



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

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

1:30 PM

**Cook County Building, Board Room,
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois
(Board Room Closed to Public -
Meeting Virtual for Public)**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Suffredin, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison and Sims (16)

Absent: Silvestri (1) Excused

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

Ayes: Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison and Sims (13)

Absent: Aguilar, Gainer, Johnson and Silvestri (4)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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

No public speakers

[22-2641](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 03/15/2022

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 22-2641. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison and Sims (13)

Absent: Aguilar, Gainer, Johnson and Silvestri (4)

[22-1913](#)

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

ADOPTION AND FAMILY SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 38 - Health and Human Services, Article VIII. - Adoption and Family Supportive Services, Section 38-170 Establishment and Section 38-173 Fees of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

Sec. 38-170. Establishment

The Cook County Office of Adoption and ~~Child-Custody Advocacy~~Family Supportive Services shall hereby be renamed the Cook County Department of Adoption and Family Supportive Services ("Department") and shall remain within the administrative responsibility and jurisdiction of the Cook County ~~Bureau of Administration~~Presiding Judge.

Sec. 38-171. - Powers and duties.

The Department shall perform the following services and duties:

(a) Social Study Investigations. Upon the direction and order of a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, the Department shall conduct a social study investigation and issue a report to the judge who ordered said investigation for the following matters:

- (1) Adoptions;
- (2) Allocation of parental responsibility or parenting time cases; and
- (3) Probate cases involving guardianship and/or custody of a child;

(b) Other Services. The Department may provide additional services on behalf of the Circuit Court of Cook County including, but not limited to:

- (1) Intake screening interview of prospective adoptive parents and, if age appropriate, the child or children;

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- (2) Interviews with birth parents prior to adoption consent to obtain extensive background information with the understanding that non-identifying information, as authorized by statute, will be available to the adoptive parents and the adoptee later in life;
 - (3) Fingerprinting processing for statutorily required criminal background checks;
 - (4) Post adoption services involving inquiries from adult adoptees and to a lesser degree adoptive and birth parents and other qualifying relatives for non-identifying information concerning the adoptee's biological background; and
 - (5) Any other service authorized by an Illinois statute, a General Administrative Order of the Circuit Court of Cook County or ordinance of the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

(c) The Director of the Department shall attempt to meet, minimally on a quarterly basis, with (i) the presiding judges of the circuit court responsible for adoption, probate and domestic relations cases and (ii) the Office of the Chief Judge to discuss court orders and case management relevant to the Department's responsibilities. ~~The Department Director shall report the outcome of these meetings to the Chief of the Bureau of Administration.~~

Sec. 38-173. - Fees

The Department shall charge fees for the following services with the amounts as set in Section 32-1 of this Code.

- (1) Adoption Intake Interview - Initial meeting with prospective adoptive family providing an overview of the adoption process, review of qualifications for adoption and implementation of the process for criminal and DCFS background check.
- (2) Birth Parent Interview and Consent - Interviewing and collecting information from the birth parent and overview of the signature of documents that allow the birth parent(s) to relinquish rights and responsibilities of the child to a specific person.
- (3) Adult Adoptee Inquiry (paid by Adoptee) - Retrieval and review of adoption file and generating a report of non-identifying information.
- (4) Adoption Fingerprint Processing (paid by adoptive parent(s) - Assists attorneys and parents with retrieval and processing of state and federal criminal background checks.
- (5) Foreign Jurisdiction Social Study Investigation Request (paid by individual residing outside of the court's jurisdiction) - Court of foreign jurisdiction (outside of Cook County) informally requests that the Department conduct a child custody social study investigation of a Cook County resident that includes interviews of all household residents, Cook County criminal background checks and

DCFS background checks and retrieval of school progress reports.

- (6) Adoption Social Study Investigation Fee (per child) (Based on annual income of, and paid by, adoptive parent(s) - Annual income shall be verified by either a current federal or state tax return or current wages and tax statements, e.g., W-2 and/or 1099 forms) - Includes interview of all household residents and child care providers of the adoptee; retrieval of financial information, character and employment references, medical information, school progress reports and other mandatory information integrated into a written report concerning adoption proceedings.

All fees shall be collected by the Department and remitted to the Cook County Department of Revenue.

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

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to recommend for deferral 22-1913. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison and Sims (13)

Absent: Aguilar, Gainer, Johnson and Silvestri (4)

[22-2342](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Savannah "Sav" Felix

Position: Member

Department/Board/Commission: Juvenile Temporary Detention Center Advisory Board

Effective date: Immediate

Expiration date: 4/7/2025

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to recommend for approval 22-2342. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison and Sims (13)

Absent: Aguilar, Gainer, Johnson and Silvestri (4)


ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison and Sims (13)

Absent: Aguilar, Gainer, Johnson and Silvestri (4)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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