

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

Wednesday, February 28, 2024
5:30 PM

Present:

Jaime Salgado, **Chairperson**
Paul Arena
Aaron Booker
Valerie Hanserd
Tim Nabors
John Penney via Zoom
John F. Sweeney

Others Present:

Joseph Chiarelli, County Board Chairman
Marlana Dokken, Director, Chairperson's Office of Criminal
Justice Initiatives
Scott Bloomquist, Regional Superintendent, ROE #4

AGENDA:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of Minutes – December 5, 2023 and January 3, 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 acknowledgement by the chair, please stand and state your name. Thank you.
- E. Resolution in support of the Regional Office of Education (Boone and Winnebago Counties) Alternative Education Programs for K-5th Grade Students
- F. Strategic Funding Assessment
- G. Current Legislation/Legislative Updates
- H. DC Fly-In
- I. Future Agenda Items
- J. Adjournment

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM.

Roll Call – Chairperson Jaime Salgado yes, Paul Arena yes, Aaron Booker yes, Valerie Hanserd yes, Tim Nabors yes, John Sweeney yes.

A quorum is present.

Chairperson Salgado called for a motion to include board member John Penney in the meeting via Zoom.

Motion: Mr. Booker. Second: Ms. Hanserd.

John Penney was welcomed to the board meeting.

Approval of Minutes - December 5, 2023 and January 3, 2024 Minutes

Motion: Ms. Hanserd. Second: Mr. Nabors.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

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

Resolution in support of the Regional Office of Education (Boone and Winnebago Counties) Alternative Education Programs for K-5th Grade Students

Chairperson Salgado called for a motion to approve the Resolution in support of the Regional Office of Education (Boone and Winnebago Counties) Alternative Education Programs for K-5th Grade Students.

Motion: Mr. Sweeney. Second: Mr. Nabors.

- A discussion followed.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Strategic Funding Assessment

Marlana Dokken reviewed the Strategic Funding Assessment handout with committee members.

Current Legislation/Legislative Updates

Mercury - Federal

- A discussion followed on Mercury and funding appropriations.

Action Item: Prioritize appropriations and inform Illinois Senators.

- A discussion followed.

Action Item: Marlana Dokken will work with Mercury on drafting applications.

Tammy Duckworth will be in Rockford to review environmental projects Friday, March 8, 2024.

Marlana Dokken reported Mercury is obtaining letters of support for Federal grants that are being written. Marlana reported on other grant applications in process.

Phelps Barry & Associates - State

Marlana Dokken reported on the initiatives Phelps Barry is working on for the County.

- A discussion followed.

Action Item: Revisit recycling.

DC Fly-In

Chairman Chiarelli reported on his trip to Washington to update legislators with the County's priorities and discussed the upcoming DC Fly-In, April 30-May 2, 2024.

- A discussion followed.

The Illinois Legislative Conference is scheduled Friday, April 10, 2024.

- A discussion followed.

Future Agenda Items

- None reported.

Motion to Adjourn

Chairperson Salgado called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Mr. Sweeney. Second: Ms. Hanserd.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bleile
Administrative Assistant