



**University of Illinois Extension
8751 S. Greenwood Ave., Suites 112-122
Chicago, IL 60619
Cook County Extension Council Meeting
Thursday, June 5, 2025
Minutes**

Meeting Attendees: Richard Juarez and Eric Meredith.

Staff Attendees: Leonard Parker, Michael Neil, Rainah Folk.

Welcome and Introductions

The Chair, Richard Juarez, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes were reviewed, but approval was postponed due to a lack of quorum.

County Director's Updates

- **SNAP-Education Program Funding.** *Assistant Director Parker:* Proposed federal legislation threatens to eliminate funding for SNAP-Education nationwide, including Illinois Extension programs. Extension and the College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences are committed to the work of SNAP-Ed and will continue to advocate until the budget is signed into law.

Old Business

- **New Extension Council member recruitment.** We are continuing our efforts to identify potential new members.

New Business

- **Extension Council Meeting Evaluation and Self-evaluation forms.** Annually, council members are given an opportunity to provide feedback on their experience serving on the council and the effectiveness of the meetings. The evaluations help us to enhance the council's effectiveness and, as a result, our unit's effectiveness. The forms will be sent to council members in the near future.
- **Extension Council appointment forms.** Annually, we must submit an update to the regional office detailing the council's makeup (members, officers, etc.) for the upcoming year. The forms are in the process of being completed and submitted to the Region 1 Office.
- **Extension Council Audit Committee.** The Audit Committee works with the county director to complete and submit the annual audit report for the Unit's locally held In-and-Out accounts. Council leadership requested more information about the committee and its responsibilities. The requested information will be shared with the leadership team.

Announcements

- None

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

The next meeting date is September 18, 2025.

Minutes respectively submitted by Michael Neil.