



Cook County Emergency Telephone System Board

**August 22, 2025
10:30 a.m.**

ATTENDANCE

Board Members in attendance;

Mr. John Cornier
Mr. Timothy Doherty
Mr. Thomas Fleming
Mr. John Matthews
Mr. Kevin Sisk

Staff and Guests in attendance;

Mr. Martin Bennett, Executive Director
Ms. Valerie Rhodes, Director of Administration
Mr. Brandon Guzzi, Lauterbach & Amen
Mr. Arthur Jackson, First Deputy Chief of Cook County Sheriff's Police Department
Mr. Matthew Carlson, Director of Support Services

Executive Director Bennett called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Attendance was taken.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Mr. Fleming made a motion, and Mr. Cornier made the second to approve the Board meeting minutes of July 28, 2025 as presented.

Roll Call Vote;

Cornier	Yes
Doherty	Yes
Fleming	Yes
Kuryla	Absent
Matthews	Yes
Ryles	Absent
Sisk	Yes

Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

LEGISLATIVE REPORT – AUGUST 2025

Mr. John Kelly's report is as follows;

Both the Illinois Legislature and the United States Congress are on summer recess, so there is no legislative action to report. The Illinois Legislature will hold a Veto Session on October 14-16 and October 21-23. The United States Congress will return to Washington after Labor Day. Efforts continue in Illinois to encourage legislative support for a surcharge increase. The State 9-1-1 Board met on July 14, 2025. The 9-1-1 Administrator presented updates to the proposed revision of Parts 1324, 1325, and 1326 of the Illinois Administrative Code. The Illinois NENA and Illinois APCO Joint Legislative Committee reviewed these changes and has submitted its comments to the Board Chairman. I am certain there will be further discussion of these rules at the Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board meeting scheduled for Monday, August 18th. The new Statewide 9-1-1 Administrator, Alicia Atkinson, is in place and working on getting up to speed on the statewide issues. The former Administrator, Cindy Barbera-Brelle, continues to serve as a consultant to assist with the transition.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER OPERATIONS

CONSOLIDATION UPDATE

Executive Director Bennett provided an update on current consolidations with several NorComm agencies.

GRANT UPDATES

Phase 2 of indoor school mapping continues with scheduled site visits. CAD to CAD has had no movement since the last board meeting. Central Square still has not connected to Cook County CAD. We have been in contact with other grant recipients as well as the Statewide 911 Administrator.

CRESTWOOD BUILDOUT

Executive Director Bennett provided an update on the buildout. We are scheduled to meet with the Village Manager on Monday for a walk-through to discuss wiring throughout the building.

GOVWORX – COMMSCOACH UPDATE

We had our kickoff meeting with GovWorx on CommsCoach. CAD and phones have currently been integrated into the platform. We have a tentative go live towards the end of November.

RAPIDSOS UPDATE

We are working with RapidSOS support staff on the launch of Communicator. All connections have been established and RapidSOS is ingesting our meta data and voice calls from our phone system. 911 staff is currently completing training lessons on new features.

On 8/4 through 8/6 the 911 center staff participated in a proof of concept with the Sheriff's Police patrol and Sheriff's Office ASRT for DFR (Drone as a First Responder). We are the first agency to integrate a Skydio Drone into RapidSOS. RapidSOS is used in over 5,200 9-1-1 centers which covers 90% of population in the United States. Executive Director Bennett will provide an update to the board as well on another upcoming proof of concept scheduled for late September.

Executive Director Bennett showed some mapping images from calls for service from proof-of-concept dates. Mr. Fleming asked who was operating the drones. Executive Director Bennett explained it is our county employees, but they're meant to be operated by real-time crime centers. Mr. Cornier asked if the plan is to get coverage for all our ETSB agencies. Executive Director Bennett answered that the county is discussing purchasing more equipment and the current plan is to have approximately 20 bases stationed throughout the county's jurisdiction.

DES PLAINES EXPANSION

Executive Director presented buildout options for Des Plaines to support our upcoming fire expansion. We're still awaiting pricing for most of the project. However, as part of the buildout, staff is recommending updating the flooring throughout the current 911 center as well as the new buildout. Mr. Matthews asked about the effect the new flooring will have on sound absorption. Executive Director Bennett advised that we will re-evaluate after the installation and address any sound issue that may arise.

Mr. Matthews made a motion, and Mr. Sisk made the second to authorize \$125,000, 50% of the total cost of \$250,000, to place the order for Gerflor flooring. The cost is for the material and disassembly of the furniture to replace the current flooring and for the new buildout in Des Plaines.

Roll Call Vote;

Cornier	Yes
Doherty	Yes
Fleming	Yes
Kuryla	Absent
Matthews	Yes
Ryles	Absent
Sisk	Yes

Motion carried.

AUGUST BILL PAYMENT RESOLUTION

The August Bill Payment Resolution is attached for the Board's review.

The significant items to report are;

- Cook County Sheriff for 308,315.22 – Pass through for Surcharge and Dispatch Services
- Dick Buss & Associates for \$125,000 – 50% Due Upon Order for Flooring in Des Plaines
- FGM Architects for \$26,700 – Expansion Project Fees
- Motorola for \$68,675.44 – Pass Through Radio Order for Park Ridge FD
- AT&T Mobility for \$40,000 – RAVE 911 Annual License Fee
- Total Response for \$13,231.20 – 4 Months of Communicator with RapidSOS Unite

Total Bills \$ 624,574.23

Mr. Cornier made a motion, and Mr. Fleming made the second to approve the August Bill Payment Resolution as presented in the amount of \$624,574.23

Roll Call Vote;

Cornier	Yes
Doherty	Yes
Fleming	Yes
Kuryla	Absent
Matthews	Yes
Ryles	Absent
Sisk	Yes

Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Guzzi from Lauterbach & Amen presented the financials.

Executive Director Bennett shared the projected increase in surcharge funding we would receive after cutting over the agencies discussed earlier in the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Executive Director Bennett advised that the appointment for the last two open Board Member positions is still pending.

Executive Director Bennett shared the success and photographs from this year's annual National Night Out in several of our ETSB's communities.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Cornier made a motion to adjourn the meeting of August 22, 2025, seconded by Mr. Sisk.

Roll Call Vote;

Cornier	Yes
Doherty	Yes
Fleming	Yes
Kuryla	Absent
Matthews	Yes
Ryles	Absent
Sisk	Yes

Motion carried.

The August 22, 2025 Cook County Emergency Telephone System Board meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Next Meeting

October 17, 2025

10:30 a.m.

9511 W. Harrison, LL11

Des Plaines, IL 60016

Valerie Rhodes, Director of Administration

Date

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