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

CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP BOARD
Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 13, 2025
400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL, 61801

The Cunningham Township Board met in regular session Monday, October 13, 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, Jaya Kolisetty, Grace Wilken, James Quisenberry
Supervisor: Danielle Chynoweth
Assessor: None
ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Trustee Shirese Hursey; Trustee Chaundra Bishop; Assessor Ivana Owona
OTHERS PRESENT: Bourema Ouedraogo; Liliya Garcia; Bonnie Miller;

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. July 21, 2025
b. August 18, 2025
Motion by Trustee Wu and seconded by Trustee Kolisetty to approve the minutes.
Voice vote:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry
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 $69,361.38 from the Town Fund, $318,134.38 from the General Assistance Fund, for a total of $387,495.76. Questions and discussion ensued.
Motion to approve the bills by Trustee Wilken and seconded by Trustee Wu.
Voice vote:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry
NAY: None

VII. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

a. Presentation on Careers in Motion Workforce Development Program
Presented by Liliya Garcia and Bonnie Miller. This new program will support clients for 12 months and replace the employment and education opportunities entitlement program. Program participants will receive case management, housing, a paid 20 hours a week position at a designated host site, and workforce preparation. This program is intended to better support clients and assist them in achieving long-term stability. Questions and discussion ensued.

Supervisors Memo presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. Chynoweth noted the programmatic service statistics month to date and shared information about recent community and Township events.

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. At this time the Board is being asked to place the draft Ordinance on file for public inspection for 30 days ahead of a noticed public hearing and adoption at a future public meeting in November. Motion to place on file for public inspection by Trustee Wu and seconded by Trustee Wilken.
Vote by roll call:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry
NAY: None

b. Resolution No. T-2025-10-017R: A Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor or Other Township Official to Execute the Reconciliation Fund Settlement Agreement with Various Taxing Districts
Presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. Item authorizes the supervisor to sign an reconciliation fund settlement agreement with the other impacted units of government in the hospital property tax case. This allows the various taxing bodies to work together to compute the dollar amount distribution owed to the hospital from the settlement. Motion to approve by Trustee Wu and seconded by Trustee Kolisetty.
Vote by roll call:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry
NAY: None

c. Resolution No. T-2025-10-018R: A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement for Rental Assistance Between the City of Urbana and Cunningham Township Supervisor's Office
Item presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. This item authorizes the Township to execute a intergovernmental agreement with the City of Urbana to receive funds for rental assistance. Motion to approve by Trustee Wilken and seconded by Trustee Wu.
Vote by roll call:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry
NAY: None

d. d) Resolution No. T-2025-10-019R: A Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Housing Authority of Champaign County (Emergency Housing Support Services)

Item presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. Item authorizes the Supervisor to enter a memorandum of understanding with the Housing Authority of Champaign County as part of the Emergency Housing Support Services program. This will allow Township to be awarded $367,760 to be used for emergency housing support services. Motion to approve by Trustee Wilken and seconded by Trustee Wu.

Vote by roll call:

AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAY: None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the body, Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:28 PM.

Darcy Sandefur
Township Clerk

This meeting was taped and is viewable on demand.

Minutes Approved: 1-12-2026