

NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

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NWMC Board

Agenda

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

6:00 p.m.

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

or

Via Videoconference: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83579246621>

Dial: (312) 626-6799

Meeting ID: 835 7924 6621

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- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call**
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – April 8, 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 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

Action Requested: Election of FY2026-2027 NWMC Officers

B. FY 2025-2026 NWMC Work Plan – Q4 Update (Attachment B)

Staff will provide the fourth quarter update to the FY 2025-2026 NWMC Work Plan.

Action Requested: Informational

C. FY 2026-2027 NWMC Work Plan (Attachment C)

The Executive Board recommends approval of the FY 2026-2027 NWMC Work Plan.

Action Requested: Approve recommendation

D. Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC) Home Grown

MMC Manager of Housing and Community Development Initiatives Ben Schnelle will present the [Home Grown](#) housing resource at the May 13 Board meeting. Home Grown is an online library of housing strategies implemented by municipalities focused around three areas: Developments, Policies and Programs.

Action Requested: Informational

E. NWMC Annual Gala Reminder

The 68th NWMC Gala will be held on Wednesday, June 10 at the Independence Grove in Libertyville. The reception will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. Highlights of the evening will be the inauguration of the NWMC officers for FY 2026-2027. Please RSVP by Friday, May 22, to Marina Durso, 847-296-9200 or mdurso@nwmc-cog.org.

Action Requested: Please RSVP

F. NWMC Spring Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction Recap

The first live NWMC Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction of the year was held on April 14 at America's Auto Auction in Crestwood. All eighty-six units sold with preliminary sales figures of \$273,330. The next NWMC Surplus Vehicle & Equipment live auctions will be held at noon 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

G. Authorization to Act During the Summer

The Executive Board recommends that the membership approve a motion empowering the Executive Board to act on all issues requiring approval during the summer NWMC Board meeting recess which begins following the May membership meeting.

Action Requested: Approve recommendation

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

Friday, May 8, is the deadline to move bills from the opposite chamber out of committee in both the House and the Senate. Staff will report bills moving in the General Assembly and the latest on the state budget development.

Action Requested: Discussion

2. NWMC Legislative Strategy on Housing (Attachments D, E and F)

Staff will report on the status of the Building Up Illinois Developments (BUILD) agenda. In response to the BUILD agenda, a plethora of alternatives and materials have been developed, including:

- Compilation of municipal educational materials on BUILD (Attachment D)
- NWMC Alternatives and Modifications to BUILD – approved by the Board on April 8 (Attachment E)
- Alternate Considerations to BUILD developed by a team of NWMC managers (Attachment F)
- The Illinois Municipal League's alternative to BUILD (www.iml.org/realhousing)

Several managers will be available to discuss their proposal for the Board's consideration. Staff requests Board direction on the Conference's housing legislative strategy for the remainder of the session.

Action Requested: Determine strategy

**B. Finance Committee – Scott Anderson, Manager, Village of Barrington, Chair
Budget Reports and Purchase Journals (Attachment G)**

The Executive Board and Finance Committee recommend approval of the Budget Report and Purchase Journal from March 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, September 9, 6:00 p.m. at the NWMC Offices and via videoconference.

X. Adjournment