



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County
Minutes of the 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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison,
Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (12)

Absent: Britton, Gainer, Moore and S. Morrison (4)

**Vice Chairwoman Degnen asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public
speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code.**

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No Public Speakers

[26-1902](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, to approve
26-1902. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, Morrison, Scott,
Trevor and Vásquez (12)

Absent: Britton, Gainer, Moore and Morrison (4)

[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

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Vásquez, to recommend for approval 26-1754. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (12)

Absent: Britton, Gainer, Moore and Morrison (4)

[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

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, to accept as substituted 26-1737. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, Morrison, Scott,
Trevor and Vásquez (12)

Absent: Britton, Gainer, Moore and Morrison (4)

[26-1737](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Tom Kotarac; Three Year Initial Term

Position: Director

Department/Board/Commission: Chicago Transit Authority “CTA” + Northern Illinois Transit Authority
“NITA”. Per 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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, to
recommend for approval as substituted 26-1737. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, Morrison, Scott,
Trevor and Vásquez (12)

Absent: Britton, Gainer, Moore and Morrison (4)

[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

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, to accept as substituted 26-1738. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (12)

Absent: Britton, Gainer, Moore and Morrison (4)

[26-1738](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Ann Kalayil; 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

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to recommend for approval as substituted 26-1738. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (12)

Absent: Britton, Gainer, Moore and Morrison (4)

[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

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, to accept as substituted 26-1740. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (12)

Absent: Britton, Gainer, Moore and Morrison (4)

[26-1740](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Diane Williams; 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

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to recommend for approval as substituted 26-1740. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (12)

Absent: Britton, Gainer, Moore and Morrison (4)

[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

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, to accept as substituted 26-1741. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (12)

Absent: Britton, Gainer, Moore and Morrison (4)

[26-1741](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Romaine Brown; 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

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Scott, to recommend for approval as substituted 26-1741. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (12)

Absent: Britton, Gainer, Moore and Morrison (4)

[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

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, to accept as substituted 26-1742. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (12)

Absent: Britton, Gainer, Moore and Morrison (4)

[26-1742](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Joe Szabo; 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

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Vásquez, to recommend for approval as substituted 26-1742. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (12)

Absent: Britton, Gainer, Moore and Morrison (4)

[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

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, to accept as substituted 26-1743. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (12)

Absent: Britton, Gainer, Moore and Morrison (4)

[26-1743](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Rory Hoskins; 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

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, to recommend for approval as substituted 26-1743. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (12)

Absent: Britton, Gainer, Moore and Morrison (4)

[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

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, to accept as substituted 26-1744. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (12)

Absent: Britton, Gainer, Moore and Morrison (4)

[26-1744](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Luis Montgomery; 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

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to recommend for approval as substituted 26-1744. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, Morrison, Scott and Vásquez (11)

Present: Trevor (1)

Absent: Britton, Gainer, Moore and Morrison (4)

[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

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, to accept as substituted 26-1746. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (12)

Absent: Britton, Gainer, Moore and Morrison (4)

[26-1746](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Terry Wells; 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

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner McCaskill, to recommend for approval as substituted 26-1746. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (12)

Absent: Britton, Gainer, Moore and Morrison (4)

[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.

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Scott, to defer 26-1745. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (12)

Absent: Britton, Gainer, Moore and Morrison (4)

[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).

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to recommend for approval 26-0724. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (12)

Absent: Britton, Gainer, Moore and Morrison (4)

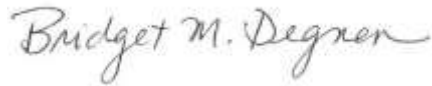
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner McCaskill, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

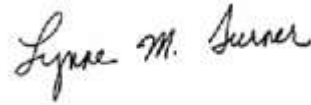
Ayes: Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (12)

Absent: Britton, Gainer, Moore and Morrison (4)

Respectfully submitted,



Vice Chairwoman



Secretary

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