

STATE OF ILLINOIS

DeShawn Williams, Chair

CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP

Darcy E. Sandefur, Township Clerk

CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 17, 2025

400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL, 61801

The Cunningham Township Board met in regular session Monday, November 17, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Urbana City Council Chambers.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:

Chair: Mayor DeShawn Williams

Township Clerk: Darcy E. Sandefur

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

Supervisor: Danielle Chynoweth

Assessor: Ivana Owona

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Trustee Chaundra Bishop;

OTHERS PRESENT: Bourema Ouedraogo;

*Denotes present remotely

I. ROLL CALL

With a quorum present Chair Williams called the meeting of the Cunningham Township Board to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. September 29, 2025 Public Hearing Minutes

b. September 29, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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

Voice vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Wilken

NAY: None

III. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC INPUT

None.

VI. COMMITTEE TO VERIFY BILLS

a. Town Fund

b. General Assistance Fund

Supervisor Chynoweth presented the bills and reviewed the month to date expenditures. Month to date the expenditures have been \$53,953.32 from the Town Fund, \$221,126.67 from the General Assistance Fund, for a total of \$275,079.99. Questions and discussion ensued.

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

Voice vote:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Wilken

NAY: None

VII. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

a. First Quarter Financial Report

Presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. Supervisor Chynoweth noted that most accounts are at about 25% which is on track for the first quarter of the fiscal year, noting that no accounts exceeded 30%.

Supervisors Memo presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. Supervisor Chynoweth reminded that the GA entitlement was shifting to the workforce development and education program, careers in motion that was presented on by the case managers at last month's Board meeting. Leases related to the program will come before the Board at a future meeting. Chynoweth reviewed the programmatic service statistics month to date. Questions and discussion ensued.

b. Winter Shelter Update

Presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. Chynoweth noted that the point in time homeless assessment revealed the highest number of unhoused residents going into this winter and highlighted the need for additional shelter beds. In cooperation with STRIDES CTSO has been able to absorb the waitlist and reduce the occupancy at STRIDES sufficient that no one will be turned away for a place to sleep for the first time in months. CTSO requires an intake process be done at STRIDES prior to a resident being taken to the CTSO emergency winter shelter. Supervisor Chynoweth announced the community open house event opening the shelter officially. Questions and discussion ensued.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Ordinance No. T-2025-10-003: An Ordinance Levying Taxes for 2025 Collectible 2026.

Presented by Supervisor Chynoweth, this item authorizes the Township to levy property taxes for Township operations. The Board previously placed the draft Ordinance on file for public inspection for 30 days ahead of a noticed public hearing that occurred on November 10th. Motion to approve by Trustee Wu and seconded by Trustee Wilken.

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

b. Resolution No. T-2025-11-020R: A Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign a Lease Agreement with The New Lincoln Square

Presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. Item authorizes the supervisor to sign an lease for temporary office space for the Supervisor staff who had to relocate from the Beckett Law office location. Motion to approve by Trustee Wu and seconded by Trustee Wilken.

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

c. Resolution No. T-2025-11-021R: A Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign a Lease Agreement with Prometheus Partners, LLC (Winter Shelter)

Item presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. This item authorizes the Township to execute a lease

agreement for the old armory building (109 East Park Street) to provide emergency winter shelter for unhoused residents. Motion to approve by Trustee Wu and seconded by Trustee Hursey.

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

d. d) Resolution No. T-2025-11-022R: A Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign an Memorandum of Understanding with Friend in Me (Winter Shelter)

Item presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. Item authorizes the Supervisor to enter a memorandum of understanding with Friend in Me for shelter staffing and administration for the emergency winter shelter. Motion to approve by Trustee Wilken and seconded by Trustee Wu.

Vote by roll call:

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

NAY: None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the body, Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:41 PM.

Darcy Sandefur
Township Clerk

This meeting was taped and is [viewable on demand](#).

Minutes Approved: 2-9-2026