

# Wescom

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## MEETING MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 BOARD MEETING

Executive Director Steve Rauter called the September 16, 2021 meeting of the WESCOM Executive Board to order at 6:00 pm. The meeting was held at WESCOM and also conducted via telephone/Zoom conference for attendees and Facebook Live for the public pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 2020-07.

Roll Call: Ken Teppel, Village of Bolingbrook; Mike Rittof, Channahon Fire; Dave Clark, Minooka Fire; Missey Schumacher, Village of Channahon; Colleen Prieboy, Elwood Fire; Ray Soliman, City of Crest Hill; Kevin Doyle, Homer Fire; Jim Kuzma, Northwest Homer Fire; Bob Baish, Plainfield Fire; George Muentnich, Troy Fire; Ben Dietz, City of Wilmington and Bill Long, Wilmington Fire.

Not present – Braidwood Fire, City of Braidwood, Village of Elwood, Lockport Fire, City of Lockport, Village of Plainfield, Rockdale Fire, and Village of Shorewood.

Also present – Chief Klima, Shorewood Police; Chief Stratton, Plainfield Fire; Chief Arnold, Wilmington Police; Chief Casey, Channahon Police; Chief Offerman, Elwood Fire; Chief Locacius, Homer Fire; Attorney Steve DiNolfo; Mike O'Connor; WESCOM Executive Director Steve Rauter, WESCOM Supervisors Erich Sommer and Krystyna Kovacik along with WESCOM's Finance Assistant Brittany Lough and Executive Assistant Cindy Tooley.

### Roll Call:

Village of Bolingbrook	<u>Aye</u>
Braidwood Fire Protection District	<u>Absent</u>
City of Braidwood	<u>Absent</u>
Channahon Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Village of Channahon	<u>Aye</u>
City of Crest Hill	<u>Aye</u>
Elwood Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Village of Elwood	<u>Absent</u>
Homer Twp Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
City of Lockport	<u>Absent</u>
Lockport Twp Fire Protection District	<u>Absent</u>
Minooka Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Northwest Homer Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Plainfield Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Village of Plainfield	<u>Absent</u>

Rockdale Fire Protection District	<u>Absent</u>
Village of Shorewood	<u>Absent</u>
Troy Twp Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Wilmington Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
City of Wilmington	<u>Aye</u>

Quorum established.

Public Input – None

A motion was made by Mike Rittof, Channahon Fire to appoint Executive Director Steve Rauter Chairman pro tem to run the Board Meeting seconded by Missey Schumacher, Village of Channahon.

Roll Call Vote:

Village of Bolingbrook	<u>Aye</u>
Braidwood Fire Protection District	<u>Absent</u>
City of Braidwood	<u>Absent</u>
Channahon Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Village of Channahon	<u>Aye</u>
City of Crest Hill	<u>Aye</u>
Elwood Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Village of Elwood	<u>Absent</u>
Homer Twp Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
City of Lockport	<u>Absent</u>
Lockport Twp Fire Protection District	<u>Absent</u>
Minooka Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Northwest Homer Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Plainfield Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Village of Plainfield	<u>Absent</u>
Rockdale Fire Protection District	<u>Absent</u>
Village of Shorewood	<u>Absent</u>
Troy Twp Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Wilmington Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
City of Wilmington	<u>Aye</u>

Aye 12    Nay 0    Present 0    Not Present 8

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mike Rittof, Channahon Fire to approve the meeting minutes of the July 15, 2021 meeting seconded by Missey Schumacher, Village of Channahon.

Roll Call Vote:

Village of Bolingbrook	<u>Aye</u>
Braidwood Fire Protection District	<u>Absent</u>

City of Braidwood	<u>Absent</u>
Channahon Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Village of Channahon	<u>Aye</u>
City of Crest Hill	<u>Aye</u>
Elwood Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Village of Elwood	<u>Absent</u>
Homer Twp Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
City of Lockport	<u>Absent</u>
Lockport Twp Fire Protection District	<u>Absent</u>
Minooka Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Northwest Homer Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Plainfield Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Village of Plainfield	<u>Absent</u>
Rockdale Fire Protection District	<u>Absent</u>
Village of Shorewood	<u>Absent</u>
Troy Twp Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Wilmington Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
City of Wilmington	<u>Aye</u>

Aye 12    Nay 0    Present 0    Not Present 8

**Motion carried.**

New Business – Discussion on the selection process for the Executive Director Position.

