

Lake Consolidated Emergency Communications (LakeComm)



**LakeComm Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes – Approved**

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

2:30 PM

**or 10 minutes after the conclusion of the
JETS of Lake County meeting, whichever is later.**

**LOCATION:
Regional Operations and Communications Facility (ROC)
656 W. Winchester Rd.
Libertyville, IL 60048
Central Training Room**

1. Call to Order

- Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Timony called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call of Members

LakeComm Secretary Mike Strong did a roll call of members.

Members present:

Chair: Kevin Timony – Village Manager, Village of Vernon Hills

Lake County: Patrice Sutton - Lake County Administrator

Municipal Manager: Greg Jackson - Chief of Staff, City of North Chicago

Fire Chiefs Association: Ed Lescher - Fire Chief, Fox Lake Fire Protection District

Fire Protection District: George Steinberg, Greater Round Lake Fire Protection District

Chiefs of Police Association: Jason Seeley - Chief of Police, Mundelein

Members absent:

Vice Chair: Bill McKinney – Mayor, City of Zion

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 Committee action approving the LakeComm Executive Committee minutes from December 10, 2025.

A motion was made by Member Steinberg, seconded by Member Seeley, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

5. Reports**5.1. Financial Report**

Chair Timony introduced the Financial Report for December and requested any questions or comments on the report. Hearing none, Chair Timony moved on to the next item.

5.2. Executive Director Update

Executive Director Kern provided an update on various operational items and the status of the consolidation after the first 60 days. He noted two recruitment

processes; the information technology networking engineer position was not filled, and they would be reposting soon, and the human resources manager position was filled with the individual starting on January 19. He also noted that there were continued discussions ongoing related to setting up Lake Zurich as a dark back up dispatch center, currently LakeComm was working with the dispatch furniture provider to reevaluate the space to reduce construction costs.

6. Unfinished Business

6.1. FY27 Budget Presentation & Recommendation of Approval

Executive Director Kern provided an in-depth review of the proposed FY27 budget along with a presentation for the Executive Committee. Member Sutton inquired about the cost sharing formulas and the data points involved. The members discussed and it was decided to postpone approval of the FY27 budget until February so that staff could review the data provided.

7. New Business

There was no new business.

8. Executive Session

A motion was made to by Member Steinberg, seconded by Member Sutton to enter into Closed Session to discuss the compensation and performance of a specific employee pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote at 3:40 PM.

The Executive Committee returned from Closed Session at 4:21 PM

9. Member Remarks

There were no member remarks.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Lescher, seconded by Member Sutton, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Chair Timony adjourned the meeting at 4:22 PM

Next Regular Meeting: February 11, 2026, at the Regional Operations and Communications Facility.