



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County
Minutes of the Rules and Administration Committee**

9:30 AM

Wednesday, September 20, 2023,

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Lowry, Degnen, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Miller, Morita, and S. Morrison (9)

A motion was made by Commissioner Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to allow for remote participation in the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Lowry, Degnen, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Miller, Morita, and S. Morrison (9)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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

1. Mark Armstrong - Chicago Urban Fine Arts Commonwealth
2. George Blakemore - Concerned citizen
3. Todd Thielmann - Palos Heights

23-4902

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 7/19/2023

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, to approve 23-4902. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Lowry, Degnen, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Miller, Morita, and S. Morrison (9)

23-4393

Presented by: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

COOK COUNTY CLERK, Karen A. Yarbrough, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the July 20, 2023.

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to recommend for approval 23-4393. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Lowry, Degnen, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Miller, Morita, and S. Morrison (9)

23-2230

Presented by: JENNIFER KING, Acting Executive Director, Department of Human Rights and Ethics

PROPOSED CHANGES TO PUBLIC FACING RULES AND REGULATIONS

Department: Department of Human Rights and Ethics

Summary: Amendments were made to the Cook County Board of Ethics Procedural Rules to align with the December 2021 amendments to Code of Ordinances of Cook County Illinois, Division 2. Code of Ethical Conduct.

Amendments include:

Addition of Section 9.9 - De Minimis Personal Use of Cook County Property and Resources;

Addition of Section 9.10 - Dual Employment;

Amendment to Section 3.10 - Statements by the General Public at Board Meetings to affirm procedural and etiquette expectations;

Amendment to Section 4.5 - Form of Request for Advisory Opinions to affirm Advisory Opinions must be requested in writing;

Amendment to Section 5.9 - Notice of Investigation and Opportunity to Present Information to affirm that the Board is not required to reveal the existence or nature of an investigation in order to preserve the confidentiality and integrity of any investigative inquiry;

Amendment to Section 5.15 - Time to Complete Investigation and Suspension of Investigation to affirm the Board will complete investigations as promptly as reasonable under the circumstances; and

Amendment to Section 8.1 - Limitations on Contributions to clarify procedures regarding receipt of contributions that exceed contribution limits of Sec. 2-585.

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to recommend for approval 23-2230. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Lowry, Degnen, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Miller, Morita, and S. Morrison (9)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Lowry, Degnen, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Miller, Morita and S. Morrison (9)

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman

Lynne M. Turner

Secretary

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