

NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

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Agenda

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

6:00 p.m.

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

Via Videoconference: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83000643647>

Dial: (312) 626-6799

Meeting ID: 830 0064 3647

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2025 (Attachment A)
- V. President's Report – Rodney Craig, NWMC President and Mayor, Village of Hanover Park
 - A. Membership Request – Village of South Barrington (Attachment B)

The Village of South Barrington petitioned for membership in the Conference via the attached letter. Per the NWMC By-laws, the Executive Board reviewed and recommended approval at their March 5 meeting and the recommendation was reported at the March 12 NWMC Board meeting. The Executive Board recommends approval.
Action Requested: Approve recommendation
 - B. FY2025-2026 NWMC Officer Nominations

The NWMC Nominating Committee met on March 24 and recommends the following individuals to serve as NWMC officers for FY2025-2026:

President:	Donna Johnson Mayor, Village of Libertyville
Vice-President:	Eric Smith President, Village of Buffalo Grove
Secretary:	Paul Hoefert Mayor, Village of Mount Prospect
Treasurer:	Scott Anderson Manager, Village of Barrington

Per the NWMC By-laws, additional nominations may be taken from the floor during the meeting. The election of officers will occur at the May 14 Board meeting and the officers will be inaugurated at the NWMC Annual Gala on June 11.

Action Requested: Informational

C. NWMC Annual Gala

Save-the-Date postcards and sponsorship information has been sent for the Northwest Municipal Conference Annual Gala, scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, at the Chicago Marriott Northwest in Hoffman Estates. The evening will serve to celebrate the NWMC's 67th anniversary and the inauguration of the organization's FY2025-2026 officers.

Action Requested: Mark your calendars

D. Newly Elected Officials Workshop

The NWMC, in collaboration with the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference and other regional councils of government, will host a workshop for newly elected officials on Saturday, June 14 at 8:00 a.m. at the Hilton Doubletree in Naperville. The workshop is designed to help participants better understand their role and responsibilities as a new mayor or trustee. Invitations and additional information will be sent shortly.

Action Requested: Invite newly elected officials to attend

E. NWMC Spring Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction

The first live NWMC Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction of the year is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22 at America's Auto Auction (AAA) in Crestwood. Thank you to Evanston, Flossmoor, Hazel Crest, Lake Bluff, Lincolnshire, Lincolnwood, Oak Lawn, Palatine, Skokie and Thornton for signing up to participate. Vehicles and equipment can be listed for disposal at the NWMC auction right up to the morning of the auction day. Please note that a portion of the proceeds helps support the organization's operations.

Action Requested: Informational

VI. Priority Issues

A. Legislative Committee – Eric Smith, President, Village of Buffalo Grove, Co-Chair and Greg Lungmus, President, Village of Northfield, Co-Chair

1. Legislative Update

Both chambers of the General Assembly face a third reading deadline on April 11. Staff will provide an update on active bills and issues of concern.

Action Requested: Discussion

2. Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities (PFIC) Coalition Update

Staff will provide an update on the work of the Coalition.

Action Requested: Discussion

3. NWMC Legislative Positions (Attachment C)

The Executive Board and Legislative Committee recommend approval of the positions on the attached list of bills.

Action Requested: Approve recommendation

4. Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Legislative Priorities (Attachment D)

The Executive Board and Legislative Committee recommend approval of the 2025 Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Legislative Priorities.

Action Requested: Approve recommendation

B. Finance Committee – John Lockerby, Manager, Village of Skokie, Chair

1. Proposed FY2025-2026 Budget (Attachment E)

The Executive Board and Finance Committee recommend approval of the proposed FY2025-2026 NWMC Budget. The budget begins a transition process that addresses staffing and operational needs while incorporating the planned use of operating reserves. The Finance Committee further recommends, as part of the budget, completion of a strategic planning process and consideration of future dues scenarios.

Action Requested: Approve recommendation

2. Budget Reports and Purchase Journals (Attachment F)

The Executive Board and Finance Committee recommend approval of the Budget Report and Purchase Journal from February 2025.

Action Requested: Approve recommendation

C. Transportation Committee – Donna Johnson, Mayor, Village of Libertyville, Co-Chair and Rodney Craig, President, Village of Hanover Park, Co-Chair

Proposed Transit Reform Legislation

The General Assembly has until May 31 to address the looming transit fiscal cliff before service providers will need to adopt significant operational reductions. Transit legislation, specifically the Metropolitan Mobility Authority Act (Senate Bill 5) and the Road Usage Charge Act (Senate Bill 1938), remain under consideration. Staff will provide an update.

Action Requested: Discussion

VII. Other Business

VIII. For the Good of the Order

IX. Next Meeting

The next NWMC Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 6:00 p.m. at the NWMC Offices and via videoconference.

X. Adjournment