

**NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE**

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**NWMC Board**

**Agenda**

**Wednesday, March 12, 2025**

**6:00 p.m.**

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

**Or**

**Via Videoconference: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88372689235>**

**Dial: (312) 626-6799**

**Meeting ID: 883 7268 9235**

**Passcode: 075666**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call**
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 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 Executive Board recommends approval of the Village of South Barrington’s petition for membership in the Conference via the attached letter.

Per the NWMC By-laws: “The Executive Board shall review petitions for membership and shall present a recommendation at a regularly scheduled meeting. The Conference, by majority vote at the next regularly scheduled meeting, shall act on the petition for membership.” Therefore, the final vote will occur at the April 16 NWMC Board meeting.

**Action Requested:** Informational
  - B. FY2025-2026 NWMC Officer Nominations (Attachment C)**  

On February 28, staff emailed the FY2025-2026 NWMC Officer Nomination Form to the Conference’s chief elected officials. Nominations are due back to Mark Fowler, [mfowler@nwmc-cog.org](mailto:mfowler@nwmc-cog.org) by Wednesday, March 19.

The NWMC Nomination Committee will present a recommended slate of candidates at the April 16 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 14 meeting.

**Action Requested:** Please return nomination forms
  - C. 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. 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

#### **D. NWMC Annual Gala**

Save-the-Date postcards have 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 67<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the inauguration of the organization's FY2025-2026 officers.

*Action Requested:* Mark your calendars

### **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 / FY2026 State Budget Proposal (Attachment D)**

Governor Pritzker delivered his State of the State and Budget Address on February 19. Staff drafted the attached report on the proposed budget and its effect on local governments. Staff will also discuss legislative activity in Springfield and key legislation under consideration.

*Action Requested:* Informational

##### **2. 2025 NWMC Legislative Days**

The NWMC held its annual Legislative Days in Springfield on February 18-20. Staff will report on the event and encourages attendees to share their feedback.

*Action Requested:* Informational

##### **3. NWMC Legislative Positions (Attachment E)**

The Executive Board and Legislative Committee recommend the attached positions and actions for priority legislation.

*Action Requested:* Approve positions

##### **4. 2025 NWMC Legislative Program Presentation**

Despite multiple efforts, legislator responses to the proposed NWMC Legislative Program Presentation dates were very low. The Executive Board and Legislative Committee recommend that, due to timing, the Conference not host an online presentation this year and plan for an in-person legislative program presentation in 2026.

*Action Requested:* Approve recommendation

##### **5. Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities (PFIC) Coalition Update**

The PFIC Partners met on March 4. Discussion items include a review of pending legislation, public relations strategies and messaging for the spring session. Staff will report and discuss any recommended action items.

*Action Requested:* Discussion

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

##### **1. Budget Reports and Purchase Journals (Attachment F)**

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

*Action Requested:* Approve recommendation

##### **2. NWMC EAP Contract Extension**

NWMC Employee Assistance Program (EAP) vendor TELUS Health is proposing significant cost increases over the current contract. Due to the timing of the contract renewal, the Executive Board and Finance Committee recommend the following: approval of a one-year contract extension (May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026); holding the participant cost to the current \$25.42 per employee per year; and, rebidding the program in Fall 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  
CMAP Releases Memorandum on Federal Activities (Attachment G)**

On February 26, CMAP released the attached memorandum updating partners on key federal developments impacting transportation funding, grant disbursements, regulatory changes and project approvals.

*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, April 16, 6:00 p.m. at the NWMC Offices and via videoconference. **Please note date change.**

**X. Adjournment**