



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

10:45 AM

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

Issued on: 6/30/2026

NOTICE AND AGENDA

There will be a meeting of the Committee or Subcommittee of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County at the date, time and location listed above to consider the following:

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have registered to speak, with the Secretary, 24 hours in advance of the meeting. To register as a public speaker, go to the meeting details page for this meeting at <https://cook-county.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> to find a registration link. Duly authorized public speakers may speak live from the County Board Room at 118 N. Clark Street, 5th Floor, Chicago, IL or be sent a link to virtually attend the meeting and will be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. After each virtual speaker has completed their statement, they will be removed from the meeting. Once removed, you will still be able to follow the proceedings for that day at:

<https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings> or in a viewing area at 69 W. Washington Street, 22nd Floor Collaborative Room 2, Chicago, IL. Persons authorized to provide public testimony are encouraged to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting and shall not use vulgar, abusive, discriminatory, profane, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony. Written comments will not be read aloud at the meeting, but will be posted on the meeting page and made a part of the meeting record.

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 6/10/2026

[26-1754](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Angela Manning Hardimon

Position: Cook County Chief Financial Officer

Department/Board/Commission: Bureau of Finance

Effective date: June 15, 2026

Expiration date: N/A

Legislative History : 6/11/26 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta

[26-1737](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Appointee 1; Three Year Initial Term

Position: Director

Department/Board/Commission: Chicago Transit Authority "CTA" + Northern Illinois Transit Authority "NITA". Per State statute, Appointee serves in a dual capacity as a Director on CTA and NITA. Geographic Restriction: Cook County.

Effective date: September 1, 2026

Expiration date: August 31, 2029

Legislative History : 6/11/26 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta

[26-1738](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Appointee 2; Five Year Initial Term

Position: Director

Department/Board/Commission: Chicago Transit Authority "CTA". Per State statute, Appointee serves in a single capacity as a Director on CTA. Geographic Restriction: Cook County.

Effective date: September 1, 2026

Expiration date: August 31, 2031

Legislative History : 6/11/26 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta

[26-1740](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Appointee 3; Three Year Initial Term

Position: Director

Department/Board/Commission: Metra + Northern Illinois Transit Authority "NITA". Per State statute, Appointee serves in a dual capacity as a Director on Metra and NITA. Geographic Restriction: Southwest Suburban Cook County, as defined at 70 ILCS 3615/3.01(b).

Effective date: September 1, 2026

Expiration date: August 31, 2029

Legislative History : 6/11/26 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta

[26-1741](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Appointee 4; Initial Term Five Years

Position: Director

Department/Board/Commission: Metra + Northern Illinois Transit Authority "NITA". Per State statute, Appointee serves in a dual capacity as a Director on Metra and NITA. Geographic Restriction: South Suburban Cook County, as defined at 70 ILCS 3615/3.01(b).

Effective date: September 1, 2026

Expiration date: August 31, 2031

Legislative History : 6/11/26 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta

[26-1742](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Appointee 5; Initial Term Three Years

Position: Director

Department/Board/Commission: Metra. Per State statute, Appointee serves in a single capacity as a Director on Metra. Geographic Restriction: Cook County

Effective date: September 1, 2026

Expiration date: August 31, 2029

Legislative History : 6/11/26 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta

[26-1743](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Appointee 6; Initial Term Five Years

Position: Director

Department/Board/Commission: Pace + Northern Illinois Transit Authority "NITA". Per State statute, Appointee serves in a dual capacity as a Director on Pace and NITA. Geographic Restriction: West Suburban Cook County, as defined at 70 ILCS 3615/3.01(b).

Effective date: September 1, 2026

Expiration date: August 31, 2031

Legislative History : 6/11/26 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta

[26-1744](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Appointee 7; Initial Term Three Years

Position: Director

Department/Board/Commission: Pace + Northern Illinois Transit Authority "NITA". Per State statute, Appointee serves in a dual capacity as a Director on Pace and NITA. Geographic Restriction: North Suburban Cook County, as defined at 70 ILCS 3615/3.01(b).

Effective date: September 1, 2026

Expiration date: August 31, 2029

Legislative History : 6/11/26 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta

[26-1746](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Appointee 8; Initial Term Five Years

Position: Director

Department/Board/Commission: Pace. Per State statute, Appointee serves in a single capacity as a Director on Pace. Geographic Restriction: Cook County

Effective date: September 1, 2026

Expiration date: August 31, 2031

Legislative History : 6/11/26 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta

[26-1745](#)

