



DU PAGE COUNTY

Strategic Planning Committee

Final Summary

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Tuesday, May 21, 2024

11:30 AM

Room 3500B

1. CALL TO ORDER

11:30 AM meeting was called to order by Chair Sadia Covert at 11:30 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Other Board members present: Member Patty Gustin, remote, and Member Paula Garcia.

Staff in attendance: Nick Kottmeyer (Chief Administrative Officer), Anthony McPhearson (Chief Information Officer), Joan Olson (Chief Communications Officer), Jason Blumenthal (Policy and Program Manager), Mary Keating (Director of Community Services), Renee Zerante (State's Attorney Office).

PRESENT	Covert, Krajewski, Rutledge, and Yoo
ABSENT	Cronin Cahill, and LaPlante

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

4. CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR COVERT

Chair Sadia Covert welcomed County Board members Paula Garcia and Patty Gustin to today's meeting.

Today we are to receive a presentation by Chief Information Officer Anthony McPhearson on the status of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program. Over the past five years we have held a variety of race relations discussions in this committee, creating the Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity and Inclusion and passing the Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Imperative in 2019. There have been changes to the Strategic Plan and its desire for members of this Board to find ways to ensure all communities within DuPage County have economic opportunities. This presentation is the culmination of these conversations and staff work.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Sheila Rutledge
SECONDER:	Yeena Yoo

5.A [24-1448](#)

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6. DISCUSSION

6.A. Presentation on Establishing the DuPage County Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program

Chair Covert introduced Anthony McPhearson, Chief Information Officer for DuPage County, who summarized the background and progress of the DuPage County Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program, its current status and future direction. He stated that the immediate goals are to obtain County Board approval to implement the program; then, provide educational outreach to our vendors about the DEB program and educate and train staff about their respective roles within the program; and, finally, to establish a Division of Contract Equity within DuPage County and hire a Contract Equity Administrator. Long-term goals are to continue to collect accurate data and provide dashboard reports, then ensure contract compliance after we develop our goals. Consistent updates will be provided to the Strategic Plan Committee and the County Board. The ultimate goal is to achieve contract parity. Mr. McPhearson noted that the program will sunset after six years. Following his presentation, Mr. McPhearson invited questions and comments from the Committee.

Nick Kottmeyer noted that an expanded presentation will go before the County Board and Finance Committee at their May 28 meetings. With their approval, a resolution to authorize implementation of the DEB Program will then be drafted for the Strategic Planning Committee at its June meeting.

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.