**A motion was made by Bob Baish, Plainfield Fire to enter into a closed meeting pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120, Section 2, (c) 11 to discuss the status of litigation and the wage and benefits of employees seconded by Missey Schumacher, Village of Channahon.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Village of Bolingbrook	<u>Aye</u>
Braidwood Fire Protection District	<u>Absent</u>
City of Braidwood	<u>Absent</u>
Channahon Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Village of Channahon	<u>Aye</u>
City of Crest Hill	<u>Aye</u>
Elwood Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Village of Elwood	<u>Absent</u>
Homer Twp Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
City of Lockport	<u>Absent</u>
Lockport Twp Fire Protection District	<u>Absent</u>
Minooka Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Northwest Homer Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Plainfield Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Village of Plainfield	<u>Absent</u>
Rockdale Fire Protection District	<u>Absent</u>

Village of Shorewood	<u>Absent</u>
Troy Twp Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Wilmington Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
City of Wilmington	<u>Aye</u>

Aye 12    Nay 0    Present 0    Not Present 8

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Missey Schumacher, Village of Channahon to reconvene to open session seconded by Ray Soliman, City of Crest Hill.

Roll Call Vote:

Village of Bolingbrook	<u>Aye</u>
Braidwood Fire Protection District	<u>Absent</u>
City of Braidwood	<u>Absent</u>
Channahon Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Village of Channahon	<u>Aye</u>
City of Crest Hill	<u>Aye</u>
Elwood Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Village of Elwood	<u>Absent</u>
Homer Twp Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
City of Lockport	<u>Absent</u>
Lockport Twp Fire Protection District	<u>Absent</u>
Minooka Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Northwest Homer Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Plainfield Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Village of Plainfield	<u>Absent</u>
Rockdale Fire Protection District	<u>Absent</u>
Village of Shorewood	<u>Absent</u>
Troy Twp Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Wilmington Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
City of Wilmington	<u>Aye</u>

Aye 12    Nay 0    Present 0    Not Present 8

Motion carried.

As a result of closed session a motion was made by Missey Schumacher, Village of Channahon to approve the execution of the Employment Contract for Michael R. O'Connor as Executive Director, effective September 27, 2021 as presented seconded by Bob Baish, Plainfield Fire.

Roll Call Vote:

Village of Bolingbrook	<u>Aye</u>
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Braidwood Fire Protection District	<u>Absent</u>
City of Braidwood	<u>Absent</u>
Channahon Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Village of Channahon	<u>Aye</u>
City of Crest Hill	<u>Aye</u>
Elwood Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Village of Elwood	<u>Absent</u>
Homer Twp Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
City of Lockport	<u>Absent</u>
Lockport Twp Fire Protection District	<u>Absent</u>
Minooka Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Northwest Homer Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Plainfield Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Village of Plainfield	<u>Absent</u>
Rockdale Fire Protection District	<u>Absent</u>
Village of Shorewood	<u>Absent</u>
Troy Twp Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
Wilmington Fire Protection District	<u>Aye</u>
City of Wilmington	<u>Aye</u>

Aye 12    Nay 0    Present 0    Not Present 8

**Motion carried.**

For the Good of the Order – Dan Anderson is no longer an officer on our Board and his seat will need to be replaced.  
 Elwood Fire Protection District (Chief Offerman) passed a Resolution to commemorate and honor Steve Rauter on his 15 years as Executive Director of WESCOM.

**There being no further business, a motion was made by Missey Schumacher, Village of Channahon to adjourn the meeting at 6:30p.m. seconded by Mike Rittof, Channahon Fire all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mike Dillon, Secretary  
 WESCOM Executive Board