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MEETING AGENDA

September 30th, 2026 ~ Wednesday

5:30 P.M. – Refreshments

6:00 P.M. - Cal Sag WSPC Meeting

7:00 P.M. – SCM Business Meeting

Orland Park Village Hall

14700 South Ravinia Avenue

Orland Park, Illinois

- I. **Call to Order, Welcome & Approval of the May 20th, 2026 Meeting Minutes**
Mayor Bennett
- II. **Guest Speaker**
Ryan Gougis - CMAP
- III. **President's Report**
Mayor Bennett
- IV. **Executive Director's Report**
Vicky Smith
- V. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Transportation Committee**
1. Local STP/Planning Liaison Updates
2. Illinois Toll Highway
Mayor Brady
Brittany Matyas
Kelsey Passi
 - B. **Legislation Committee Report**
Mayor Bennett
 - C. **Utilities Committee Report**
1. Update Given by Utilities Companies' Representatives
Mayor Wasowicz
 - D. **Public Works Committee Report**
Brittany Matyas
 - E. **Cal Sag Watershed Planning Council Report**
Vicky Smith

VI. Other Business

A. CSCVB Report

Mary Patchin & Kim Kislowski

B. MVCC

Steve Pappageorge

C. Pathlights

Elaine Grange

D. Miscellaneous Task Forces/Committee Update

VII. Old Business /New Business

VIII. Next Meetings/Events

October 13th, 2026 - Tuesday

SCM Transportation Committee Meeting

9:30 A.M.

*** Via Zoom**

October 21st, 2026 - Wednesday

Cal-Sag WSPC/SCM Business Meetings

5:30 P.M. – Refreshments

6:00 P.M. – Cal Sag WSPC Meeting

7:00 P.M. - SCM Business Meeting

Palos Hills City Hall

10335 South Roberts Road

November 10th, 2026 - Tuesday

SCM Public Works Committee Meeting

9:30 A.M.

*** Location To Be Determined**

December 8th, 2026 - Tuesday

SCM Transportation Committee Meeting

9:30 A.M.

*** Via Zoom**

IX. Adjournment

Southwest Conference of Mayors
May 20th, 2026 – Meeting Minutes
ROSEBUD Restaurant ~ Lemont, Illinois

NAME	TITLE	REPRESENTING
Bob Straz	Mayor	City of Palos Heights
Madeline Straz	Spouse	City of Palos Heights
Dave Brady	Mayor	Village of Bedford Park
Jerry Bennett	Mayor	City of Palos Hills
Christine Bennett	Spouse	City of Palos Hills
Brittany Matyas	Program Coordinator	Southwest Conference of Mayors
Jeff Smith	Building Inspector	Village of Bedford Park
Vicky Smith	Executive Director	Southwest Conference of Mayors
Noreen Ligino-Kubinski	Project Coordinator	HBK Engineering
Paul Kubinski	Guest	HBK Engineering
Kelsey Passi	Community Outreach Mgr.	Illinois Tollway
Mary Werner	Mayor	Village of Worth
John Egofske	Mayor	Village of Lemont
Melissa Neddermeyer	President	Village of Willow Springs
Andrew Pufundt	Engineer	Christopher B. Burke Engineering
Ian McCormick	Engineer	Christopher B. Burke Engineering
Nicole Milovich-Walters	President	Village of Palos Park
Jeannine Smith	Manager	Village of Palos Park
Rick Boehm	Retired	Village of Palos Park
Mike Wade	Commissioner	Village of Palos Park
Dan Polk	Commissioner	Village of Palos Park
Kathy Williams	Clerk	Village of Palos Park
Dina Lawrence	Trustee	Village of Orland Park
Joanna Leafblad	Trustee	Village of Orland Park
Kris Wasowicz	Mayor	Village of Justice
Helen Wasowicz	Spouse	Village of Justice
Stanislaw Ogorek	Trustee	Village of Justice
Jeffrey Allen	Trustee	Village of Justice
Lisa Allen	Guest	Village of Justice
Ed Shilka	Building Commissioner	Village of Justice
Melanie Kuban	Trustee	Village of Justice
Terry Vorderer	Mayor	Village of Oak Lawn
Mrs. Vorderer	Spouse	Village of Oak Lawn
Ken Klein	Mayor	Village of Crestwood
Mike Howley	Mayor	City of Hickory Hills
David Gilgenberg	Mayor	City of Burbank
Jack Lind	Mayor	Village of Chicago Ridge
Steve Loulouis	Guest	Village of Chicago Ridge
Laura Shallow	Professor/Vice President	St. Xavier Univ/World Data Systems
Steve Pappageorge	Vice President	Moraine Valley Community College
Pamela Haney	President	Moraine Valley Community College
Elaine Grande	Executive Director	Pathlights
Lisa M. Aprati	External Affairs	ComEd
Adriana Carrasquillo	External Affairs	ComEd
Pat Eaves	Mgr. Community Affairs	Nicor Gas
Grace Hong Duffin	Vice President Local GA	Comcast
Ernie Lopez	Member	Republic Services
Sami Alnadi	Director of Sales	GSI
Housam Haj Yousif	CTO	GSI

