



Cook County Emergency Telephone System Board

November 14, 2025
10:30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members in attendance;

Mr. John Cornier
Mr. Michael Kuryla
Mr. John Matthews
Mr. Kevin Sisk

Staff and Guests in attendance;

Mr. Martin Bennett, Executive Director
Ms. Valerie Rhodes, Director of Administration
Mr. Evan Stahlman, Lauterbach & Amen
Mr. Brandon Guzzi, Lauterbach & Amen
Mr. Arthur Jackson, First Deputy Chief of Cook County Sheriff's Police Department
Ms. Megan Kinsella, Director of Operations
Mr. Chris Lienhardt, Director of Fire Operations

Executive Director Bennett called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

Attendance was taken.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Mr. Cornier made a motion, and Mr. Kuryla made the second to approve the Board meeting minutes of October 17, 2025 as presented.

Roll Call Vote;

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

Motion carried.

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

LEGISLATIVE REPORT – NOVEMBER 2025

Mr. John Kelly's report is as follows;

The Veto Session of the 104th Illinois Legislature adjourned in the early morning hours of October 31st. No action was taken on either of the surcharge increase bills, HB 4066 or SB 2670. There was no other legislation adopted during the Veto Session which impacts the 9-1-1 community. The Emergency Telephone Systems Act which was due to sunset on December 31, 2025, was extended to December 31, 2027, during the Spring Session. Both the Illinois Chapter of NENA and APCO are continuing to attempt to gain support from key legislative leaders for the surcharge increase legislation in advance of the 2026 legislative session. The Illinois Senate is due to return to Springfield on January 13th and the House on January 20th. The Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board met on October 22nd during the Illinois Public Safety Telecommunications Conference. At that meeting the Board continued its review of the Part 1325 revisions and heard a presentation regarding a strategic plan for 9-1-1 in Illinois. The Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board is next scheduled to meet on November 17th. The Agenda for that meeting has not been released as of today. On November 4th the Statewide Administrator released the Notice of Grant Opportunities for 9-1-1 System Consolidation and NG 9-1-1 Expenses for the FY 2027 year. Because the federal government is still shutdown due to lack of a budget, there has been no action on any 9-1-1 related federal legislation. NENA will sponsor its 9-1-1 Goes to Washington event February 21st through the 25th of 2026.

Executive Director Bennett added that he is the new Region 1 Director for Illinois NENA. He has been in touch with the Sheriff's Office for help in Springfield. He has also been reaching out to surrounding agencies to have them encourage their elected officials to support the surcharge increase since these funds will benefit the ETSB and member agencies.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER OPERATIONS

CONSOLIDATION UPDATES

Executive Director Bennett requested the Board accept four new members into the Cook County Emergency Telephone System Board in 2026:

Executive Director Bennett requested the Board approve Resolution 25-1114-01 to accept Leyden Fire Protection District.

Mr. Kuryla made a motion, seconded by Mr. Matthews, to approve Resolution 25-1114-01 to accept Leyden Fire Protection District into Cook County ETSB.

Roll Call Vote;

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

Motion carried.

Executive Director Bennett requested the Board approve resolution 25-1114-02 to accept River Grove.

Mr. Cornier made a motion, and Mr. Matthews made the second to approve Resolution 25-1114-02 to accept the Village of River Grove into the Cook County ETSB.

Roll Call Vote;

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

Motion carried.

Executive Director Bennett requested the Board approve resolution 25-1114-03 to accept the Village of Franklin Park.

Mr. Kuryla made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sisk, to enter accept Resolution 25-1114-03 to accept the Village of Franklin Park.

Roll Call Vote;

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

Motion carried.

Executive Director Bennett requested the Board approve resolution 25-1114-04 to accept Northlake Fire Protection District.

Mr. Cornier made a motion, and Mr. Matthews made the second to approve resolution 25-1114-04 to accept Northlake Fire Protection District.

