

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
GERALD C. TURRY VILLAGE BOARD ROOM
FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

Call to Order

Mayor Patel called the Regular Meeting of the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees to order at 7:31 P.M. Wednesday, February 18, 2026, in the Gerald C. Turry Village Board Room of the Municipal Complex at 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, Village of Lincolnwood, County of Cook, and State of Illinois.

Pledge to the Flag

Trustee Klatzco led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

On roll call by Village Clerk Sokol Delisi, the following were:

Present: Mayor Patel, Trustees Klatzco, Diaz Herrera, Sargon, Ikezoe-Halevi, Gussis

Present Remotely: Trustee Martel

Absent: None

Trustee Martel joined the meeting remotely. The board acknowledged and raised no objection to remote participation under board rules.

A quorum was present.

Also present: Village Attorney Steve Elrod, Village Manager Anne Marie Gaura, Police Chief Jay Parrott, Public Works Director John Welch, and Human Relations Manager Lamar Jones.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 3, 2026 Village Board meeting were presented for Village Board approval.

Trustee Sargon moved to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2026 Village Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Diaz Herrera. On a voice vote, the minutes were approved.

Warrant Approval

Trustee Klatzco presented the warrants in the amount of \$912,294.45. Trustee Klatzco moved to approve the warrants as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sargon.

Upon roll call, the results were:

AYES: Trustees Klatzco, Diaz Herrera, Sargon, Ikezoe-Halevi, Gussis, Martel

NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The motion passed.

President's Report

1. Art Show

Mayor Patel shared that the current art on display in Lincolnwood Village Hall is by artist Phil Gayter, who has painted most of his life from his early days in the United Kingdom to a career in advertising in Chicago. His work will remain on display through the end of February, and an art reception will be held on February 26 at 5:00 p.m. in Village Hall.

2. Traffic Commission and Economic Development Commission Resumes

Mayor Patel announced that the Village is seeking residents to serve on its Boards and Commissions. There are currently two openings on the Traffic Commission and one opening on the Economic Development Commission. Information on the protocol and application process is available on the Boards and Commissions page of the Village website.

3. Residential Pool Passes 2026

Mayor Patel announced that resident pool passes will go on sale Sunday, March 1 at 9:00 a.m. Passes can be purchased online through CivicPlus or in person at Village Hall, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. An early bird discount of 10% will be available through Sunday, March 22.

4. Summer Camp

Mayor Patel announced that resident registration for summer camp opened on Monday, February 2. Non-resident registration begins Monday, March 2 at 9:00 a.m. Early bird pricing is available through March 16. The summer camp brochure can be viewed on the Village website at lincolnwoodil.org/summercamp.

5. Proesel Park Construction

Mayor Patel reminded residents that the entire south end of Proesel Park will be closed from March 2026 through mid-November 2026.

6. Evanston Vet Center

Mayor Patel shared two upcoming veteran events hosted by the Evanston Vet Center at 1901 Howard Street in Evanston. The first is the Coffee Collective on Friday, February 27 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., offering camaraderie and conversation. The second is the

Volunteer Group event with the Northern Illinois Food Bank on Thursday, March 12 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in Lake Forest. Registration is required. For more information, residents can contact the Evanston Vet Center at 847-332-1019.

7. Ramadan

Mayor Patel noted that Muslims around the world have begun celebrating Ramadan, which continues through March 18. The Mayor wished the Muslim community a generous Ramadan and announced that the Valley Line Trail bridge will be lit in recognition of the holiday.

Mayor Patel reminded residents to turn on headlights and ensure children riding bikes wear helmets and have reflectors. He thanked residents for improved compliance with alternate side parking during the recent snow event and expressed appreciation to the Public Works Department for managing snow, wind, ice, and a major water main break over a four-day period. Mayor Patel emphasized that resident cooperation helps Public Works perform their duties and reduces the need for police enforcement, resulting in a safer and more attractive village.

Village Trustees' Report

Trustee Klatzco reminded residents that blood donations are still needed and noted that Vitalant is offering a cooler incentive for those who donate four times. Klatzco also reported receiving calls about small burrow holes and asked residents to contact the Public Works Department if they observe rodent activity, as the Village has an active rat abatement program in place.

Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi reiterated a personal appeal for all Lincolnwood residents aged 18 and older to vote in both the March 17 primary and the November midterm election. She emphasized that every vote matters, noting that in the 2024 presidential election, more than 89 million eligible Americans did not vote, according to the University of Florida's Election Lab. Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi shared that she recently accompanied Clerk Delisi to Lincolnwood Place to register voters, where seniors, many using canes, walkers, or wheelchairs, made the effort to register, underscoring the importance of civic engagement. Increasing voter turnout will help raise Lincolnwood's profile and strengthen community participation.

Trustee Sargon reminded residents that the PCZBA meeting will be held tomorrow at 6:00 PM at Village Hall. There are three or four items on the agenda, and anyone interested is encouraged to attend or watch.

Trustee Diaz Herrera noted that today is Ash Wednesday, marking the start of the 40-day Lenten season leading up to Easter, and wished everyone a blessed and peaceful season. She also extended early birthday wishes to her son, Josh Herrera, who will turn 19 and be celebrated this weekend in Champaign.

Trustee Martel recognized the start of both Lent and Ramadan, noting these sacred seasons as times for reflection, service, and renewal. He expressed pride in the village's diversity and thanked everyone for their contributions, wishing all a meaningful and peaceful season.

Village Clerk's Report

Clerk Delisi reported that the Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, March 17. Voter registration with his office closed yesterday, but online registration remains open until March 1 through the county and state election websites. Early voting will take place from March 2 through March 16 at Oakton College and the Skokie Courthouse for Lincolnwood residents. Clerk Delisi noted an important change to vote-by-mail procedures: effective January 1, 2026, USPS postmarks now reflect the date mail is processed rather than the date it is dropped off, which may delay postmarking and risk ballots being disqualified under Illinois law. To avoid this, voters are encouraged to either bring ballots to a USPS retail counter for same-day postmark or use one of 55 secure drop boxes available throughout suburban Cook County beginning March 2. The Clerk's office will share this information via social media, and election-related questions can be directed to sdelisi@lwd.org.

Village Manager's Report

None.

Public Forum

None.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of a Resolution Approving the Friends of the Chicago River Annual Chicago River Day Event at Centennial Park on May 9, 2026
2. Approval of Three Resolutions Requesting Motor Fuel Tax Funds from the State of Illinois Pertaining to General Maintenance, Capital Improvements, and Debt Service in 2026 in the Amount of \$856,947

Trustee Klatzco moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, second by Trustee Sargon.

Upon Roll Call, the results were:

AYES: Trustees Klatzco, Diaz Herrera, Sargon, Ikezoe-Halevi, Gussis, Martel

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion passed.

Regular Business

None.

Adjournment

At 7:49 P.M., Mayor Patel called for adjournment of the Regular Village Board meeting.

Trustee Sargon moved to adjourn, second by Trustee Ikezoe-Halevi. The meeting was adjourned by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sokol Delisi", written over a horizontal line.

Sokol Delisi
Village Clerk