



Region 1 Planning Council Board

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 5, 2026

127 N Wyman St, Ste 100, Rockford, IL 61101

1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Mayor Jury at 8:00 am.

2. Roll Call

A quorum was present. Attending members included:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Boone County	<input type="checkbox"/>	McHenry County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chicago Rockford Int'l Airport	<input type="checkbox"/>	McHenry County Economic Development Corporation
<input type="checkbox"/>	City of Belvidere	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nicor / Southern Co
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City of Freeport	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Northern Illinois University
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City of Loves Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	Northwestern Illinois Building Trades
<input type="checkbox"/>	City of Rochelle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	North Park Public Water District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City of Rockford	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rochelle Economic Development Corporation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City of South Beloit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rockford Mass Transit District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ComEd	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rockford Park District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community Advisory Forum Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rock Valley College
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Four Rivers Sanitation Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephenson County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Greater Freeport Partnership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Village of Cherry Valley
<input type="checkbox"/>	Greater Rockford Chamber of Commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Village of Machesney Park
<input type="checkbox"/>	Growth Dimensions	<input type="checkbox"/>	Village of Roscoe
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Highland Community College	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Winnebago County
<input type="checkbox"/>	McHenry County College	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Workforce Connection

Guests: R1 Staff, Krista Brodersen

3. Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the Board.

4. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of November 13, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Winnebago County, seconded by Boone County, to **approve** the meeting minutes.

Motion **approved** unanimously by voice vote.

5. Presentation: Regional Health Atlas Indicators – Jason Holcomb, R1 Director of Community Impact

Mr. Holcomb explained the regional benefits of R1’s health atlas tool and demonstrated the site’s features. He also provided a revised list of indicators that will be included on the site. Board members are invited to attend a future Regional Data Advisory Committee meeting if interested in participating.

Questions and comments followed.

Vote to Approve Regional Health Atlas Indicators

Motion by City of Machesney Park, seconded by Winnebago County, to **approve** the Regional Health Atlas Indicators.

Motion **approved** unanimously by voice vote.

6. Presentation: Financial Audit – Jason Coyle and Cindy Parks, Tilly Baker

Mr. Coyle gave a high-level overview of the FY 25 financial audit results and resulting recommendations. There were no questions.

7. Vote on RES 2026-02: Approve FY25 Audit

Motion by ComEd, seconded by Winnebago County, to **approve** RES 2026-02.

Motion **approved** unanimously by voice vote.

8. Presentation: EPA Removal Program – Colin Hendrickson, EPA Federal On-Scene Coordinator

Mr. Hendrickson gave an overview of the EPA Removal Program, which oversees hazardous material cleanup. Cleanup may be in response to emergencies (immediate), time-critical (within 6 months) or remedial (long-term). This program is separate from environmental cleanup that Northern Illinois Land Bank Authority (NILBA) conducts on its properties. The board was encouraged to refer sites of concern to Mr. Hendrickson. Mr. Hendrickson was available to take questions after the meeting.

9. Q2 Financial Results

Mr. Dunn presented the Q2 financial results.

10. Executive Director’s Report

Mr. Dunn reported that the Northern Illinois Council of Governments continues to meet with the region’s elected state legislators regarding current development and housing topics. Mr. Verbeke announced that the MPO received an Illinois Community Highway Safety Program in January. The grant focuses on pedestrian and bicycle safety; funds will be used for engineering and design to improve safety around school zones. Any recommendations on school districts that might be interested in participating should be sent to Mr. Verbeke.

11. Other Business

There was no other business.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Village of Machesney Park, seconded by Rockford Mass Transit District, to **adjourn**.

Motion **approved** unanimously by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 am.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 14, 2026

Meeting minutes prepared by: Amy Salamon
Minutes approved by action of the Board: _____