



# Kane County County Board Meeting Minutes

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

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**Monday, November 17, 2025**

**9:45 AM**

**County Board Room**

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**\*\*\*SPECIAL MEETING\*\*\***

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Adjourned 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 17, 2025.

Chairman Pierog called the meeting to order at 9:47 AM.

## 2. ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Sheriff Hain, Undersheriff Johnson & Chief Catich; SA Mosser; Chief of Civil Frank; SAO Fin. Dir. Hunt\*; Animal Control Admin. Youngsteadt\*; Veteran's Comm. Dir. Zimmerman; Clk. Ofc. Dpty. Mazzei; ITD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock & staff

Lasky\* and Peters; members of the press & public.

**3. REMOTE ATTENDANCE REQUESTS**

Members Garcia, Surges and Williams requested to attend this meeting remotely. There were no objections.

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION**

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

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 22, 2025**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Chris Kious

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Denise Kehoe from Chicago spoke on the potential prohibition of ICE on Kane County property.

Howard Miller from Batavia spoke on Resolution 25-450 regarding ICE activities in Kane County.

Vilma Gatto from Batavia expressed her support for the candidacy of Mary Berman for the District 2 County Board vacancy.

Dr. Ross Powell expressed concern with potential groundwater supply contamination, as well as flooding issues associated with a new development site in Sugar Grove.

Dan Spellman from Geneva expressed support of Resolution 25-450 and encouraged others to, as well.

Jera Piper from Sugar Grove spoke on water supply and drilling issues in Kane County.

Joyce Heiss from North Aurora spoke in support of Mary Berman's candidacy to fill the District 2 vacancy.

Carolyn Anderson from Blackberry Township expressed her concerns with well water in her area.

Paige Gravitt from Blackberry Township expressed her concerns with well water data centers in her area.

Bob Raimondi from Blackberry Township requested that Diane Spehar relay his concerns with ground water in the area, as well as its recent affects on the land.

Wilma VanAragon from Batavia relayed a letter from Mark Guethle, endorsing Mary Berman as a candidate for the District 2 vacancy.

Denise Theobald from Geneva expressed strong support of Resolution 25-450.

KC Historian Ken Shepro shared George Santayana's quote "those who forget history are condemned to repeat it." He offered various comments regarding the history of immigration.

**7. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Madam Chair announced that if anyone would like to change their recent committee assignment, they are welcome to discuss switching options with her.

**8. RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND OTHER SCHEDULED MATTERS**

- A. Amending Section 2-48 of the Kane County Code to Provide for [25-445](#)  
Management of Department Heads by Committees

Member Iqbal presented an amended Exhibit A to add "...with the concurrence of County Board and its Chairman." Discussion ensued regarding the drafting and approval process of this particular resolution.

**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed)**

Madam Chair entertained a motion to go into closed discussion to discuss the appointment of a District 2 candidate. The Board entered into closed session at 10:57 a.m.

**RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

**MOVER:** Bill Lenert

**SECONDER:** Jon Gripe

**AYE:** Mavis Bates, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Mo Iqbal, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, and David Young

**NAY:** Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Michelle Gumz, Chris Kious, and Ted Penesis

**ABSENT:** Gary Daugherty

**AWAY:** Leslie Juby, and Rick Williams

**10. OPEN SESSION**

The board returned to open session at 12:04 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

**B. Appointment to Fill Vacancy on Kane County Board (District 2) [25-449](#)**

Madam Chair reminded the board of the county code regarding vacancies, as it pertains to Dale Berman's available seat. She relayed each step taken since his departure to fill the position appropriately. She explained her decision-making process and why she arrived at an endorsement for Mary Berman's candidacy. Members Gumz and Penesis echoed Madam Chair's endorsement, citing their thorough knowledge of her character and capabilities.

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

**C. Prohibiting the Unauthorized Use of Kane County Owned Parking Lots, Vacant Lots, and Garages for Civil Immigration Enforcement Activities and Authorizing Signage to Ensure Compliance with the Illinois Trust Act and Illinois Accountability Commission Requirements [25-450](#)**

Member Molina requested support in this resolution. Much discussion ensued regarding the legal and potentially misconstrued ramifications of passing this kind of resolution. Board members expressed their support, gratitude and/or criticism of this resolution.

SA Mosser clarified what this resolution means for local county property. Member Kious referenced a Chicago Tribune article, which will be subsequently be added to this record.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Tarver
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Myrna Molina
<b>AYE:</b>	Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Sonia Garcia, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann, Bill Tarver, and Vern Tepe
<b>NAY:</b>	Jon Gripe, Bill Roth, and David Young

<b>ABSENT:</b>	Gary Daugherty
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Clifford Surges
<b>AWAY:</b>	Mo Iqbal, Bill Lenert, and Rick Williams

- D. Authorizing Kane County’s Vote in the 2025 IMRF Trustee Election [25-451](#)

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

- E. Authorizing the Placement of a Historical Marker and Liberty Tree to Honor Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in Kane County [25-452](#)  
Madam Chair provided a brief history of the Elm tree. Discussion ensued.

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

**11. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Madam Chair shared an excerpt from the poem entitled, "The People, Yes" by Carl Sandburg. Discussion ensued regarding constitution concerns from residents.

**12. COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Member Gumz requested permission to attend a legislative conference in February 2026. Additionally, she highlighted that her photo submission to NACO has been prominently displayed on their website.

Member Bates announced that a possible Fabyan Parkway solar field will be discussed at the upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting taking place on December 10, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.

Member Molina announced that she was invited to serve on two committees by the President of NACO, which included an advisory committee on immigration and international affairs, as well as a large urban county caucus committee. She requested registration fee reimbursement for the upcoming legislative and NACO conferences.

Member Kious announced the soft opening of a satellite office for both the Health Department and the County Clerk's Office in Elgin. He shared an award-winning regional poem by his mother.

**13. ADJOURNMENT TO TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Roth
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Alex Arroyo

This meeting was adjourned at 1:02 PM.

Christine Mazzei  
Deputy Clerk