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Via electronic mail

The Honorable Rickey Williams, Jr.
Mayor
City of Danville
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RE: OMA Request for Review – 2021 PAC 67737
Requester: Mr. Christopher Hansen
Date of Meetings: February 16, 2021, March 2, 2021, March 16, 2021

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Public Access Bureau has received a Request for Review under section 3.5(a) of the Open Meetings Act (OMA) (5 ILCS 120/3.5(a) (West 2018)) from Mr. Christopher Hansen alleging that the City Council of the City of Danville (City Council) violated OMA at its February 16, 2021, March 2, 2021, and March 16, 2021, meetings. Specifically, Mr. Hansen alleges that the City Council violated the requirements of section 7(e) of OMA (5 ILCS 120/7(e) (West 2018), as amended by Public Act 101-640, effective June 12, 2020) at those meetings. Mr. Hansen's Request for Review is attached for your review.

We have determined that further action is warranted. In order to evaluate further this matter, we ask the Board or its legal representative to respond in writing to the allegations in items #2 and #3 of Mr. Hansen's Request for Review. With respect to item #2, please clarify whether any City Council members or Village personnel were physically present at the regular meeting location for the three meetings at issue or if it was unfeasible due to the disaster or disaster declaration. With respect to item #3, please explain whether all City Council votes were conducted by roll call at the three meetings, and address Mr. Hansen's claim that some of the City Council members' individual votes were inaudible. For each of the three meetings at issue, please also provide copies of the meeting agenda, minutes, and verbatim recording of the open session portion of the meeting.

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As required by section 3.5(b) of OMA (5 ILCS 120/3.5(b) (West 2018), please provide this information to our office within 7 business days after receipt of this letter. As we review this matter, we will notify you if we require additional records or information. Please note that under OMA, this office is required to forward a copy of any response from a public body to the requester and provide the requester an opportunity to reply. 5 ILCS 120/3.5 (West 2018). **If you claim that any portion of your written response is confidential, please send two versions of your response letter: a complete copy for this office's confidential review and a redacted version suitable for this office to forward to the requester.**

Please contact me at 312-814-5206 or teresa.lim@illinois.gov if you have questions or would like to discuss this matter. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



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Assistant Attorney General
Public Access Bureau

Enclosure

cc: *Via electronic mail*
Mr. Christopher Hansen
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