

# DU-COMM

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – MINUTES

Wednesday, April 23, 2025 – 7:30 a.m.  
DU-COMM, 420 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL

At 7:31 a.m. Mayor Brummel called the meeting to order.

### 1. Roll Call

Mayor David Brummel (Chairman)  
Administrator Evan Walter  
Manager William Holmer  
Manager Zachery Creer  
Administrator Bryon Vana  
Manager David Fieldman  
Under Sheriff Eddie Moore  
Manager James Grabowski  
Manager Mark Franz  
Manager Scott Niehaus  
Administrator Jason Bielawski  
Fire Chief Steve Stapleton  
Administrator Michael Guttman  
Police Chief Dave Schar  
Administrator Al Stonich  
Trustee Antonio Passaro  
Fire Chief Keith Krestan  
Fire Chief Rick Sanborn Jr.

City of Warrenville  
Village of Burr Ridge  
Village of Carol Stream  
Village of Clarendon Hills  
City of Darien  
Village of Downers Grove  
DuPage County Sheriff  
City of Elmhurst  
Village of Glen Ellyn  
Village of Lombard  
Village of Roselle  
Village of Villa Park  
City of West Chicago  
Village of Winfield  
Village of Woodridge  
Bartlett FPD  
Lisle-Woodridge FPD  
York Center FPD

**Absent:** Police Chief Geoffrey Pretkelis – Village of Bartlett; President Timothy Deutschle – Bloomingdale FPD; Mayor Rodney Craig – Village of Hanover Park; Manager Kathleen Gargano – Village of Hinsdale; Mayor Christopher Pecak – Village of Lisle; Police Chief Brian Strockis – Village of Oak Brook; Mayor Paul Esposito – City of Oakbrook Terrace; Manager Michael Dzugan – City of Wheaton; Mayor Frank Trilla – Village of Willowbrook

### Staff:

Director Robb, DD Benjamin, Finance Manager Athitakis, HR Manager Groves, Technical Services Manager Maplethorpe, MIS Manager Klein, Exec Secretary Regalado

### Guests:

Attorney John Kelly - Ottosen DiNolfo Hasenbalg & Castaldo, Ltd; Police Chief Phil Norton – Village of Glen Ellyn; President Nick Kosiara – Glenside FPD; President Kate Perkins – Warrenville FPD, Brian Tegtmeier – NHSTA; Christine Keifer

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

### 3. Public Comment

- None

### 4. Consent Agenda

#### Recognition

##### A. Proclamation 25-004 – Mayor David Brummel, BOD Chairman

- Recognized Mayor David Brummel for his 19 years of service on the DU-COMM Board of Directors, including 3 years as Vice Chairman and 16 years as Chairman.
- The proclamation highlighted his leadership on significant projects like the new facility, consolidation efforts, the fire funding formula, and hiring the new director.
- Mayor Brummel expressed his pride in DU-COMM, its staff, and the teamwork involved, stating he would miss the people he worked with.

## **Minutes**

- B. January 22, 2025 – Minutes
- C. April 9, 2025 – FPD Nomination Minutes

## **New Business**

- D. GovWorx CommsCoach – QA & Training Software

Administrator Guttman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items A, B, C, D as presented, and Manager Fieldman seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

## **6. Executive Director Update**

Director Robb reported:

- Text-to-911 went live county-wide on April 8th in conjunction with ACDC.
- An example was shared of a 7-year-old successfully using the service to report a domestic disturbance.
- RapidSOS is being implemented in early May to integrate various school safety alarm systems (panic alarms, active shooter alarms) from different vendors.
- Efforts are underway to enhance collaboration with ETSB regarding vendor contracts and system configuration to improve operational agility.
- DU-COMM is actively researching and evaluating emerging 9-1-1 technologies like AI for quality assurance and pursuing advancements like the Real Time Crime Center (RTCC).

## **7. Old Business**

### **A. Strategic Plan**

- The Director presented the final Strategic Plan, noting it was a year-long collaborative process involving all levels of DU-COMM staff and member agencies.

Manager Niehaus made a motion to approve the Strategic Plan as presented, and Administrator Guttman seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

## **8. New Business**

### **A. Select Nominating Committee for 2025 Board Elections**

- The bylaws regarding the nominating committee process and board structure were read.
- Three members volunteered for the nominating committee: Mayor David Pileski (Roselle), Manager David Fieldman (Downers Grove), and Manager William Holmer (Carol Stream).
- No further nominations were made from the floor.
- The deadline for volunteering for board/executive committee positions is the last Friday in May.

Chief Krestan made a motion to approve Manager William Holmer, Manager David Fieldman, and Mayor David Pileski as the 2025 Board Elections Nominating Committee as presented, and Administrator Walter seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

### **B. Fire Protection District 2025 Nomination Slate**

- The Fire Protection Districts met on April 9th.
- The recommended slate for the four FPD seats on the Board of Directors is: President James McCarthy (Bartlett FPD), President Longry Wang (Lisle-Woodridge FPD), President Kate Perkins (Warrenville FPD), and Trustee Jim Williams (York Center FPD).

Administrator Guttman made a motion to approve the Fire Protection District 2025 Nomination Slate as presented, and Manager Niehaus seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

### **C. STARCOM**

- No questions about the information provided in the packet.

Administrator Guttman made a motion to direct DU-COMM applying as a STARCOM user as presented, and Manager Niehaus seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

## **9. 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.

## 10. Other Business

### A. BOD Chairman Vacancy

- Mayor Brummel retires on May 5, 2025, creating a vacancy until the July 2025 elections.
- Bylaws state the Chairman of Board of Directors shall appoint a successor to fill the vacant office until the next biennial election for that office.
- Mayor Craig was appointed as Interim Chairman until the next election in July 2025.

### B. 50th Anniversary Open House

- Reminder that the open house is September 7th, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM; all are invited.

### C. Text-to-911:

- In response to a question, Director Robb noted dispatchers are versatile and adapt well to the new technology; the integration has been successful so far.

### D. ETSB Updates

Manager Mark Franz noted

- Fire radio deployment - hoping for a rollout in the next 2-3 months.
- CAD/RMS RFP process has begun; seeking volunteers for the task force.
- The ETSB Budget Committee is seeking volunteers.

### E. 9-1-1 Surcharge Increase Effort

Attorney John Kelly reported

- An effort is underway by 9-1-1 directors statewide to increase the surcharge from \$1.50 to \$2.50 and index it to the cost of living. No specific bill is named yet; potential inclusion in the state budget bill is being discussed.
- Discussion about loosening restrictions on fund usage is considered risky, as it might lead to tighter restrictions instead. Current rules align with FCC guidelines. Personnel and radios are currently eligible costs.

## 11. Adjournment

At 8:20 a.m. Administrator Evan Walter made a motion to adjourn, and Manager Fieldman seconded. The motion was approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at 7:30 a.m. at DU-COMM.

Respectfully submitted,

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