



Kane County

KC Public Service Committee

Meeting Minutes

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

SANCHEZ, Young, Gripe, Gumz, Lewis, Surges, Tepe, ex-officios Roth (County Vice Chair)
and Pierog (County Chair)

Thursday, July 17, 2025

9:00 AM

County Board Room

1. Call To Order

Chairman Sanchez called today's meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

2. Roll Call

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| PRESENT | Board Member Jarett Sanchez Board Member David Young Board Member Jon Gripe Board Member Michelle Gumz Board Member Anita Lewis Board Member Clifford Surges Board Member Vern Tepe Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Bill Roth |
| ABSENT | Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog |

Also present: Co. Bd. members Juby, Molina*, Penesis*; Treasurer Lauzen; SOA Armstrong; ROE Supt. Jonak and staff Algrim; Co. Clerk staff Pollock; ASA Ford; ITD staff Peters; and members of the press and public.

3. Remote Attendance Requests

There were no remote attendance requests for today's meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes: May 22, 2025

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| RESULT: | APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT |
| MOVER: | Vern Tepe |

5. Public Comment

Kane County resident Deb Fisher stated that she is a member of the League of Women Voter's. She spoke on Kane County's commitment to election integrity, and believes the proclamation to oppose non-citizen voting is not necessary. She recommended the committee vote 'no' on the proclamation.

Kane County resident Brian Anderson encouraged everyone to take into consideration what Committee Member David Young is communicating regarding the proclamation to oppose non-citizen voting. He believes this proclamation is simply a gesture stating that only legal citizens are able to vote.

Kane County resident Mike Meyer spoke on his approval of the proclamation to oppose non-citizen voting.

Committee Member and Kane County resident David Young spoke on the \$2M grant received from the Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL). There is still \$1.6M that needs to be spent. Young expressed his concerns as to why there have been several delays to spend the funds. These funds were supposed to be spent by December 31, 2024, which then got postponed to July 31, 2025. Young stated that he will continue to question where these funds will be allocated to.

Kane County resident Jean Meyer asked the committee to vote 'yes' on the proclamation to oppose non-citizen voting. She recited the Oath of Allegiance to the United States of America to the committee.

Kane County resident Jeffrey Galish spoke on his approval of the proclamation to oppose non-citizen voting, and asked the committee to vote in favor of it.

6. Executive Session

The Public Service Committee entered into Executive Session at 9:15 a.m. to discuss the Release of Closed Session Minutes on a motion made by Gripe, seconded by Tepe. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE |
| MOVER: | Jon Gripe |
| SECONDER: | Vern Tepe |
| AYE: | Jarett Sanchez, David Young, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe |
| ABSENT: | Corinne M. Pierog |

A. Release of Closed Session Minutes

16. Return to Open Session

The Public Service Committee returned to Open Session at 9:20 a.m. on a motion made by Tepe, seconded by Gripe. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE |
| MOVER: | Vern Tepe |
| SECONDER: | Jon Gripe |

A. Vote on Release of Closed Session Minutes

The Public Service Committee came to a consensus to vote on the Release of Closed Session Minutes on a motion made by Tepe, seconded by Gripe. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE |
| MOVER: | Vern Tepe |
| SECONDER: | Jon Gripe |
| AYE: | Jarett Sanchez, David Young, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe |
| ABSENT: | Corinne M. Pierog |

8. Finance**A. Monthly Report**

The monthly report is on file. No additional report was made.

8. Recorder**A. Monthly Report**

The monthly report is on file. No additional report was made.

9. Treasurer / Collector**A. Monthly Report**

Treasurer Lauzen stated that the monthly reports are on file. The collections process is half way completed and going smoothly. A total of \$1.6B in taxes have been collected. He commended his staff for the excellent customer service they provide during this busy time.

10. Supervisor of Assessments**A. Monthly Report**

Supervisor of Assessments (SOA) Armstrong stated that the monthly report is on file. The Townships have certified their assessment roles prior to the statutory deadline of June 15, 2025. The Kane County Board of Review will begin hearing assessment complaints in August 2025. He noted that the largest recipient of tax bills are school districts. Kane County received 3.7% of the distribution of the 2024 tax bills. The total extension, county-wide, was \$1.65B. To ensure taxes are collected and distributed by June 1st, tax bills need to be mailed 30 days prior to that date. Armstrong noted that the County Clerk's Office cannot extend taxes until the State of Illinois reviews all assessment roles, analyzes them, and issues a state equalization factor. A tax cycle for one year is about 22 months. There will be an impact on interest lost, if tax bills are late. Interest lost is the opportunity cost of lost interest on overnight deposits. A secondary impact of late tax bills is interest cost, which is interest paid on tax anticipation warrants. Further discussion took place

B. Appointing Additional Members to the Board of Review

KC Executive Committee

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| RESULT: | MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE |
| TO: | KC Executive Committee |
| MOVER: | Michelle Gumz |
| SECONDER: | Jon Gripe |
| AYE: | Jarett Sanchez, David Young, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe |
| ABSENT: | Corinne M. Pierog |

11. Regional Office of Education

Regional Office of Education (ROE) Supt. John Jonak and ROE Assistant Supt. Kathleen Algrim introduced themselves to the Committee. Jonak will succeed Pat Dal Santo who retired on July 1. He stated that in his first week, he traveled to Bloomington, Illinois, to meet with other Regional Office of Education Superintendents, and other staff members for new orientation. Jonak met with the Legislative Professional Learning Committee, including staff from student services, transportation, and safety. They will continue to work with these committees to advocate for all Kane County students.

12. Veteran's Assistance Commission**A. Monthly Report**

The monthly report is on file. No additional report was made.

13. County Clerk**A. Monthly Report**

Co. Clerk staff Pollock stated that in the past two months passport application requests have increased. The election cycle and circulation period begins on August 5, 2025. All requirements and petition information will be available on the county website. Lastly, a total of \$208K in grants were received by the State Board of Elections. These funds will be allocated to the general fund to assist with the county budget. Much discussion ensued.

14. Other Business**A. Proclamation by the Kane County Board Opposing Non-Citizen Voting**

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| RESULT: | MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE |
| TO: | KC Executive Committee |
| MOVER: | David Young |
| SECONDER: | Jon Gripe |
| AYE: | David Young, Jon Gripe, and Clifford Surges |
| NAY: | Jarett Sanchez, Michelle Gumz, Anita Lewis, and Vern Tepe |
| ABSENT: | Corinne M. Pierog |

15. Reports Placed On File

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| RESULT: | APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT |
| MOVER: | Vern Tepe |

16. Adjournment

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| RESULT: | APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE |
| MOVER: | Vern Tepe |
| SECONDER: | David Young |

This meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Rachel Santora
Recording Secretary