



**Minutes of the City of Chicago-Cook County Violence Against Women (CCVAW) Task Force
Executive Meeting #5**

10:00am

May 6th, 2026

**Cook County Building
118 N. Clark Street, Floor 5
Chicago, IL 60602**

(Board Room and Virtual Link Opened to Public)

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Donna Miller called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Commissioner Miller allowed registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code.

1. Monet Wilson, Alderwoman of Calumet City
2. Sarah Brown
3. Diane Brown
4. Brittney Riley
5. Joseph Giunta
6. Jessica Jackson
7. George Blakemore

TASK FORCE PRESENTATION

Department: CCVAW Task Force Chairs and Members

Presentation Titles: Domestic Relations Division Guardian ad Litem, Child Representative, and Attorney for Child Program; Board of Commissioners of Cook County Chicago-Cook County Violence Against Women Task Force Hearing

Presenters: The Office of the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County-Domestic Relations Senior Division Attorney Hannah Cholewinski, Director Legal Research Division Kate Nolan; Governors State University Legal Clinic-Founding Director Dr. Phyllis West

Summary: The purpose of these presentations was to discuss strategies to address gender-based violence in Cook County. Members of the task force and public congregated to learn about the initiatives this task force will develop.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Remarks were made by Commissioners Miller, Degnen and Alderperson Tabares.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Miller adjourned the meeting, in accordance with Cook County Code.