



## Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Posting

2026

The information within the following packet has been posted by the DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation (DCEDC) in accordance with the following guidelines:

(5 ILCS 140/4) (from Ch.116, par. 204) Sec. 4. Each public body shall prominently display at each of its administrative or regional offices, make available for inspection and copying, and send through the mail if requested each of the following:

- (a) A brief description of itself, which will include, but not be limited to, a short summary of its purpose, a block diagram giving its functional subdivisions, the total amount of its operating budget, the number and location of all of its separate offices, the approximate number of full and part-time employees, and the identification and membership of any board, commission, committee, or council which operates in an advisory capacity relative to the operation of the public body, or which exercises control over its policies or procedures, or to which the public body is required to report and be answerable for its operations; and
- (b) A brief description of the methods whereby the public may request information and public records, a directory designating the Freedom of Information officer or officers, the address where requests for public records should be directed, and any fees allowable under Section 6 of this Act. A public body that maintains a website shall also post this information on the website.



## General Information

DCEDC is a 501c3 non-profit organization supported by public/private partnerships, established in 1987. We serve 14 communities located throughout the county, with immediate access to the I-88 logistics corridor and additional access to the I-39 logistics corridor. DeKalb County is also home to the DeKalb County Enterprise Zone and the numerous benefits it has to offer. The county seat resides in Sycamore, Illinois. Collaboration and unification is a priority among all of our communities. We are a growing and thriving county ready to welcome you to our 635 square miles of space.

**As DCEDC is a 501c3 non-profit organization, only the DeKalb County Enterprise Zone Advisory Board is an open meeting/public body. The remainder of DCEDC organizational operations is not an open meeting for the general public.**

DCEDC employs 2 full-time and 1 part-time employees. The DCEDC Executive Director is hired by the DCEDC Board of Directors, which consists of 34 appointed members as of this publishing. The remaining employees are hired by the Executive Director upon approval of the Board. The Executive Director and Board of Directors together set the annual organization budget, which runs on a calendar year (2026 Approved Annual Operating Budget: \$665,199.73 )

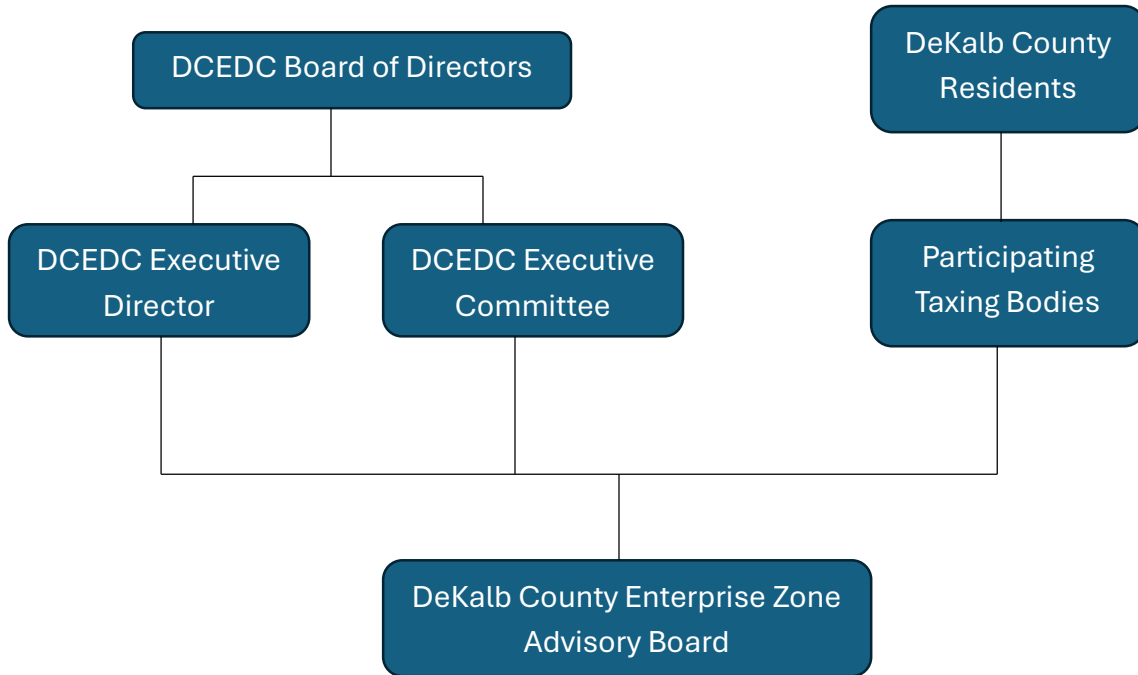
## DeKalb County Enterprise Zone Administrator & Advisory Board

The DeKalb County Enterprise Zone was certified by the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) effective January 1, 2016. As designated Zone Administrator, the DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation works with DCEO and the Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR) to administer procedures for operating the Zone and qualifying beneficiaries.

