



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

10:45 AM

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

Issued on: 6/3/2026

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 5/12/2026

[26-1379](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Brian J. Phelan

Position: Member

Department/Board/Commission: Independent Revenue Forecasting Commission

Effective date: 6/11/2026

Expiration date: 6/11/2029

Legislative History : 5/14/26 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta

[26-1413](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Michael Rasic

Position: Trustee

Department/Board/Commission: Norwood Park Street Lighting District

Effective date: 6/11/2026

Expiration date: 6/11/2029

Legislative History : 5/14/26 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta

[26-1414](#)

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

VACANCIES

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 2 - Administration, Article IV (Officers and Employees, Division 1 - Generally, Section 2-142 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

Sec. 2-142. Vacancies.

The following provisions shall apply to the following separately elected positions: Assessor, County Clerk, Sheriff, and Treasurer (hereafter also referred to as "County Office" or "County Officer"):

- (a) *Committee of same political party to appoint.* In the event of a vacancy, such vacancy shall be filled to no longer than the end of the unexpired term as dictated by this Section by appointment. The appointment shall be done by the appropriate committeepersons of the political party of which the incumbent was a candidate at the time of the candidate's election or appointment. The appointee shall also be of the same political party that the incumbent was at the time of election or appointment.
- (b) *Composition of committee.* In the event of a vacancy, the committee that shall appoint the separately elected County Officer shall consist of Cook County committeepersons of the same political party that the incumbent was at the time of election or appointment. In making appointments under this Section, each committeeperson shall be entitled to one vote. A candidate is required to receive the majority of the total number of votes in order to be appointed. In making appointments under this Section, each Cook County township or ward committeeperson shall be entitled to one vote for each vote that was received, in that Cook County township or ward which the committeeperson represents on the committee, by the County Officer whose seat is vacant at the general election at which that County Officer was elected to the County Office which has been vacated (or the County Officer's elected predecessor, if the County Officer whose seat is vacant was appointed), and a majority of the total number of votes received in such general election by the County Officer whose seat is vacant is required for the appointment of the successor.
- (c) *Written appointment filed with County Clerk.* Appointments made under this Section shall be in writing and shall be signed by members of the committeepersons whose total votes

are sufficient to make the appointments. Such appointments shall be filed with the County Clerk.

(d) *Duration.* An appointment made under this Section shall be for no longer than 28 months to the end of the unexpired term. If more than 28 months of the unexpired term of an elected official remains, a special election shall be held at the next general election to elect a person to serve the unexpired term of the elected official. In the case of a special election, the appointed officer shall serve until the election results are certified and the person elected at the special election is qualified. If 28 months or less of the unexpired term remain, the appointed officer shall serve for the remainder of the term.

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

Legislative History : 5/14/26 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A HEARING REGARDING A NATIONAL COMMITMENT TO DEFEND, PROTECT, AND EXPAND THE RIGHT TO VOTE

WHEREAS, the erosion and obstruction of the protections guaranteed under the Voting Rights Act of 1965 signals a troubling return to practices rooted in suppression and exclusion, reinforcing the oppressive notion that the right to vote, especially for Black Americans and underserved communities, remains conditional rather than guaranteed; and

WHEREAS, the right to vote is the foundation of American democracy and has been secured through the sacrifice, courage, and leadership of those who refused to accept exclusion, particularly Black Americans who fought for full participation in this democracy; and

WHEREAS, the decision in *Shelby County v. Holder* eliminated federal preclearance protections, removing a critical safeguard that once prevented discriminatory voting laws before they took effect; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of preclearance, Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 has become the primary remaining federal tool to challenge discriminatory voting laws after harm occurs; and

WHEREAS, recent Supreme Court decisions, including *Louisiana v. Callais*, have narrowed how courts interpret Section 2 by raising the threshold for proving discrimination and limiting the ability of impacted communities to successfully challenge laws that disproportionately burden Black voters and other underserved populations; and

WHEREAS, these rulings have made it more difficult to hold jurisdictions accountable for policies that result in unequal access to voting, effectively weakening the enforcement power of federal protection at a time when they are most needed; and

WHEREAS, data demonstrates that barriers to voting, including polling place closures, longer wait times, and restrictive voting policies, disproportionately impact Black voters, low-income communities, seniors, and working families; and

WHEREAS, Cook County, as one of the most diverse counties in the United States, reflects the full spectrum of American communities and has a responsibility to ensure that democracy remains accessible, equitable, and protected for all; and

WHEREAS, safeguarding the right to vote is not a partisan issue, but a national obligation grounded in fairness, representation and equal voices; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Cook County Declares Voting Rights Non-Negotiable

Anything less is a direct affront to the many men and women who gave their lives to secure this right. The right to vote must be protected and guaranteed for every eligible citizen without discrimination, without burden, and without delay.

