



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County**

**Veterans Committee**

**Wednesday, October 18, 2023**

**1:30 PM**

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

**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 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 Conference Room F, Chicago, IL. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, 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.

**23-5294**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 05/24/2023

[23-4808](#)

**Sponsored by:** DONNA MILLER, FRANK J. AGUILAR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BILL LOWRY, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON and MAGGIE TREVOR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**REQUESTING A MEETING OF THE VETERANS COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION OF COOK COUNTY AND THE COOK COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, due to legislative changes to the Illinois Veteran's Affairs Act, Cook County was required to amend the Veterans Assistance Commission ordinance to comply with the state legislative changes and to establish the legal relationship between the Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County (VACCC) and the County Board; and

**WHEREAS**, as stated the purpose of the Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County is to provide immediate emergency financial assistance to Cook County veterans and veterans' families. The general powers of the Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County shall be in accordance with 330 ILCS 45 et. seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, further the VACCC of Cook County shall comply with all applicable federal, state and county laws, rules, regulations, and orders as well as Cook County policies; and

**WHEREAS**, the amendment designated the VACCC as a separate independent office although its employees will receive all benefits available to County employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Department of Veterans Affairs (CCVA), which was established in 2012 empowers all Cook County veterans who have served in a branch of the military through workshops, newsletters and access to a network of outreach services that allows veterans to leverage their knowledge and achieve a better quality of life for themselves and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to better assist Cook County veterans in navigating the various benefits available to them from these offices, it would be beneficial to have an explanation of the organizational structure including member organizations of the VACCC as well as the organizational structure of the CVAA and the roles they serve and benefits provided;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby request a meeting of the Veterans Committee be convened to discuss the organizational structures and available benefits from the Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County (VACCC) and the Cook County Department of Veterans Affairs (CCVA); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Superintendent of the VACCC and the Director of the CCVA appear before the Veterans Committee and be prepared to give an overview to the committee and answer questions related to the new organizational structure and benefits provided to Cook County veterans from both offices; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Veterans Committee shall be convened periodically as may be required to receive future updates from the VACCC and CCVA.

**Legislative History :** 9/21/23 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Veterans Committee

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**Presented by:** ELIZABETH D. SOTO, Superintendent, Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County

**REPORT**

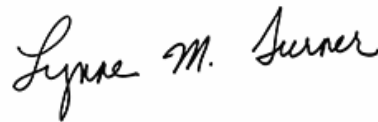
**Department:** Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County

**Report Title:** VACCC FY23 Quarterly Reports To Date

**Report Period:** December 1, 2022, thru August 31, 2023

**Summary:** VACCC Financial Operating and Direct Disbursements

**Legislative History :** 9/21/23 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Veterans Committee



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Secretary

Chair: Miller

Vice-Chair: Morita

Members: Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Lowry, Stamps