



**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: January 7, 2026

Time: 5:15 PM

**Location: Village Hall, Board Room
740 Hillgrove Avenue, Western Springs, IL 60558**

Present:

Chair Avakian, Member Fink, President Rudolph, Deputy Manager Biernacki, Human Resource Manager Chavez

1. Call to Order

Chair Avakian called the meeting to order at 7:55 PM. A motion to open the meeting was made by Chair Avakian and seconded by Member Fink. The motion passed via roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Avakian, Member Fink

Nays: None

2. Approval of Minutes

Chair Avakian moved to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2025 meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Fink and passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Chair Avakian, Member Fink

Nays: None

3. Public Comment

No public comments were received.

4. New Business

a. Safe Routes to School Travel Plan Final Report

Deputy Manager Biernacki informed the Committee that the Safe Routes to School Travel Plan is substantially completed and a presentation from Epstein would occur at the January 19, 2026 Board Meeting. The final report outlined existing conditions, public involvement initiatives, traffic data analysis, and final recommendations on infrastructure improvements and policy considerations. Deputy Manager Biernacki provided highlights from each category and indicated no action was required at this time.

b. Greenest Region Compact Resolution

Human Resources Manager Chavez presented a resolution that would adopt the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus Greenest Region Compact. She explained that staff from each department have worked together to develop a comprehensive framework, focusing on over 40 dedicated goals. The Committee reviewed the concept and

recommended it be moved to the Village Board for consideration of adoption.

Ayes: Chair Avakian, Member Fink

Nays: None

6. Adjournment

Chair Avakian moved to adjourn the meeting 8:10 PM. The motion was seconded by Member Fink and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Ayes: Chair Avakian, Member Fink

Nays: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Casey Biernacki
Deputy Village Manager

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