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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – MINUTES
Wednesday, July 22, 2026– 7:30 a.m.
DU-COMM, 420 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL

At 7:58 a.m. Mayor Levin called the meeting to order.

1. Roll Call

Administrator Evan Walter	Village of Burr Ridge
Mayor Scott Levin (Chairman)	City of Elmhurst
Manager James Grabowski	City of Elmhurst
Manager Mark Franz	Village of Glen Ellyn
Mayor Rodney Craig	Village of Hanover Park
Manager Kathleen Gargano	Village of Hinsdale
Manager Nicole Aranas	Village of Lombard
Administrator Jason Bielwaski	Village of Roselle
Administrator Cristina White	City of Warrenville
Manager Evan Summers	Village of Winfield
Administrator Al Stonisch	Village of Woodridge
President Jim McCarthy	Bartlett FPD
President Longry Wang	Lisle-Woodridge FPD
Fire Chief Kevin O'Hare	Warrenville FPD
Trustee Jim Williams	York Center FPD

Absent: President Dan Gunsteen – Village of Bartlett; Manager William Holmer – Village of Carol Stream; Manager Zachery Creer – Village of Clarendon Hills; Administrator Bryon Vana – City of Darien; Manager David Fieldman – Village of Downers Grove; Under Sheriff Eddie Moore – DuPage County Sheriff; Mayor Mary Jo Mullen – Village of Lisle; Police Chief Brian Strockis – Village of Oak Brook; Mayor Paul Esposito – City of Oakbrook Terrace; Fire Chief Steve Stapleton – Village of Villa Park; Mayor Daniel Bovey - City of West Chicago; Manager Michael Dzugan – City of Wheaton; Mayor Frank Trilla – Village of Willowbrook

Staff: Director Robb, HR Manager Groves, Technical Services Manager Maplethorpe, MIS Manager Roberts, QA Manager Miller, OM Napier; Exec Secretary Regalado

Guests: Attorney Megan Lamb - Ottosen DiNolfo Hasenbalg & Castaldo; Mary Pat & Tom Wesche; Chief PJ Youker – Wheaton PD; DC Van Dillenkoffer – Wheaton PD

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment
- None

4. **Recognition**
A. Wall of Life Honoree – TC Araceli Martinez
B. Wall of Life Honoree – TC Eric Garcia
- 100th documented save since 2005; President Wang encouraged agencies to share this milestone on social media and a press release.

C. Wall of Life Honoree – TC Abby Chambers
D. Wall of Life Honoree – TC Jorge Rivera
E. Proclamation 26-004 – Retirement Manager James Grabowski

5. Consent Agenda

Minutes
A. April 22, 2026 – Minutes
New Business
B. Semi-Annual review of closed session minutes pursuant to the (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 21

Mayor Craig made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items A & B as presented, and Manager Grabowski seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

9. Reports

A. Executive Director

Director Robb reported

- President's Cup Coordination
  - Ongoing stakeholder calls; tabletop scheduled for August 17th.
  - (2) TCs and (1) Operations Manager assigned to on-scene roles.
  - Meeting with OEM to finalize communications structure for the September event.
- Conference Participation
  - DU- COMM staff will attend APCO August 1 -6.
- CESSA Protocol
  - Written Directives being aligned with EMD standards.
  - Projected live date August 17th.
- Encryption Update
  - Implemented July 7th.
  - Ongoing adjustments to fire radios and dual-plug removal for police radios.
  - Concerns raised by fire service regarding communication clarity on rollouts.
- New MIS help desk technician started on Monday,

B. ETSB

Director Robb reported

- ETSB discussed long term financial and capital planning including a 10-year capital forecast, projected replacement costs, inflation assumptions, existing contractual obligations and development of the FY2027 budget.
- A delayed or underfunded ETSB project does not remain only an ETSB issue, it can become a DU-COMM operational issue. CAD 911 handling equipment, radio infrastructure and some network connectivity mapping and cybersecurity system interfaces are dependent on the ETSB budget.
- ETSB resolution passed for DU-COMM radios to be programmed for DEDIRS (DuPage Emergency Dispatch Interoperable Radio System) access. Radios have been programmed and deployed.
- The ETSB annual audit was completed and approved.

The committee discussed

- Subscriber Radio Replacement
  - Funding assistance or cost-sharing options need exploration.
  - Plan for the anticipated replacement schedule, types and number of radios.
  - Radio replacement has been a surcharge funded expense.
- Surcharge Considerations
  - Proposed increase to $1.50–$2.50, potentially effective in 2027.
  - Concern that the surcharge may not keep pace with rising costs.
  - Issue requires several years of coordination and continued attention.
- Resolution for ETSB Finance Committee
  - Discussions with ETSB and DU-COMM Chairs, Directors and legal counsel.
  - A Finance Committee has not been created but budget has been added to ETSB agendas.
  - Revaluate ETSB, DU-COMM, and ACDC's funding model with a consultant.
  - Director Robb initiated discussions with ETSB Director Zerwin.

10. Old Business

- None

11. New Business

A. Annual Review of Executive Director

- A subcommittee consisting of Mayor Levin, Mayor Craig, Administrator Walter, Manager Fieldman, Chief Norton, and former BOD member Manager Niehaus completed the Director's annual review. It was positive, with noted improvement in ETSB relations.

President McCarthy made a motion to approve the 3.25% increase, retroactive to May 2026 as presented, and Administrator Walter seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

B. Bylaws Revision

Discussion on amending bylaws to allow police or fire chiefs to serve as alternates.

The bylaws require:

- Proposed amendments submitted 30 days in advance.
- **2/3 vote of BOD members**, not just those present.
- Because the 2/3 threshold cannot be met at this meeting, the item will be moved to the October meeting notifying BOD members of the 2/3 requirement.

12. Executive Closed Session for the purposes of discussing:

A. Personnel matters (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 1)
B. Collective negotiating matters (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 2)
C. Purchase or lease of real property (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 5)
D. Pending, Probable, or Imminent Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 11)

The Board of Directors did not enter Closed Session.

13. Other Business

A. None

14. Adjournment

At 8:31 a.m. Manager Gargano made a motion to adjourn, and Manager Grabowski seconded. The motion was approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at 7:30 a.m. at DU-COMM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Regalado
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