The Enterprise Zone Advisory Board provides oversight of the DeKalb County Enterprise Zone program in accordance with Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and the Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR) statues to manage procedures for operating the Zone and qualifying beneficiaries. At the request of the Designating Units of Government, the Executive Director of the DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation serves as Administrator of the DeKalb County Enterprise Zone.

The Advisory Board consists of the DCEDC Executive Committee Members and any participating units of government and taxing bodies included in the DeKalb County Enterprise Zone.

**DCEDC Organizational Chart**





### **DCEDC Office Location**

2179 Sycamore Road, Unit 102

DeKalb, IL 60115

815-895-2711

### **FOIA requests for DeKalb County Enterprise Zone Advisory Board:**

FOIA requests are accepted via email, by mail, or in person. All requests must be submitted in writing and be specific in the request.

Designated FOIA Officer: Melissa Amedeo

Email: [amedeo@dcedc.org](mailto:amedeo@dcedc.org)

Mail: ATTN: DCEDC FOIA Officer; 2179 Sycamore Road; Unit 102; DeKalb, IL 60115

The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) is a state statute (5 ILCS 140/1-140/11) that provides for a straight-forward, easy-to-use method for the public to gain access government records. Any person who wishes to inspect and/or obtain copies of records from the DeKalb County Enterprise Zone Advisory Board shall follow the rules below, in accordance with the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, effective July 1, 1984.

Find additional information about FOIA and Frequently Asked Questions by visiting the Office of the [Illinois Attorney General webpage](#).



**DeKalb County Enterprise Zone Advisory Board Members**

DCEDC Executive Director

**Melissa Amedeo, Enterprise Zone Administrator**

DCEDC Executive Committee

**Pramit Patel, Board President**  
President EO5 Hotels-  
Development & Acquisitions

**Cortney Strohacker, Board Vice President**  
Executive Director DeKalb  
County Convention & Visitors  
Bureau

**Tia Anderson, Board Treasurer**  
Assistant Vice President and  
Retail Manager at Heartland  
Bank & Trust Company in  
DeKalb

**Rob Larkins, Board Secretary**  
PT, DPT, OCS; Northern Rehab

**Michael Kokott, Immediate Board Past President**  
Vice President Operations for  
Northwestern Medicine  
Kishwaukee Hospital & Valley  
West Hospital

**Dr. Laurie Borowicz**  
President, Kishwaukee College

**Paul Callighan**  
Retired -External Affairs, ComEd

**Dr. Lisa Freeman**  
President, Northern Illinois  
University

**Derek Hiland**  
Administrator, DeKalb County  
Government

**Michael Hall**  
City Manager, City of Sycamore

**Tom Matya**  
Executive Director, Opportunity  
House

**Greg Millburg**  
Manager, DeKalb County Farm  
Bureau

**Bill Nicklas**  
City Manager, City of DeKalb

**Frank Roberts**  
Vice-President/Managing  
Director First National Bank of  
Omaha

**Dan Templin**  
Executive Director, DeKalb  
County Community Foundation

Participating Units of Government/Taxing Bodies

**Jonelle Bailey**  
Sycamore Park District

**Jen Barton**  
Genoa Public Library

**Randy Bourdages**  
Afton Township

**Jonathon Brust**  
City of Genoa

**Dan Carson II**  
Pierce Township

**Armir Doka**  
DeKalb CUSD #428

**Mark Eddington**  
Kishwaukee Water Reclamation  
District

**Emily Faulkner**  
DeKalb Public Library

**Anton Feitlich**  
Village of Waterman



**Jill Fletcher**  
Kishwaukee College

**Terry Hannan**  
DeKalb County Forest Preserve

**Nelson Hillquist**  
Afton Road & Bridge

**Allysa Seguss**  
City of Genoa

**Chad Willis**  
Indian Creek CUSD #425

**John Frieders**  
DeKalb County Board Chair

**Jim Hanson**  
Genoa Township

**Todd Latham**  
City of Sandwich

**Nicole Stuckert**  
Sycamore CUSD #427

**Paul Zepezauer**  
DeKalb Park District

**Kim Halsey**  
Sycamore Public Library

**Mary Hess**  
DeKalb Township Supervisor

**Mark Pietrowski, Jr.**  
Town of Cortland

**Dr. Chad Wagner**  
Genoa-Kingston CUSD #424