



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

**1:30 PM**

**Wednesday, March 15, 2023**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Britton, Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (16)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

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

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (16)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

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

**1. George Blakemore**

**23-1839**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 02/08/2023

**A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Daley, that this Committee Minutes be approve. The motion carried.**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (16)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

**23-1273**

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

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** James Sexton

**Position:** Member

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

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** Third Monday in March 2029, or until a successor is appointed and qualified

This appointment is being made pursuant to 55ILCS 5/3-7002, as amended by the 100th General Assembly and shall be effective immediately. Pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/3-7002, as amended by the 100th General Assembly, the appointment of each existing member of the Merit Board was abolished on the effective date of 55ILCS 5/3-7002 as amended by the 100th General Assembly.

**A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to recommend for approval 23-1273. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (16)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

**23-1324**

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

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Alderman Samantha Nugent

**Position:** Mayoral Appointment to the Cook County Environment Commission

**Department/Board/Commission:** Cook County Environmental Commission

**Effective date:** Immediately upon passage

**Expiration date:** March 2025

**A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to recommend for approval 23-1324. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (16)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

**23-1359**

**Sponsored by:** BILL LOWRY, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**COOK COUNTY CANNABIS COMMISSION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**Sec. 2-504. Cook County Cannabis Commission.**

(a) *Commission members.* The Cook County Cannabis Commission will comprise of 11 members.

- (1) The Cannabis Commission will include seven Commissioners. ~~The Vice-Chair of the Litigation Sub-Committee Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee, the Chair of the Zoning and Building Committee, the Vice-Chair of Business and Economic Development Committee, the Vice-Chair of the Criminal Justice Committee, the Chair of Health and Hospitals Committee and the Chair of the Rules and Administration Committee. The Vice-Chair of the Litigation Sub-Committee Chair of the Rules and Administration Committee shall serve as the Chair of the Commission and the Chair of Finance Committee shall serve as the Vice-Chair of the Commission. In the event any of the seven above-mentioned Commissioners are unable to attend a Cannabis Commission meeting, the absent Commissioner may, through written notification to the Chair of the Cannabis Commission and the Secretary to the Board, and no later than two business days prior to the Cannabis Commission meeting, appoint the vice chair of their respective committee to serve on the Commission for the duration of the subsequent Cannabis Commission meeting.~~
- (2) The Cannabis Commission will also include an employee representative of the Department of Public Health, the Justice Advisory Council, the Bureau of Finance, and the Bureau of Economic Development; said employee representatives will be appointed by the President.

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption (or give specific date)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to accept as substituted 23-1359. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (16)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to recommend for approval as substituted 23-1359. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (14)

**Present:** Degnen and Gainer (2)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

**23-1454**

**Sponsored by:** SCOTT R. BRITTON, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**REQUESTING A HEARING OF THE LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS PENDING LEGISLATION BEFORE THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS**

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois General Assembly and the United States Congress are currently considering numerous bills that effect the services and operation of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County's intergovernmental relations staff and hired lobbyists are actively monitoring the legislation that effects Cook County's services and operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners wishes to be updated on the status of certain bills pending before the Illinois General Assembly and the United States Congress so that it may take positions and communicate such positions to the legislation bodies on the relevant proposed legislation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby request that a meeting of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee be convened to discuss the status of pending legislation in the Illinois General Assembly and the United States Congress; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs appear before the Committee and be prepared to update the Committee on legislation pending before the General Assembly and the United States Congress that affects Cook County's services and operations,

**A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Daley, that this Resolution be defer. The motion carried.**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (16)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.**

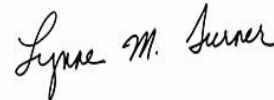
**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (16)

**Absent:** Johnson (1)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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