



# Kane County

## KC Jobs Committee

### Meeting Minutes

Government Center  
719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A  
Geneva, IL 60134

LEWIS, ALLAN, Bates, Daugherty, Penesis, Strathmann, Young, ex-officios Roth (County Vice Chair) and Pierog (County Chair)

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**Friday, January 17, 2025**

**10:30 AM**

**County Board Room**

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#### **2025 Committee Goals**

- Goals from the July Jobs Committee meeting
  1. Revise County Code Definition of the Jobs Committee
  2. Economic Development Strategic Plan - Begin implementation of the strategies recommenced by the Kane County Economic Development Strategic Plan
  3. Regional Partnerships - Continue to work with the Greater Chicagoland Economic Partnership and other regional partners on economic development activities
  4. Local Economic Development Programs - Continue to meet the objectives of the active ARPA Programs and Grant Programs while actively seeking new opportunities to enhance current programming
- Support for Jobs Committee focusing on the Six Priorities
- Implement the Economic Development Strategic Plan for Kane County
- Implement approved ARPA projects
  - oKane County Economic Development Corporation - Launch
  - oFabulous Fox! Water Trail - Launch sites and marketing
  - oFarmer Grants – staff managed grants to local food farmers
  - oTourism – with CVB's
  - oManufacturing – with IMEC
- Support the Kane County Economic Development Corporation
- Support County's role in the Greater Chicagoland Economic Partnership
- Continue to strengthened partnerships with economic development efforts by the State of Illinois, municipalities, chambers of commerce and economic development groups
- Continue to network and development partnership for the future Hydrogen economy
- Renew "Made and Kane" series in Kane County Connects featuring companies and products that are made in Kane County
- Continue to apply for additional outside grants

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#### **1. Call To Order**

Co-Chair Allan called today's meeting to order at 10:45 AM.

#### **2. Roll Call**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Board Member Deborah Allan Board Member Mavis Bates Board Member Ted Penesis Board Member Cherryl Strathmann Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Bill Roth
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<b>REMOTE</b>	Board Member Gary Daugherty
<b>ABSENT</b>	Board Member Anita Lewis Board Member David Young Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog

Also present: Co. Bd. members Gripe, Juby\*, Kious; Dev. Dir. VanKerkhoff and staff Toth and Thavong; JEG 360, LLC CEO Grueling; Community Reinvestment Dir. Berger; ASA Vargas; ITD staff Peters; and members of the press and public.

### 3. Remote Attendance Requests

Co-Chair Allan announced the remote attendance requests for today's meeting. She asked the Committee if there were any objections to Committee Member Daugherty attending remotely. There were no objections.

### 4. Approval of Minutes: November 15, 2024

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mavis Bates

### 5. Public Comment

None.

### 6. Jobs Committee Priorities

- A. Approving a Contract Extension with GMCI for the Continued Marketing of the Fabulous Fox! National Water Trail

KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mavis Bates
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Cherryl Strathmann
<b>AYE:</b>	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Ted Penesis, and Cherryl Strathmann
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Anita Lewis, David Young, and Corinne M. Pierog

### B. Kane County Economic Development Initiatives Staff Updates

JEG 360, LLC CEO Grueling stated that the Kane County Development Department is in partnership with the statewide economic development organization called Intersect Illinois, which focuses on bringing new businesses, jobs, and investment to Illinois. The organization helps companies navigate the site selection process by providing data, site location assistance, and connections to companies looking to grow in Illinois. Grueling stated that the

Kane County Economic Development Corporation had their first Board meeting, and are in the process of creating bylaws for becoming a member. Once the bylaws are established, nominations for board members can begin. The next step for the organization will be to file with the IRS to receive the tax exempt status.

VanKerkhoff noted that World Business Chicago is poised to become a leading HUB for Quantum Technology and Innovation. He highlighted that World Business Chicago recently attracted PsiQuantum, which is a quantum computing company campus site, to the South Chicago region. He addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

**7. Office of Community Reinvestment - Workforce Development Division**

**A. Monthly Finance Report**

Community Reinvestment (OCR) Dir. Berger stated that the monthly accounts payable report is on file. No additional report was made.

**8. New Business**

**9. Reports Placed On File**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mavis Bates

**10. Comments by Co-Chair**

None.

**11. Executive Session**

The Jobs Committee entered into Executive Session at 11:21 a.m. to discuss the release of closed session minutes on a motion made by Daugherty, seconded by Strathmann. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Gary Daugherty
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Cherryl Strathmann
<b>AYE:</b>	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Ted Penesis, and Cherryl Strathmann
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Anita Lewis, David Young, and Corinne M. Pierog

**A. Release of Closed Session Minutes**

**12. Return to Open Session**

The Jobs Committee returned to Open Session at 11:24 a.m. on a motion made by Bates, seconded by Strathmann. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**RESULT:**           **APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE**

**MOVER:**           Mavis Bates

**SECONDER:**      Cherryl Strathmann

A      Vote on Release of Closed Session Minutes

The Committee came to a consensus to vote on the release of closed session minutes on a motion made by Penesis, seconded by Strathmann. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**RESULT:**           **APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

**MOVER:**           Ted Penesis

**SECONDER:**      Cherryl Strathmann

**AYE:**             Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Ted Penesis, and  
Cherryl Strathmann

**ABSENT:**         Anita Lewis, David Young, and Corinne M. Pierog

**13.   Adjournment**

**RESULT:**           **APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE**

**MOVER:**           Cherryl Strathmann

**SECONDER:**      Mavis Bates

This meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Rachel Santora  
Recording Secretary