STATE OF ILLINOIS **CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP**
DeShawn Williams, Chair *Darcy E. Sandefur, Township Clerk*

CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP BOARD
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 27, 2025
400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL, 61801

The Cunningham Township Board met in regular session Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Urbana City Council Chambers.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:

Chair: Mayor DeShawn Williams

Township Clerk: Darcy Sandefur

Trustees: Maryalice Wu*, Christopher Evans^, Shirese Hursey, Jaya Kolisetty, Chaundra Bishop*, Grace Wilken, James Quisenberry

Supervisor: Danielle Chynoweth

Assessor: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Assessor Ivana Owona

* denotes present via phone, ^ present after roll

OTHERS PRESENT: Bourema Ouedraogo; Seok Hyun Cho;

I. ROLL CALL

With a quorum present Chair Williams called the meeting of the Cunningham Township Board to order at 6:36 p.m. Clerk Sandefur confirmed that the Oath of Officer for Supervisor Chynoweth was administered on the first day of her term after the last Township Board meeting was rescheduled.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. January 13, 2025

Motion to approve by Trustee Hursey and seconded by Trustee Wilken.

Voice vote:

AYE: Wu, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None

b. February 10, 2025

c. March 10, 2025

Motion to approve by Trustee Hursey and seconded by Trustee Wilken.

Voice vote:

AYE: Wu, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None

III. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC INPUT

Esther Patt shared appreciation for the Township Supervisor for their efforts to support residents displaced by condemned housing. Encouraged the City of Urbana to revisit the relocation ordinance

and the property inspection schedule and procedures to ensure residents are adequately supported. Spoke about the pervasiveness of complaints from prior years on some of these properties that have only recently been condemned by the City of Champaign and Urbana and encouraged changes to this process.

VI. COMMITTEE TO VERIFY BILLS

a. Town Fund

b. General Assistance Fund

Supervisor Chynoweth presented the bills and explained the purposes of each fund and the organization of the report. Month to date the expenditures have been $59,062.22 from the Town Fund, $237,598.34 from the General Assistance Fund, for a total of $296,660.56. Questions and discussion ensued.

Motion to approve the bills by Trustee Wilken and seconded by Trustee Kolisetty.

Vote by roll call:

AYE: Wu, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None

VII. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Supervisors Memo presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. Chynoweth explained the organization and purpose of the Supervisor's Memo. Chynoweth reported monthly service statistics by service type. Questions and discussion ensued.

Supervisor Chynoweth presented an additional memo on recently displaced residents in Urbana and Champaign. Chynoweth noted factors contributing to scarcity of housing resources to meet community needs as well as recent apartment condemnations displacing several residents. Chynoweth noted efforts of Township staff to meet the needs of residents who need support in securing housing after being displaced and reviewed conditions of the condemned properties. Questions and discussion ensued.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Closed Session: Property pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)

Motion to enter closed session to discuss property by Trustee Kolisetty and seconded by Trustee Hursey.

Vote by roll call:

AYE: Wu, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None

Time entering closed session 7:38 PM.

Motion to return to open session by Trustee Kolisetty and seconded by Trustee Hursey.

Vote by roll call:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None

Time returning to open session 8:08 PM.

b. Special Meeting of the Electorate Agenda
Presented by Supervisor Chynoweth with Township Clerk Sandefur. Item sets the agenda for a special meeting of the Cunningham Township Electorate for June 16, 2025. The Township Electorate will consider the adoption of a resolution granting authority to the Township Board to purchase, sell, and lease property. Questions and discussion ensued. Motion to approve by Trustee Wilken and seconded by Trustee Quisenberry.
Vote by roll call:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry
NAY: None

c. Resolution No. T-2025-05-005R: A Resolution Authorizing Certain Individuals to Sign Checks for Cunningham Township
Item presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. This item authorizes additional check signatories for Cunningham Township to include members of the leadership team. Questions and discussion ensued. Motion to approve by Trustee Wilken and seconded by Trustee Kolisetty.
Vote by roll call:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry
NAY: None

d. Resolution No. T-2025-05-006R: A Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign an Intergovernmental Agreement for Rapid Rehousing Between the City of Champaign Township and Cunningham Township Supervisor's Office
Item presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. This item authorizes the supervisor to sign an Intergovernmental agreement with the City of Champaign Township to assist in expending rapid rehousing grant funds. Supervisor Chynoweth requested that the numbers within the agreement be amended to agree with the numbers written into the resolution. Questions and discussion ensued. Motion to approve by Trustee Wilken and seconded by Trustee Hursey.
Vote by roll call:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry
NAY: None

XII. ADJOURNMENT
With no further business before the body, Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:23pm.

Darcy Sandefur
Township Clerk

This meeting was taped and is viewable on demand. Minutes Approved: 8-18-2025