Brian Skala	Trustee	Village of Alsip
Becky Smith	Assistant to Mayor Ryan	Village of Alsip
Dwight Welch		
Rosemaria DiBenedetto	Administrator	Village of Manhattan
Vernard Alsberry		Robinson Engineering
Frank Finnegan	Mayor	City of Hometown
Maureen Finnegan	Guest	City of Hometown
Christina Walker	Clerk	City of Hometown
Mike Walker	Guest	City of Hometown
Kristine Jauch	Sales	Gasaway Distributors
Laura Vish	Sales	Gasaway Distributors
Sonia Stachurski	Sales	Gasaway Distributors
Mary Patchin	President	CSCVB
Kim Kislowski	Executive Vice President	CSCVB
Lenny Svoboda	Product Support	Altorfer CAT Power Systems
Sean Flynn	Community Relations Rep.	Pace
Rick Kwasneski	Chairman	Pace
Melinda Metzger	Executive Director	Pace
Kathy Hilton		Cook Commissioner Sean Morrison
Dan Wagner	Chair	Illinois Chamber
Ken Chastain		Farnsworth Group
Matt Buerger	Senior Project Manager	Farnsworth Group
Geoff Aggen	Senior Engineer	Robinson Engineering
Dennis Popish	Senior Engineer	WSP Engineering
Clare Nawrocki	Financial Advisor	Cambridge
Gary Lewis	Trustee	Village of Bridgeview
Mrs. Lewis	Guest	Village of Bridgeview
Aurimas Spucys	Vice President	Morris Engineering
Ryan Gougus	Intergovt. Affairs Specialist	CMAP
Ron Moran		BME

Attachments referred to in these minutes can be obtained by contacting the Southwest Conference of Mayors' office at (708) 701-2232.

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M

President's Report

Mayor Bennett welcomed everyone to the SCM's May Dinner Meeting. Mayor Bennett thanked Comcast for sponsoring the dinner. Mayor Bennett acknowledged the Mayors/Presidents that were present at the meeting. Mayor Bennett thanked the SCM Mayors for their support of and commitment to the SCM. Mayor Bennett recognized the SCM Associate Members and thanked for their support. Mayor Bennett recognized other dignitaries that were present at the meeting. Mayor Bennett gave a brief legislative update. Mayor Bennett encouraged the Mayors to continue to stay focused on LGDF and the proposed BUILD Legislation. He encouraged the Mayors to continue to contact their Legislators on the BUILD Legislation and LGDF.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Smith noted that the SCM June 17th golf outing is approaching. Information for the outing is included in your meeting packet. Once again we will asking all SCM communities to participate in the outing as well as donating raffle and silent auction prizes. Thank you for assisting with making the SCM's 2026 golf outing a success. Ms. Smith noted that she will ne sending the Mayors information on the BUILD Legislation that they can use on their social media accounts and encourage your residents to contact their General Assembly Members to

oppose the BULD Legislation. Ms. Smith noted that the October Cal Sag WSPC and SCM meetings are been moved to October 21st. Ms. Smith thanked the SCM Mayors that attended the LGDF press conference that was held in Springfield. Ms. Smith noted that she will be reaching out to the SCM Members to see if there is interest in hosting a joint municipal auction in the Fall.

PL/STP/Public Works Committee

Ms. Matyas noted that the next Public Works Committee meeting will be on July 14th. Ms. Matyas noted that she will posted the newly approved STP Program that Mayor Brady is going to present on the SCM's website. Mayor Brady presented the new SCM STP program that was approved by the SCM Transportation Committee. On a motion by Mayor Wasowicz and a second by Mayor Straz the newly revised SCM's STP Program was approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mayor Brady presented FY 2027 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027) budget for the Southwest Conference of Mayors. Mayor Brady noted that the budget reflects the cost of living increase to dues that was approved in the FY 25 budget -a 3% increase making dues for FY 26 \$7,960. On a motion by Mayor Finnegan and seconded by Mayor Milovich-Walters the SCM FY 2027 budget was approved.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mayor Gilgenberg and seconded by Mayor Howley the Southwest Conference of Mayors' Business Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.