.

7. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

8. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business and without objection, the meeting was adjourned.



Minutes

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Tuesday, September 9, 2025

11:30 AM

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****11:30AM or immediately following County Board****

1. CALL TO ORDER

11:30AM meeting was called to order by Chair Saba Haider at 11:55 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Other Board Members present: Member Childress, Member Yoo

Staff in Attendance: Evan Shields (Communications Manager); Renee Zerante (Assistant State's Attorney); Sarah Hunn (Director of Stormwater Management); Stephen Travia (Director of Transportation); Geoffrey Matteson (Deputy Director of Facilities); Nick Kottmeyer (Chief Administrative Officer)

PRESENT	Cronin Cahill, Haider, Honig, and Martinez
ABSENT	Krajewski, and LaPlante

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

4. CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR HAIDER

Chair Haider welcomed all present to the September 9 meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee. Today's meeting will include presentations from staff on the strategic priorities of Mobility and Environmental Stewardship. The October meeting of the committee will feature presentations on Fiscal Responsibility and Thriving Economy.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A. [25-1927](#)

Strategic Planning Committee - Regular Meeting - Tuesday, June 10, 2025

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill
SECONDER:	Andrew Honig

6. PRESENTATION

6.A. Mobility and Environmental Stewardship

In his introductory remarks, Evan Shields noted that the strategic priorities under discussion today are part of the DuPage County Strategic Plan for 2024-2029 that was approved by the

County Board in March, 2024. The June 10 meeting received updates from staff on Community Well-Being and Safe Communities and the October meeting will focus on Fiscal Responsibility and Thriving Economy. The purpose of these updates from staff is to inform the committee on how the various departments are implementing the strategic plan and what initiatives they are undertaking.

Sarah Hunn and Geoffrey Matteson presented updates on Environmental Stewardship. This strategic initiative brings together inputs from the Stormwater, Facilities Management, Environmental and Transportation departments. The overall goal of environmental stewardship is to preserve the natural environment, mitigate the impacts of climate change, safeguard wetlands and protect public health. This is achieved through strategic investments that promote sustainable community-wide enhancements to the infrastructures that impact the local environment. Mr. Matteson discussed the Cool DuPage program and its continued cooperation with former members of the Green Government Council, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus in developing a comprehensive climate action plan for the region. He noted that a 10% reduction in greenhouse gases was achieved by 2020, with the goal of achieving a 20% reduction by 2030. Additional objectives include reducing landfill waste within the county via the Solid Waste Management Plan, reducing methane emissions via methane-fueled energy production, and installing additional solar-power arrays, electric vehicle charging stations and utilizing more efficient energy usage through smart technologies throughout the County campus.

Steve Travia next presented updates on the Mobility strategic initiative. The stated goal of this initiative is to ensure that the transportation network in DuPage County is regionally connected, well-maintained, and reliable for all modes of transportation, for the benefit of the public who utilize our roadways and pedestrian and bike paths, and to ensure a healthy local economy.

Following the presentations by staff, Chair Haider opened the floor for questions and discussion from members and visitors.

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.