2. Cook County Calls for the Full Restoration and Strengthening of Federal Protections

Cook County urges Congress to restore and modernize the protection of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, including reinstating effective preclearance standards and strengthening Section 2 to ensure discriminatory voting laws can be challenged and prevented.

3. Cook County Rejects Voter Suppression in All Forms

We stand firmly opposed to any law, policy, or practice that limits, burdens, oppresses, or suppresses access to the ballot, whether direct, indirect, or systemic.

4. Cook County Centers Equity as a National Standard

We must act with intention of protecting communities that have historically been denied equal access to the democratic process.

5. Cook County Demands Accountability at Every Level of Government

We call for immediate, measurable action to ensure fair and equal access to voting nationwide and to strengthen enforcement mechanisms that protect voters from discrimination.

6. Cook County Commits to Immediate Action Through Mobilization and Education

We will organize, inform, and equip communities to ensure every eligible voter can fully exercise their rights.

7. Cook County Affirms the Power and Permanence of Black Voices in Democracy

Black voices are essential, enduring, and will not be silenced, suppressed, or diminished.

8. Cook County commits to protecting the rights of all voters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution, sponsored by Dr. Kisha E. McCaskill, 5th District Cook County Commissioner stands as a call to action for county, state, and national leadership to confront the ongoing weakening of voting rights protections and to act decisively to defend the integrity of American democracy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution will be referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee for a hearing for further discussion.

Legislative History : 5/14/26 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta

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Sponsored by: SCOTT R. BRITTON, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, JOHN P. DALEY, 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

CALLING FOR A MEETING OF THE LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEES ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES

WHEREAS, according to a 2024 Tax Year Bill Analysis, the Cook County Treasurer collects nearly \$19.2 billion in property tax dollars from property owners across Cook County (<https://www.cookcountytreasurer.com/pdfs/taxbillanalysisandstatistics/taxyear2024analysisenglishversion.pdf>); and

WHEREAS, the property tax system involves several separately elected offices including the Cook County Assessor's Office that sets assessed values and decides appeals; the Board of Review that

conducts appeals and revises assessments; the Illinois Department of Revenue that sets the state equalization factor; the Cook County Clerk's Office that calculates taxable rates based on taxing districts' property tax levies pass; and the Cook County Treasurer's Office that prints and mails tax bills, as well as calculates and distributes the collected property tax revenues to taxing districts; and

WHEREAS, there are 685 taxing districts within Cook County, including but not limited to municipalities, townships, school districts, park districts, library districts, road districts, sanitation districts, fire protection districts, pension districts, mental health districts, special service areas, TIF districts, and water commissions (<https://www.cookcountytreasurer.com/taxingdistrictsearchbyname.aspx>); and

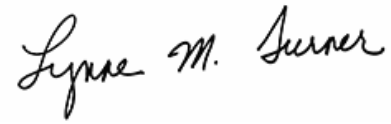
WHEREAS, the Cook County Board President and Cook County Board of Commissioners have heard testimony and have received correspondence from numerous taxing entities, predominantly school districts and library districts, about the adverse effects of delayed property tax bills and revenue disbursements; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that future property tax bills and disbursements are made in a timely and reliable manner, it is imperative that the Cook County Assessor, Cook County Board of Review Commissioners, Cook County Clerk, and Cook County Treasurer maintain functional, efficient, and accurate property tax systems; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby request that a meeting of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee be convened to update the Board of Commissioners and public at-large on measures that will or are being undertaken to improve processes and oversight within the property tax systems managed and controlled by the Cook County Assessor, Cook County Board of Review Commissioners, Cook County Clerk, and Cook County Treasurer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Assessor, Cook County Board of Review Commissioners, Cook County Clerk, and Cook County Treasurer are requested to participate in the meeting and provide the updates requested in this Resolution relevant to their work determining and delivering property tax bills, the receipt of property tax collections, and disbursement of property tax collections.

Legislative History : 4/16/26 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta



Secretary

Chair: Britton
Vice-Chair: Degnen
Members: Committee of the Whole