

**Winnebago County Board**  
**Legislative & Lobbying Committee Meeting**  
County Administration Building  
404 Elm Street, Conference Room 510  
Rockford, IL 61101

Tuesday, October 22, 2024  
5:30 PM

**Present:**

Jaime Salgado, **Chairperson**  
Paul Arena  
John F. Sweeney

**Absent:**

Aaron Booker  
Valerie Hanserd  
Tim Nabors  
John Penney

**Others Present:**

Joseph Chiarelli, County Board Chairman  
Marlana Dokken, Director, Chairperson's Office of Criminal  
Justice Initiatives  
Karen Elyea, Chief Strategy Officer  
Jesus Pereira, Superintendent, Veterans Assistance Commission  
Terrell Lewis, President, Veterans Assistance Commission  
Brandon Phelps, Fulcrum Government Strategies  
Patrick Berry, Fulcrum Government Strategies

**AGENDA:**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of Minutes – September 23, 2024 Minutes
- D. Public Comment – This is the time we invite the public to address the Legislative and Lobbying Committee with issues and concerns. We ask you to limit your comments to three minutes. Personal attacks or inappropriate language of any sort will not be tolerated. We will allow a maximum of five speakers on a first come basis with sign up at the meeting. Speakers may not address zoning matters which are pending before the ZBA, the Zoning Committee or the County Board. Personnel matters or pending or threatened litigation may not be addressed in open session. An individual may speak a maximum of three times per calendar year on the same topic. This prohibition shall include the repetition of the same topic in a statement on what is purported to be a different topic. After acknowledgment by the chair, please stand and state your name. Thank you.
- E. Update Regarding Fulcrum Government Strategies, Formerly Phelps Barry – State Lobbyist/Consulting Services
- F. Discussion Item – State Legislative Priorities for 2025
- G. Future Agenda Items
- H. Adjournment

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

**Roll Call** – Chairperson Jaime Salgado yes, Paul Arena yes, John Sweeney yes.

**A quorum is not present.**

## **Approval of Minutes – September 23, 2024 Minutes**

Chairperson Salgado stated as there is no quorum the minutes cannot be approved.

### **Public Comment**

Reading of the Public Comment Section of the Agenda was omitted due to no one present to speak.

Jesus Pereira, the Superintendent of the Veterans Assistance Commission, introduced himself to the committee and stated that he is exploring alternative funding options for the Veterans Assistance Commission. Terrell Lewis, the President of the Veterans Assistance Commission, also introduced himself to the committee.

### **Update Regarding Fulcrum Government Strategies, Formerly Phelps Barry – State Lobbyist/Consulting Services**

Brandon Phelps and Patrick Barry, partners at Phelps Barry & Associates, introduced themselves and mentioned two other partners, Jessica Nardulli and Jake Butcher, who recently became partners through Fulcrum Government Strategies were unable to attend today's meeting. Mr. Phelps gave some background information on their firm and advised they are honored to represent Winnebago County. Mr. Phelps discussed the timeline for the upcoming schedule of the General Assembly. Mr. Barry discussed potential election outcomes and the spring agenda. Discussion followed.

### **Veterans Assistance Commission**

Jesus Pereira and Terrell Lewis shared information on the Veterans Assistance Commission.

### **Discussion Item – State Legislative Priorities for 2025**

The State Legislative Priorities for 2025 were reviewed.

- Discussion followed.

### **Future Agenda Items**

- None reported.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Chairperson Salgado ended the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bleile  
Executive Assistant