

**Board of Commissioners of Cook County**

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL



**Journal of Proceedings**

**Tuesday, June 27, 2017**

**1:00 PM**

**Special Board Meeting to honor memory of Commissioner Robert B. Steele**

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

**Board of Commissioners**

LUIS ARROYO, JR.  
RICHARD R. BOYKIN  
JERRY BUTLER  
JOHN P. DALEY  
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PETER N. SILVESTRI  
DEBORAH SIMS  
LARRY SUFFREDIN  
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI

**DAVID ORR  
COUNTY CLERK**

Board met pursuant to law and pursuant to Resolution 17-0615.

**LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

June 21, 2017

The Honorable David Orr Cook County Clerk  
69 West Washington St.  
Fifth Floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Re: SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE for June 27, 2017 at 1 p.m. in the Cook County Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Room 569, Chicago, Illinois

Dear Clerk Orr:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County to be convened on Tuesday, June 27, 2017, at the hour of 1 p.m. in the County Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

At said meeting, the following item will be considered:

- 17-4018 — In Memory of Robert Steele, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner

Please issue the Notice of this Special Meeting as required by law.

Very truly yours,  
Toni Preckwinkle President

**COPY OF LETTER SENT TO ALL COMMISSIONERS**

June 21, 2017

Cook County Elected Officials  
Department Heads and Financial Officers

Ladies and Gentlemen:

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County Clerk

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The following Legal Notice appeared in the Chicago Tribune Newspaper, Friday, June 23 through June - 27, 2017.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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Very truly yours,

DAVID ORR, Cook County Clerk and  
Clerk of the Board of the Commissioners of Cook County, Illinois

**OFFICIAL RECORD**

President Preckwinkle in the Chair.

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 1:00 P.M., being the hour appointed for the meeting, the President called the Board to order.

**QUORUM**

County Clerk David Orr called the roll of members and there was found to be a quorum present.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, García, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (14)

**Absent:** Commissioners Goslin and Tobolski (2)

**INVOCATION**

Dr. Michael Eaddy, Pastor, People's Church of the Harvest Church of God in Christ, Chicago, Illinois, gave the invocation.

**REMEMBRANCES**

President Preckwinkle called upon the following public speakers:

1. Tameo Ramiro, Senior Advisor to the Honorable Danny K. Davis
2. The Honorable Karen Yarbrough, Cook County Recorder of Deeds
3. The Honorable Kimberly M. Foxx, Cook County State's Attorney
4. The Honorable Elizabeth "Liz" Gorman, Former Cook County Commissioner
5. The Honorable Michael Scott, Jr., Alderman of the 24 th Ward
6. Dr. Stuart Strahl, President and Chief Executive Officer, Chicago Zoological Society
7. Arnold Randall, Superintendent, Forest Preserve District of Cook County
8. The Honorable Maria Pappas, Cook County Treasurer
9. The Honorable Bobbie L. Steele, 32nd President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and Mother

**PRESIDENT**

**17-4018  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, LUIS ARROYO JR,  
RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY,  
BRIDGET GAINER, JESUS G. GARCIA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY,  
STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER,  
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN  
AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE ROBERT B. STEELE,  
COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, 2ND DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, on June 19, 2017, 2nd District Commissioner Robert B. Steele was called from our midst by Almighty God; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Robert B. Steele was born in Chicago, Illinois, in 1961 to Robert P. and Bobbie L. Steele, and was a lifelong resident of Chicago's Westside; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Steele earned his high school diploma from Westinghouse High School, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Information Systems from Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Steele was a loving and dedicated father to Aja, Cameron and Stephanie; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Steele was a life-long public servant, representing the 2nd District of Cook County as a County Board Commissioner since 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Steele won election to the County Board in 2010 and was re-elected in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Steele was elected President Pro Tempore of the Cook County Board of Commissioners in 2010 and served in that role until his passing; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to his duties as President Pro Tempore of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Steele served as Chairman of the Contract Compliance and Environmental Control Committees and Vice-Chairman of the Health and Hospitals Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Steele sponsored meaningful legislation including but not limited to: the Cook County Contract Management Ordinance, Unlawful Filing of Fraudulent Lien Ordinance, the Electronic Compiled Data Ordinance and the Cook County "Ban the Box" Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Steele was a fierce advocate for eliminating the inequities endured by minority and women-owned small businesses, the establishment and growth of these businesses throughout the County and his own North Lawndale neighborhood, and helping formerly incarcerated individuals into employment; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Steele served as Forest Preserve District of Cook County Commissioner for the 2nd District where he was also President Pro Tempore, Chairman of the Contract Compliance Committee, Chairman of the Environmental Control Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Forest Preserve District's Finance Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Steele was a staunch advocate for conservation and the environment. He served on the Cook County Forest Preserve District's Conservation and Policy Advisory Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Steele was extremely active in the National Association of Counties (NACo). He served on the Financial Services Center Committee until his passing, and previously served on the Defined Contribution and Retirement Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Steele was a leader in the National Organization of Black County Officials (NOBCO), which he served as President (2008-2010) and on the Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Steele participated in a number of community service activities including but not limited to: the Mount Sinai Hospital Board of Directors, Government Technology Foundation Advisory Board, Gift of Hope Board of Directors and President of the Board of Trustees of Frazier Preparatory Academy; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Steele was a deeply devoted member of Lawndale Christian Church and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Steele is survived by his mother, Cook County Board President Emeritus, Bobbie L. Steele; his siblings: Valerie Steele Holden, Joyce M. Steele, Byron Steele, Donna Steele-Ponder and Eleshia Steele Dotson; and his children: Aja D. Steele, Cameron J. Steele and Stephanie Williams.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County do extend their deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Commissioner Robert B. Steele; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that suitable copies of this Resolution be tendered to Commissioner Steele's mother, Cook County Board President Emeritus Bobbie L. Steele, and to his children as a means of communicating our deep respect and reverence for his commitment to his community and his service to the residents of the 2nd District and throughout Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 27th of June 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved, President Preckwinkle called for a rising vote. The motion carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the meeting do now adjourn to meet again at the same time and same place on Wednesday, June 28, 2017,**

**in accordance with County Board Resolution 17-0615. The motion prevailed and the meeting stood adjourned.**

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*David Orr*

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