



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

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

9:30 AM

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

Issued on: 5/6/2026

ATTENDANCE

Present: Britton, Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: McCaskill, Moore and Stamps (3)

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

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: McCaskill, Moore and Stamps (3)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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

1) Saleshea Peterson - Hug A Child NFP

2) Jessica Jackson - Concerned Citizen

3) Mose Stamps - Ignite

4) Deangelo Stoutmire - Ignite

[26-1434](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 4/15/2026

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, to approve 26-1434. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: McCaskill, Moore and Stamps (3)

[26-1188](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Olive Brown

Position: Resident Commissioner

Department/Board/Commission: Housing Authority of Cook County

Effective date: 5/14/2026

Expiration date: 5/14/2031

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, to recommend for approval 26-1188. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: McCaskill, Moore and Stamps (3)

[26-1017](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF ENGAGING YOUTH TO SHAPE POLICY AND BUILD OPPORTUNITY IN HONOR OF COOK COUNTY YOUTH DAY

WHEREAS, according to the most recent United States census data and current census data estimates, presented by the World Population Review, Cook County has an approximate population of 5.04 million residents; and

WHEREAS, according to American Community Survey (ACS) estimates from 2019 through 2023, Cook County has approximately 1.57 million residents, or approximately 31.2% Cook County's population, under the age of twenty-seven (27); and

WHEREAS, according to most recent compiled census data, presented by the world population review, there are approximately 1.2 million residents, or approximately 23.8% Cook County's population, under the age of twenty (20); and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2019, The Cook County Board of Commissioners passed Resolution 19-2397 establishing Youth Day at the County, as such, it is important to recognize our commitment to the well-being and success of our youth; and

WHEREAS, youth across Cook County face myriad issues directly affecting their physical, mental, and behavioral health. These issues range from violence and other adverse childhood experiences, mental health and healthcare disparity, food deserts, and lack of economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Cook County finds it in its best interest to invest in building the next generation of Cook County leaders through education, discussion, and policy development of vital importance to the future of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Cook County seeks to build a setting where young people from across Cook County can share their common goals while better understanding their differences; and

WHEREAS, the County Board President, Commissioners, Justice Advisory Council and Offices under the President recognize that successful childhoods lead to successful neighborhoods and that the experiences of our most vulnerable children and young adults incorporate experiences that touch multiple systems and social services; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the President through its Diversity, Equity and Inclusion program leadership guides the scope of work and implementation of a youth engagement plan to build Cook County's capacity to center the voices and needs of the county's youth in its community-based and system-wide policies and operations; and

WHEREAS, and the Justice Advisory Council intends to engage specialized technical assistance through a third-party organization with demonstrated experience in youth leadership development and civic engagement to assist in the administration, convening, and coordination of youth to help Cook County deliver on this youth engagement plan; and

WHEREAS, this youth engagement plan will be designed to formalize youth voice within Cook County government

and ensure that young people, including those from historically under-resourced communities, are seen, heard, and valued in policies and initiatives that affect their lives. Youth council members will address priorities aligned with the Board of Commissioners, including but not limited to public safety, youth justice reform, economic and community development, health and human services, environmental sustainability, infrastructure, and civic engagement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in recognition of Cook County Youth Day the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners supports the Office of the President and Justice Advisory Council's development and implementation of a youth engagement plan including the engagement of a technical service organization to assist in the administration, convening, and coordinating a youth council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the youth council is intended to engage 20 young people, ages 14-21 from across Cook County, including Chicago neighborhoods and surrounding suburbs, and will be drawn from diverse backgrounds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this inaugural initiative will strengthen Cook County Government's capacity to receive and respond to the concerns of youth across all county districts in ways that shape policy and practice, and strengthens partnerships across community based social services designed to support youth and families.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Vice Chairwoman Degnen, to accept as substituted 26-1017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: McCaskill, Moore and Stamps (3)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to recommend for approval as substituted 26-1017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: McCaskill, Moore and Stamps (3)

[26-1147](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE COOK COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE TO APPEAR BEFORE THE LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE MARCH 17, 2026 ELECTION AND NEW ELECTION INITIATIVES

WHEREAS, the Cook County Clerk's Office is charged with administering elections and maintaining the integrity of the electoral process for residents of suburban Cook County; and

WHEREAS, an election was held on March 17, 2026, requiring coordination of polling places, election workers, equipment, and voter outreach efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the County Board receive a comprehensive report on the administration of this election, including voter turnout, operational performance, challenges encountered, and any corrective actions taken; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk's Office continues to develop and implement new initiatives to improve election administration, including the deployment of innovative technologies such as the "LENS" system designed to monitor voter turnout and departmental operations in real time; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has an interest in understanding how such technologies are being utilized, their effectiveness, and their impact on efficiency; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby calls upon the Cook County Clerk and election staff in the Clerk's Office to appear before the Board's Legislation and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk's Office shall provide an update on the March 17, 2026 election, including but not limited to voter turnout data, operational performance, resource allocation, and any issues encountered during the administration of the election; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk's Office shall brief the Committee on all new and ongoing election-related initiatives, including the implementation and use of the "LENS" technology; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such briefing shall include information regarding the goals, functionality, costs, data usage and anticipated outcomes associated with these initiatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk's Office shall be prepared to answer questions from Commissioners and provide any additional documentation requested by the Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Cook County Clerk and all relevant parties.

A motion was made by Commissioner Aguilar, seconded by Vice Chairwoman Degnen, to recommend for approval 26-1147. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Aguilar, Daley, Lowry, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison,
Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (12)

Excused Absence: McCaskill, Moore and Stamps (3)

Absent: Anaya, Gainer (2)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

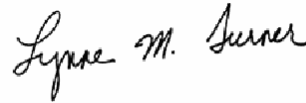
Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, Miller, Morita, K.
Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: McCaskill, Moore and Stamps (3)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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