



DU PAGE COUNTY

Economic Development Committee

Final Summary

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Tuesday, October 21, 2025

8:30 AM

Room 3500A

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Yoo read the language to allow Member Haider to participate remotely. Also present were Members Deacon-Garcia and Krajewski.

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals made public comment:
Nathan Karsten, Marriot Hotel, Naperville
Jim Staley, President of Midwest Transit System

4. CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR YOO

In interest of time, no remarks were offered.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5. A. [25-2459](#)

Economic Development - Minutes - September 16, 2025

Attachments: [Economic Development Committee - Minutes - September 16, 2025](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Michael Childress
SECONDER:	Melissa Martinez

6. PRESENTATION

6. A. Choose DuPage: Greg Bedalov

Greg Bedalov, President & CEO of Choose DuPage, presented Choose DuPage's goals and outcomes for 2025 year to date. Mr. Bedalov also discussed various programs including Connect DuPage, Sustainable DuPage, and the Municipal Analytics Program. Questions were taken from Committee Members.

7. RESOLUTIONS

7. A. [ED-R-0002-25](#)

Service Agreement between the County of DuPage and Choose DuPage, Contract Date December 1, 2025 to November 30, 2027

Member Childress had to leave prior to the vote in order to Chair the Public Works Committee.

Attachments: [Choose DuPage Service Agreement FY26 FY27 FINAL](#)
[Economic Development Committee Letter_10.15.25_Redacted](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Kari Galassi
SECONDER:	Grant Eckhoff
ABSENT:	Childress
REMOTE:	Haider

8. DISCUSSION

8. A. Hotel Transportation Grant Program

A consensus vote was taken to appropriate an additional \$25,000 to the Hotel Transportation Grant Program increasing to a total annual contribution of \$75,000, for FY2026, all ayes. This item will move forward for County Board approval.

9. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Member Martinez asked the Committee for support in finding solutions for local businesses struggling due to ICE activity.

Lisa Schvach, Executive Director of the Workforce Development Division, updated the Committee on the impact of the government shut down to workNet DuPages federal grant funding.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Yoo at 9:07am.