

DU-COMM

DuPage Public Safety Communications
420 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187
(630) 260-7500 Main
www.ducomm.org



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – MINUTES

Wednesday, April 22, 2026– 7:30 a.m.
DU-COMM, 420 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL

At 7:35 a.m. Mayor Levin called the meeting to order.

1. Roll Call

Administrator Evan Walter	Village of Burr Ridge
Administrator Bryon Vana	City of Darien
Manager David Fieldman (<i>departed 8:30</i>)	Village of Downers Grove
Mayor Scott Levin (Chairman)	City of Elmhurst
Manager Mark Franz	Village of Glen Ellyn
Mayor Rodney Craig	Village of Hanover Park
Manager Kathleen Gargano (<i>departed 8:30</i>)	Village of Hinsdale
Manager Scott Niehaus (<i>remote 8:46</i>)	Village of Lombard
Administrator Jason Bielwaski	Village of Roselle
Fire Chief Steve Stapleton (<i>departed 8:37</i>)	Village of Villa Park
Interim Administrator Tia Messino	City of West Chicago
Manager Evan Summers	Village of Winfield
Administrator Al Stonisch	Village of Woodridge
President Jim McCarthy	Bartlett FPD
Fire Chief Keith Krestan	Lisle-Woodridge FPD
President Kate Perkins	Warrenville FPD
Fire Chief Rick Sanborn	York Center FPD

Absent: President Dan Gunsteen – Village of Bartlett; Manager William Holmer – Village of Carol Stream; Manager Zachery Creer – Village of Clarendon Hills; 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; Mayor Andrew Johnson – City of Warrenville; Manager Michael Dzigan – City of Wheaton; Mayor Frank Trilla – Village of Willowbrook

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

Guests: Attorney John Kelly - 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

- Wall of Life Honoree – TC Lisa Beguhl
- Wall of Life Honoree – TC Nijah Greene
- Wall of Life Honoree – TC Christine Strack
 - The patient and his wife attended the recognition to share their appreciation.
- City of Elmhurst Telecommunicator Week Proclamation presented.

5. Consent Agenda

Minutes

A. January 28, 2026 – Minutes

Bartlett FPD • Bartlett PD • Bloomingdale FPD • Burr Ridge PD • Carol Stream FPD • Carol Stream PD • Clarendon Hills FD • Clarendon Hills PD • Darien PD • Darien-Woodridge FPD • Downers Grove FD • Downers Grove PD • DuPage County Sheriff • Elmhurst FD • Elmhurst PD • Glen Ellyn FC • Glen Ellyn PD • Glenside FPD • Hanover Park FD • Hanover Park PD • Hinsdale FD • Hinsdale PD • Lisle PD • Lisle-Woodridge FPD • Lombard FD • Lombard PD • Oak Brook FD • Oak Brook PD • Oakbrook Terrace FPD • Oakbrook Terrace PD • Roselle FD • Roselle PD • Villa Park FD • Villa Park PD • Warrenville FPD • Warrenville PD • West Chicago FPD • West Chicago PD • Wheaton FD • Wheaton PD • Willowbrook PD • Winfield FPD • Winfield PD • Woodridge PD • York Center FPD

B. January 28, 2026 – Closed Session Minutes

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

New Business

C. Darktrace Cybersecurity Renewal

- Q&A covered anomaly detection/response, temporary blocking behavior, and vendor procurement structure.

President McCarthy made a motion to approve Darktrace Cybersecurity Renewal as presented, and President Perkins seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

9. Reports

A. Executive Director

Director Robb reported

- IDPH Director Dr. Vohra will review our request for reconsideration of the EMD pediatric weight request.
- We had a wonderful Telecommunicator Week. Appreciation to all the agencies/communities that contributed.