Sponsored by: TARA S. STAMPS, FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), MICHAEL SCOTT JR., MAGGIE TREVOR and JESSICA VÁSQUEZ, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE COOK COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE ON RECEIVING THE U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION'S CLEARINGHOUSE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, as the chief election authority for suburban Cook County, the Cook County Clerk bears the vital responsibility of safeguarding elections that are fair, efficient, accessible, and secure, a charge that Cook County Clerk Monica Gordon has embraced with seriousness, integrity, and a steadfast commitment to expanding voter participation; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of investing in the next generation of civic leaders, Clerk Monica Gordon launched a High School Early Voting Program for the 2026 Gubernatorial Election in Cook County, placing students at the center of real-world election operations as both Election Judges and voters; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk’s “Defenders of DA’mocracy” program is believed to be the first of its kind in the nation and was developed through a public-private partnership with the Chicago Bears; and through Bears-branded materials, video messages, and leadership participation, the initiative uses a culturally relevant platform to engage students in meaningful civic participation and make the election process tangible and exciting for young people; and

WHEREAS, students from 24 suburban high schools were trained and certified as official Election Judges to operate on-campus Early Voting sites for the March 17 Gubernatorial Primary, and, under the supervision of the Clerk’s Office, they managed voter check-in, ballot processing, and equipment while adhering to strict security and chain-of-custody protocols, thereby gaining an authentic and hands-on civic experience; and

WHEREAS, the initiative builds civic confidence, demystifies election administration, and cultivates a pipeline of future Election Judges and engaged young voters; and with the support of the Chicago Bears amplifying outreach, the program demonstrates how innovative partnerships can expand participation and empower the next generation of civic leaders; and

WHEREAS, by combining traditional election tools, including voter check-in systems and ballot processing, with innovative engagement strategies, the program cultivates future civic leaders while expanding participation; and its adaptable design offers a scalable model that can be replicated to engage young people in meaningful, hands-on civic participation; and

WHEREAS, the program strengthens outcomes for voters, students, and election administrators alike; and by placing Early Voting sites inside high schools, it removes barriers and provides convenient, trusted locations within local communities, while introducing young voters to the process in a familiar environment that increases confidence and encourages long-term participation; and

WHEREAS, the program builds a sustainable pipeline of trained Election Judges and Polling Place Technicians; and students receive hands-on training, gain paid civic experience, and often return to serve in future elections, an investment that reduces staffing shortages, enhances professionalism at polling locations, and strengthens operational continuity; and beyond its operational value, the initiative has instilled a renewed sense of pride among Elections staff, who play a direct role in welcoming young voters into a lifelong relationship with civic participation; and

WHEREAS, the program transforms civic education into civic action, cultivating the next generation of informed voters and defenders of democracy while strengthening election operations for years to come; and

WHEREAS, this year, the Cook County Clerk’s Office was recognized by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) with a national Clearinghouse Award for excellence in election administration in the category of Distinguished Voter Education and Communications Initiatives for its innovative High School

Early Voting Program; and

WHEREAS, the EAC presents these awards annually to recognize best practices in election administration, and the Clerk's Defenders of DA'mocracy High School Early Voting Program was one of 46 programs nationwide to receive a Clearinghouse Award; and

WHEREAS, also known as the "Clearies," these awards play an essential role in fulfilling the EAC's mission under the Help America Vote Act to serve as a clearinghouse for election administration information, and the EAC is an independent, bipartisan federal agency solely focused on election administration; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Clerk's Office will continue expanding the Defenders of DA'mocracy initiative by creating new opportunities for young people to engage with leadership, government, and civic participation in ways that feel real and meaningful, including bringing interactive civic engagement experiences directly into classrooms across the county and offering Civics and Social Sciences instruction focused on voting, elections, leadership, civic responsibility, and community impact.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that this body hereby congratulates Cook County Clerk Monica Gordon and the Cook County Clerk's Office on receiving the EAC's Clearinghouse Award for the Defenders of DA'mocracy High School Early Voting Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners commends and supports continued efforts to expand this program and encourages broader participation in its events and initiatives so that more young people may serve as Election Judges and become meaningfully engaged in the electoral process.

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[26-0724](#)

Presented by: AVIK DAS, Executive Director, Justice Advisory Council

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Department: Justice Advisory Council

Other Part(ies): Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Approve third amendment to intergovernmental agreement

Goods or Services Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority supports capacity building in

organizations providing violence prevention services

Agreement Number(s): N/A

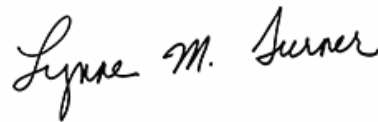
Agreement Period: Original Agreement: 8/4/2023-6/30/26; extension period 6/30/26-6/30/27

Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: N/A

Summary: The proposed amendment to Cook County's agreement with the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) reflects an adjustment to the agreement term, extending it by one year. ICJIA provides capacity building support through their "Institute to Innovate" (i2i), in which violence prevention organizations participate in a structured 18-month curriculum of capacity building to promote the administrative and governance capacity of participant organizations. Capacity building is a fundamental part of the ongoing work of the state, county and city's Government Alliance for Safe Communities (GASC) collaboration. The original intergovernmental agreement was passed by the county board in July 2023 (#23-3799), Amendment 1 was passed November 2023 (#23-5469) and amendment 2 was passed in September 2025 (#25-2917).

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