

NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

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NWMC Board

Agenda

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

6:00 p.m.

NWMC Offices, 1600 East Golf Road, Suite 0700, Des Plaines

or

Via Videoconference: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85749415146>

Dial: (312) 626-6799

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- MEMBERS**
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- Barrington
- Bartlett
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- Deer Park
- Deerfield
- Des Plaines
- Elk Grove Village
- Evanston
- Fox Lake
- Glencoe
- Glenview
- Grayslake
- Hanover Park
- Highland Park
- Hoffman Estates
- Kenilworth
- Lake Bluff
- Lake Forest
- Lake Zurich
- Libertyville
- Lincolnshire
- Lincolnwood
- Morton Grove
- Mount Prospect
- Niles
- Northbrook
- Northfield
- Northfield Township
- Palatine
- Park Ridge
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- Donna Johnson
- Libertyville

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- Mount Prospect

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- Scott Anderson
- Barrington

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- Mark L. Fowler

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call**
- IV. Approval of Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2026 (Attachment A & B - sent under separate cover)**
- V. President’s Report – Donna Johnson, NWMC President and Mayor, Village of Libertyville**
 - A. NWMC Strategic Plan Report (Attachment C)**
The Executive Board recommends approval of the draft NWMC Strategic Plan Report. The NWMC Strategic Plan builds upon input from membership and leadership to identify three strategic goals: Collective Impact, Organizational Excellence and Transformative Engagement. Each strategic goal includes multiple outcomes and targeted actions to achieve said outcomes.
Action Requested: Approve recommendation
 - B. FY2026-2027 NWMC Officer Nominations (Attachment D)**
The FY2026-2027 NWMC Officer Nomination Form was emailed to the Conference’s chief elected officials on February 26. Nominations are due back to Mark Fowler, mfowler@nwmc-cog.org by Wednesday, March 18.

The NWMC Nomination Committee will present a recommended slate of candidates at the April 8 NWMC Board meeting at which time nominations from the floor may also be accepted. The Board will formally vote on the slate of officers at the May 13 meeting.
Action Requested: Please return nomination forms
 - C. FY 2025-2026 NWMC Work Plan – Q3 Update (Attachment E)**
Staff will present the third quarter update to the FY 2025-2026 NWMC Work Plan.
Action Requested: Informational
 - D. NWMC Annual Gala**
Save-the-Date postcards have been sent for the Northwest Municipal Conference Annual Gala, scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, at the Independence Grove in Libertyville. The evening will serve to celebrate the NWMC’s 68th anniversary and the inauguration of the organization’s FY2026-2027 officers.
Action Requested: Mark your calendars

VI. Priority Issues

A. Legislative Committee – Eric Smith, President, Village of Buffalo Grove, Co-Chair and Paul Hoefert, Mayor, Village of Mount Prospect, Co-Chair

1. Legislative Update (Attachment F)

Governor Pritzker unveiled his proposed budget on February 18. The Executive Board directed staff to draft the attached letter opposing the cuts to the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF). Staff will report on the local government implications, initial legislative activity in the General Assembly and Conference priority issues.

Action Requested: Discussion

2. Local Regulation of Unsheltered Homelessness Act (Attachments G & H)

House Bill 1429 (Rep. Kevin Olickal) establishes standards for the local enforcement of “camping ban” ordinances. Staff will present comments and concerns on the latest version of the bill. The Executive Board and Legislative Committee recommend approval of the comments to be sent to Representative Olickal.

Action Requested: Approve recommendation

3. Building Up Illinois Developments (BUILD) Agenda (Attachments I & J)

On February 18, Governor Pritzker presented the *Building Up Illinois Developments* (BUILD) agenda. The agenda includes the following bills:

- [HB 5626](#): Housing Omnibus
- [SB 4060](#): Legalizing Middle Housing
- [SB 4061](#): Single Stair Reform
- [SB 4062](#): Impact Fee Modernization
- [SB 4063](#): Third Party Review
- [SB 4064](#): Parking Reform

The Executive Board and Legislative Committee recommend opposition to these bills. Staff will discuss legislative strategy and present the attached Housing Supply and Affordability position statement drafted by the Conference’s Housing Working Group.

Action Requested: Approve recommendation

4. Megaproject Assessment Freeze and Payment Law

On February 26, the House Revenue & Finance Committee advanced [House Bill 910, Floor Amendment 1](#), creating the Megaproject Assessment Freeze and Payment Law. Staff will report on the legislation.

Action Requested: Discussion

5. Legislative Positions (Attachment K)

The Executive Board and Legislative Committee recommend that the Conference approve the legislative positions contained in the attachment.

Action Requested: Approve recommendation

6. 2026 NWMC Legislative Days

The NWMC held its annual Legislative Days on February 17-19. Staff will report on the event and encourages attendees to share their feedback.

Action Requested: Discussion

7. NWMC-DMMC Joint Legislative Dinner

The Legislative Dinner was held on Wednesday, January 28. Staff will report on the event and encourages attendees to share their feedback.

Action Requested: Discussion

B. Finance Committee – Scott Anderson, Manager, Village of Barrington, Chair

1. Budget Reports and Purchase Journals (Attachments L, M & N)

- a. Budget Report and Purchase Journal from November 2025 (Attachment L)
- b. Budget Report and Purchase Journal from December 2025 (Attachment M)
- c. Budget Report and Purchase Journal from January 2026 (Attachment N)

Action Requested: Approve November 2025, December 2025 and January 2026 Budget Reports and Purchase Journals

2. NWMC Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction Agreement

The Executive Board and Finance Committee recommend offering the first of four possible, one-year contract extensions for Auctioneer Services to America's Auto Auction. The extension would run from February 15, 2026 through February 14, 2027. Contract terms shall remain the same. The proposed auction dates for 2026 are April 14, July 14, October 13 and December 15 (all Tuesdays).

Action Requested: Approve recommendation

VII. Other Business

VIII. For the Good of the Order

IX. Next Meeting

The next NWMC Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 6:00 p.m. at the NWMC Offices and via videoconference.

X. Adjournment