B. ETSB

Director Robb reported

- Radio costs cited (Fire portable \$14,923.96, Police portable \$12,796.01, as of Dec 2025). ETSB was able to fund the last radio replacements because there was a 911 surcharge increase.
- The current bill for a 911 surcharge increase has been re-referred to Rules (procedural delay) and may not move this session.
- Members emphasized the need for a central, long-term funding plan and interoperability standards.

10. Old Business

- Argonne – No update

11. New Business

A. Reserve Fund Policy Draft

Administrator Walter noted

- Amended policy separates dollars into Operational Reserve & Capital Reserve creating specificity, with approx. \$1.5M newly identifiable for the Capital Reserve.
- Administrator Walter (DU-COMM Finance Subcommittee Chair) thanked Finance Manager Athitakis for her work on this policy revision.

Administrator Walter made a motion to approve the Reserve Fund Policy as presented, and Manager Fieldman seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

B. ETSB Finance Committee Resolution

1. Why the Resolution Was Introduced

- ETSB recently rejected forming a standing Finance Committee, despite repeated concerns about financial transparency, long-term radio funding, and proper fiscal oversight.
- DU-COMM, as one of the two PSAPs and representing 40+ agencies, has direct operational dependence on proper ETSB financial practices and therefore must make its stance formal.

2. Background Leading to the Resolution. All of these factors support the need for a permanent Finance Committee

- Board members described long-running issues with ETSB financial oversight:
 - a. The Existing “Ad Hoc” Committee is Ineffective.
 - Meets only three or four times per year, usually rushed before the annual budget.
 - Several meetings were cancelled last year, leaving essential financial topics unaddressed.

- b. Weak Oversight vs. Size of Budget
 - Members highlighted that ETSB handles approximately \$13.7 million, making the absence of a dedicated financial oversight body unacceptable.
- c. Radio Replacement Crisis
 - Radio costs are high: Fire (\$14,923.96) and Police (\$12,796.01).
 - The 911 surcharge bill needed to fund future radio replacement was stalled, leaving agencies vulnerable.
- 3. Arguments *For* the Resolution (from DU-COMM members)
 - a. A Standing Committee Improves Governance
 - Examples: DuPage County Board Finance Committee, Municipal finance committees, DU-COMM's own finance structure.
 - b. Need for Accountability & Long-Term Planning
 - The Finance Committee would be responsible for:
 - Long-term radio planning
 - Transparency on reserves
 - Capital forecasting (5, 10, 15 years)
 - Evaluating fund segregation and use
 - Guiding surcharge revenue allocations
- 4. Arguments *Against* (as relayed from ETSB meetings)
 - Although not DU-COMM viewpoints, the board discussed the reasons ETSB members gave for rejecting the Finance Committee:
 - a. ETSB representatives claimed that if the ad hoc committee struggles with attendance, a permanent committee would also.
 - b. Current practice "sufficient."
 - Some ETSB members argued that adding finance updates to each regular meeting was enough — a point DU-COMM members strongly disagreed with.
- 5. Need to Educate Police & Fire Reps
 - Fire Chiefs were surprised to learn their ETSB representative voted against the Finance Committee.
 - Members agreed the topic should appear on the DU-COMM Police Chiefs and Fire Chiefs agenda.

Approval of Remote Participation

- During discussion, several members departed for work commitments. The board lost quorum temporarily. This restored quorum, allowing the resolution vote to proceed.

Manager Franz made a motion to approve remote participation for Manager Neihaus due to a childcare conflict, and President McCarthy seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

President McCarthy made a motion to approve the ETSB Finance Committee Resolution as presented (adding two additional clauses 1. DU-COMM is one of two PSAPs representing 40+ agencies and 2. DU-COMM has a vested interest in ETSB's financial health and operations, and Manager Gargano seconded. Motion passed by a roll call vote. Manager Evan Summers-Winfield voted no due to misalignment with his Chief and insufficient internal review.

- 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 8:50 a.m. Mayor Craig made a motion to adjourn, and Manager Bielawski seconded. The motion was approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 7:30 a.m. at DU-COMM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Regalado

Kimberly Regalado