



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County
Minutes of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee**

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

2:00 PM

**Cook County Building, Board Room
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (17)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chairman Suffredin asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code.

George Blakemore - Concerned Citizen

Mark F. Armstrong - Chicago Urban Fine Arts Commonwealth

[19-3006](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 3/20/2019

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, to approve 19-3006. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (17)

[19-2304](#)

Presented by: THOMAS J. DART, Sheriff of Cook County

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Kimberly Pate Godden

Position: Member

Department/Board/Commission: Cook County Sheriff's Merit Board

Effective date: Immediate

Expiration date: Third Monday in March, 2025, or until a successor is appointed and qualified.

Summary: This appointment is being made pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/3-7002 as amended by the 100th General Assembly and shall be effective immediately and "shall be staggered consistently with the terms of the other Board members. Successors ... shall be appointed to hold office for a term ending on the third Monday in March 6 years following the preceding term expiration."

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to recommend for approval 19-2304. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (17)

[19-2121](#)

Presented by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Lamarr X Miller

Position: Trustee

Department/Board/Commission: South Cook County Mosquito Abatement District

Effective date: 4/25/2019

Expiration date: 4/25/2023

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to recommend for approval 19-2121. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry,
Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (17)

[19-1443](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Karen Riley

Position: Board Member

Department/Board/Commission: Cook County Commission on Small Business and Supplier Diversity

Effective date: 2/21/2019

Expiration date: 2/21/2021

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to recommend for approval 19-1443. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry,
Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (17)

[19-2292](#)

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, LARRY SUFFREDIN, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR,
SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON
JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON,
SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI,
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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**URGING THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO AMEND THE PROPERTY TAX
CODE REGARDING THE SENIOR CITIZENS HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION**

WHEREAS, Cook County senior homeowners may reduce their tax bills by hundreds or even thousands of dollars a year by taking advantage of the Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption; and

WHEREAS, the Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption reduces the Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) of a home, which is multiplied by the tax rate to determine a homeowner's tax bill; and

WHEREAS, to receive the Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption, an applicant must have owned and occupied the property as of January 1 and must have been 65 years of age or older during the tax year in question; and

WHEREAS, under current state law, senior citizen homeowners must re-apply for the Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption every year; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly is currently considering various legislative proposals to eliminate the need for qualifying senior homeowners already granted the Seniors Citizens Homestead Exemption to reapply annually for the Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption; and

WHEREAS, The Cook County Treasurer's office reported thousands of taxpayers who had previously received a senior exemption didn't renew this year and, countywide, seniors can save an average of \$300 a year in property taxes with the exemption; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Cook County senior homeowners for the Cook County Board of Commissioners to support efforts by the Illinois General Assembly to streamline and simplify the Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption process; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby urge the Illinois General Assembly to amend the Property Tax Code regarding the Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption and eliminate the necessity of senior homeowners to apply annually for the exemption; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, the President of the Illinois Senate and the Governor of Illinois.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to accept as substituted 19-2292. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry,
Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (17)

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (17)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

A video recording of this meeting is available at <https://cook-county.legistar.com>.