



QUALITY AND PATIENT SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Date Issued: January 9, 2026

The regular meeting of the **Quality and Patient Safety Committee** of the Cook County Health (CCH) Board of Directors will be held on **Friday, January 16, 2026** at the hour of **9:00 A.M.** The meeting will be held at **1950 West Polk Street, Room 5301, in Chicago, Illinois**. The live proceedings of the meeting can be accessed at [this link](#) at the start time of the meeting. At the meeting, the Committee will consider the following:

Time/Presenter

(times are approximate)

I. Attendance/Call to Order

9:00 A.M.

II. Public Testimony

9:00-9:05

Members of the public can submit written testimony to be included in the official meeting record, or can register to present in-person or virtual oral testimony at the meeting. The written testimony or registration to testify should be submitted prior to January 15, 2026 at 3:00 P.M. Testimony is limited to three (3) minutes per person. Further information on how to submit written testimony or register to provide in-person or virtual oral testimony is included in the Meeting Notice and on the CCH website at <https://cookcountyhealth.org/about/board-of-directors/>

III. Action Items

A. Approve appointments and reappointments of Stroger Hospital Department Chair(s) and Division Chair(s) **9:05-9:10/Lauren Smith, MD**

B. Executive Medical Staff (EMS) of Stroger Hospital and Medical Executive Committee (MEC) of Provident Hospital Matters **9:10-9:25**

i. Receive report from EMS President **Thomas Patrianakos, DO**

- Approve Stroger Hospital Medical Staff Appointments/Reappointments/Changes

ii. Receive report from MEC President **Paul Allegretti, DO**

- Approve Provident Hospital Medical Staff Appointments/Reappointments/Changes

C. Minutes of the Quality and Patient Safety Committee Meeting, December 12, 2025 **9:25-9:25**

D. Any items listed under Section III

IV. Operational Excellence (OpEx)

9:25-9:50

- A. 2026 OpEx Dashboard, Goals and Tactics**
- Stroger Hospital Site Review – Donnica Austin-Cathey
 - Provident Hospital Site Review - Arnold Turner, MD
 - ACHN Site Review – Craig Williams

V. Report on other Quality and Patient Safety Matters

A. Regulatory and Accreditation Update

9:50-9:55/Joseph Kapenas

VI. Closed Meeting Items

- A. Stroger Hospital and Provident Hospital Medical Staff
Appointments/Re-appointments/Changes
- B. Claims, Litigation and Quality and Patient Safety Matters
- C. Matters protected under the federal Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005 and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996

Closed Meeting

Motion to recess the open meeting and convene into a closed meeting, pursuant to the following exceptions to the Open Meetings Act:

5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), regarding “the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity,”

5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), regarding “litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting,”

5 ILCS 120/2(c)(12), regarding “the establishment of reserves or settlement of claims as provided in the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act, if otherwise the disposition of a claim or potential claim might be prejudiced, or the review or discussion of claims, loss or risk management information, records, data, advice or communications from or with respect to any insurer of the public body or any intergovernmental risk management association or self insurance pool of which the public body is a member,” and

5 ILCS 120/2(c)(17), regarding “the recruitment, credentialing, discipline or formal peer review of physicians or other health care professionals, or for the discussion of matters protected under the federal Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, including 42 C.F.R. Part 3 (73 FR 70732), or the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, including 45 C.F.R. Parts 160, 162, and 164, by a hospital, or other institution providing medical care, that is operated by the public body.”

VII. Adjourn

The next regular meeting of the Quality and Patient Safety Committee will be held on Friday, February 20, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

Committee Members:

Chair: Bhatt

Members: Board Chair Garza (Ex-Officio) and Directors Kim, Sorrell, Steans and Webster Cross
Patricia Merryweather (Non-Director Member)