



Kane County County Board Meeting Minutes

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

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

11:30 AM

County Board Room

*****SPECIAL MEETING*****

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Adjourned Special Meeting of the Kane County Board was held at the Kane County Government Center, 719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A, Geneva, IL 60134 on November 25, 2025.

Chairman Pierog called the meeting to order at 11:31 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	Board Member Alex Arroyo Board Member Mavis Bates Board Member Leslie Juby Board Member Chris Kious Board Member Bill Lenert Board Member Michael Linder Board Member Ted Penesis Board Member Bill Roth Board Member Jarett Sanchez Board Member Cheryl Strathmann Board Member Bill Tarver Board Member Vern Tepe Board Member Rick Williams Chairman Corinne M. Pierog
REMOTE:	Board Member Jon Gripe Board Member Michelle Gumz Board Member Clifford Surges
ABSENT:	Board Member Gary Daugherty Board Member Sonia Garcia Board Member Mo Iqbal Board Member Anita Lewis Board Member Myrna Molina
AWAY:	Board Member Deborah Allan Board Member David Young

Present: Auditor Wegman; KC Historian Shepro; SAO Chief of Civil Frank; Animal Control Admin. Youngsteadt*; Clk's Ofc. Dpty. Mazzei; ITD staff Peters; members of the press & public.

3. REMOTE ATTENDANCE REQUESTS

Members Gripe, Gumz, Surges and Young all requested to attend this meeting remotely. There were no objections.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

Member Arroyo led the assembly with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance, as well as the invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

KC Historian Shepro shared that on November 25, 1775, the Continental Congress met and unanimously voted to tell Continental Navy ships that they should feel free to capture, take and sell as prizes any ships flying a Great Britain flag. He added that November 25, 1783 is known as Evacuation Day. On that day, the last British troops marched down to New York, got on their ships and sailed away.

Brian Anderson from Sugar Grove expressed his concern with the process of selecting a candidate for the District 2 vacancy.

7. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

(Young* arrives - 11:34 AM)

Madam Chair expressed her considerations regarding the appointment of a District 2 candidate. She announced that Mary Berman has withdrawn her interest in the appointment. She explained the reasoning for her recommendation of Matthew Dingeldein for the vacant board member seat. She highlighted his various qualifications.

8. RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND OTHER SCHEDULED MATTERS**A. Appointment to Fill Vacancy on Kane County Board (District 2)**[25-453](#)

(Allan arrives - 11:40 AM)

Kious called the question, seconded by Strathmann.

Roll call followed:

Aye: Bates, Kious, Linder, Penesis, Sanchez, Strathmann, Tarver, Tepe, Williams.

Nay: Allan, Arroyo, Gripe, Gumz, Juby, Lenert, Roth, Surges, Young.

VOTE: 9-9 CALL TO QUESTION FAILED (must be 2/3 majority)

Member Gumz shared her frustration with the lack of cleanliness and transparency of the District 2 board seat appointment process. She stressed that the public deserves better.

Member Allan explained her thoughts and stance on the appointment process. She shared a very personal take on appointing a spouse as a legacy for a county board seat.

Member Arroyo shared his embarrassment with the way this appointment process has gone, as a board member and for the candidates.

Member Gripe* inquired about the potential outcomes of this vote. SAO Chief of Civil reiterated the necessary timeline and requested that we go into closed session.

Sanchez made a motion to amend, seconded by Strathmann, to replace the candidate in this resolution from Matthew Dingeldein to Kim Young.

Discussion ensued.

Roll call followed:

Aye: Bates, Iqbal, Kious, Sanchez, Strathmann, Tepe.

Nay: Allan, Gripe, Gumz, Juby, Lenert, Penesis, Roth, Tarver, Williams, Young.

Abstain: Arroyo, Garcia, Linder, Surges.

VOTE: 6-10 MOTION FAILED ON THE AMENDMENT.

Allan made a motion to table, seconded by Juby.

Roll call followed:

Aye: Allan, Bates, Juby, Linder, Roth, Sanchez, Strathmann, Tarver, Tepe.

Nay: Gripe, Gumz, Iqbal, Kious, Lenert, Penesis, Surges, Williams, Young.

Abstain: Arroyo, Garcia.

VOTE: 9-9 MOTION FAILED TO TABLE (abstain votes count as NAYs)

RESULT:	FAILED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Chris Kious
SECONDER:	Ted Penesis
AYE:	Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Bill Lenert, Ted Penesis, and Rick Williams
NAY:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Sonia Garcia, Chris Kious, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, and David Young
ABSENT:	Gary Daugherty, Anita Lewis, and Myrna Molina
ABSTAIN:	Alex Arroyo, Leslie Juby, Michael Linder, and Bill Roth

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed)

Madam Chair entertained a motion to go into closed discussion to discuss the appointment of an individual for public office, settlement of claims and potential litigation. The Board entered into closed session at 11:58 AM.

The board returned to open session at 12:51 PM. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Jon Gripe
SECONDER:	Jarett Sanchez
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, and Vern Tepe
NAY:	Michael Linder, Rick Williams, and David Young
ABSENT:	Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Mo Iqbal, Anita Lewis, and Myrna Molina

11. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

12. COMMITTEE UPDATES

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT TO TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025

This meeting was adjourned at 1:03 PM.

Christine Mazzei
Deputy Clerk