

NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

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NWMC Board

Agenda

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

6:00 p.m.

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

or

Via Videoconference: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89572317506>

Dial: (312) 626-6799

Meeting ID: 895 7231 7506

Passcode: 419624

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call**
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2026 (Attachment A)**
- V. President’s Report – Donna Johnson, NWMC President and Mayor, Village of Libertyville**

A. FY 2026-2027 NWMC Officer Nominations

The NWMC Nominating Committee met on March 23 and recommends the following individuals to serve as NWMC officers for FY 2026-2027:

- President: Eric Smith
President, Village of Buffalo Grove
- Vice-President: Paul Hoefert
Mayor, Village of Mount Prospect
- Secretary: Senta Plunkett
President, Village of Wilmette
- 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 13 Board meeting and the officers will be inaugurated at the NWMC Annual Gala on June 10.

Action Requested: Informational

B. NWMC Spring Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction

The first live NWMC Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction of the year is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14 at America’s Auto Auction in Crestwood. Three additional live auctions will be held on July 14, October 13 and December 15. Please note that a portion of the proceeds help support the organization’s operations.

Action Requested: Informational

C. NWMC Annual Gala

Invitations were sent this week for the NWMC Gala, scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, at the Independence Grove in Libertyville. The Gala will celebrate the NWMC's 68th anniversary and the inauguration of the organization's FY2026-2027 officers. The reception will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP by Friday, May 22 to Marina Durso, mdurso@nwmc-cog.org or 847-296-9200.

Action Requested: Please RSVP

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

Both chambers of the General Assembly have passed their deadlines to move bills out of committee (Senate – March 13, House – March 27). Staff will report on bills that have advanced out of committee and expectations for the remainder of session.

Action Requested: Discussion

2. NWMC Housing Legislative Strategy (Attachment B, C & D)

Staff will report on the Conference's housing survey, municipal factsheets and legislative strategy. With input from the NWMC Housing Working Group, staff will present legislative alternatives to the BUILD Agenda. Attached are: brief summary of NWMC housing survey results (Attachment B); possible alternatives to the BUILD agenda (Attachment C) and a sample housing factsheet (Attachment D). In addition, on March 25 Governor Pritzker held a roundtable in support of the BUILD agenda (link to [Press release](#)).

Action Requested: Discussion

3. Legislative Positions (Attachment E)

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

Action Requested: Approve recommendation

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

1. Proposed FY 2026-2027 Budget (Attachment F)

The Executive Board and Finance Committee recommend approval of the proposed FY 2026-2027 NWMC Budget. The budget allows the organization to leverage the organization's strong financial situation to implement the goals of the recently completed 2026 NWMC Strategic Plan while taking a long-term approach to revenues and expenditures.

Action Requested: Approve recommendation

2. Budget Reports and Purchase Journals (Attachment G)

The Executive Board and Finance Committee recommend approval of the Budget Report and Purchase Journal from February 2026.

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, May 13, 6:00 p.m. at the NWMC Offices and via videoconference.

X. Adjournment