Roll Call Vote;

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

Motion carried.

BYLAWS DISCUSSION

Executive Director Bennett presented a redline document of the bylaws with proposed changes to add the four new members to the agencies served. There will be a vote at the next meeting to accept these changes.

CONSOLIDATION DISCUSSION AND UPDATES

The current process of accepting new member agencies was explained. Executive Director Bennett presented the Board with the Request for Proposal (RFP) received from an agency for dispatching services. He requested the Board's feedback regarding the current process and the RFP process. The Board expressed several concerns regarding the RFP process and unanimously agreed to continue utilizing the current process.

GRANT UPDATES

CAD2CAD – Central Square is still unable to connect to us after 1.5 years into the project. We are waiting for a response from the other members participating in the grant to determine ending the project due to the vendor's lack of progress.

Indoor School Mapping – The FY26 project is complete.

FY27 – The State announced next year's consolidation and NG911 grant funding opportunities. We will apply for these grants and should receive a response regarding awards in June 2026.

MAYWOOD/CRESTWOOD PHONE CONSOLE PURCHASE

Executive Director Bennett advised we want to put 6 phone positions in the old backup center in Maywood temporarily to add extra capacity during the construction in Des Plaines. These 6 positions would then be moved to Crestwood to populate the center.

Mr. Cornier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kuryla, to approve \$241,542.28 to Mercury for 6 phone positions.

Roll Call Vote;

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

Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

FY2026 BUDGETS

Executive Director Bennett presented the FY2026 operations budget and explained how expected revenue was determined because of issues we have experienced with surcharge over the last year and a half. He also explained that several items from FY25 were shifted over to the municipal budget through the Sheriff for FY26.

Mr. Sisk made a motion, and Mr. Cornier made the second to approve the FY2026 operational expenditures budget of \$6,896,193.36.

Roll Call Vote;

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

Motion carried.

Executive Director Bennett presented the FY2026 capital budget and advised there are a few agencies in flux. We will come back to the Board should any of these expected costs change. When on-boarding agencies, there is an initial cost that is later recovered from surcharge revenue. Mr. Stahlman added that Lauterbach & Amen will develop additional reports to allow management and the Board the ability to monitor these capital expenditures more closely.

Mr. Cornier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Matthews, to approve the FY2026 capital budget of \$5,960,000.00.

Roll Call Vote;

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

Motion carried.

NOVEMBER BILL PAYMENT RESOLUTION

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

The significant items to report are;

- Cook County Sheriff for \$671,268.76 – Pass through for dispatch services and surcharge
- GeoComm for \$427,621.00 – Pass through for FY26 Indoor School Mapping Grant Funding
- Marion County for \$58,928.00 – Pass through for FY26 Indoor School Mapping Grant Funding
- Motorola for \$438,046.00 – CAD maintenance for 2026, half will be charged back to the Sheriff
- Motorola for \$247,500.00 – Motorola Onsite Manager (voted on at the November 2024 meeting)
- Motorola for \$107,374.41 – Pass through, radio purchase will be charged back to the Sheriff

Total Bills \$ 2,080,590.96

Mr. Cornier made a motion, and Mr. Matthews made the second to approve the November Bill Payment Resolution as presented in the amount of \$2,080,590.96

Roll Call Vote;

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

Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Stahlman from Lauterbach & Amen presented the financials.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Executive Director Bennett presented the 2026 meeting schedule. Mr. Sisk suggested we begin a meeting location rotation with the Crestwood Civic Center, beginning with the January 2026 meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Cornier made a motion to adjourn the meeting of November 14, 2025, seconded by Mr. Matthews.

Roll Call Vote;

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

Motion carried.

The November 14, 2025 Cook County Emergency Telephone System Board meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Next Meeting
December 12, 2025
10:30 a.m.
9511 W. Harrison, LL11
Des Plaines, IL 60016

Valerie Rhodes, Director of Administration Date