



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

**Consent Agenda**

**Thursday, December 15, 2022, 10:00 AM**

**Third Set**

[23-0583](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION OF VINCENT I. PATTERSON**

**WHEREAS**, Vincent I. Patterson has proudly served in various roles with the Cook County Department of Budget and Management Services for 30 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Since 1993, Cook County has experienced no shortage of changes but at least one thing remained remarkably consistent, the dedicated work of Managing Deputy Budget Director Vincent Patterson;

**WHEREAS**, Vincent has just about seen it all when it comes to the County budget, and we have benefitted from his deep knowledge and experience. He has helped weather numerous budget challenges including several recessions and a pandemic and for that we are incredibly thankful; and

**WHEREAS**, since his early days as a budget analyst, Vincent has done a tremendous amount of work for the County including managing department budgets and the publication of multiple annual reports like the Budget Book and Preliminary Forecast; and

**WHEREAS**, Vincent has played a part of earning the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Award every year for nearly 30 years, received the Tyler Public Excellence Award for his work on the County's interactive budget website and served as a member of a CIO Roundtable Committee aimed at creating consolidated IT strategies and policies; and

**WHEREAS**, Vincent has numerous other accomplishments including creating efficiencies and streamlining numerous business processes, working to address many of the County's business challenges, leading multi-departmental projects and providing useful data for our digital equity efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, in his time with the County, Vincent has served under several budget directors who would commend his thoughtful leadership, keen understanding of data, encyclopedic knowledge of the County budget and his kindness; and

**WHEREAS**, Vincent will surely be missed as he has been a steady hand and indispensable resource for the budget department who has been working tirelessly over the last 30 years to develop balanced budgets and encourage financial responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, Vincent should be incredibly proud of the work he has done and his numerous professional accomplishments and even prouder of his personal accomplishments as a loving husband to his wife LeTrece, caring father and doting grandfather; and

**WHEREAS**, when one chapter ends a new begins and we wish him the best in all his future endeavors; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, hereby honor and recognize Vincent I. Patterson for his work on behalf of the residents of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Vincent Patterson as a means of communicating our appreciation.

[23-0564](#)

**Sponsored by:** ALMA E. ANAYA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING CURIE HIGH SCHOOL IN ARCHER HEIGHTS WITH RECEIVING THE “WORLD BEST SCHOOL AWARD”**

**WHEREAS**, Marie Sklodowska Curie Metropolitan High School (“Curie High School”) is a public 4-year magnet high school located in the Archer Heights neighborhood on the southwest side of Chicago, Illinois, United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Curie High School the neighborhood high school serves nearly 3,000 students, most Black or Latino and is the third largest high school in CPS; and

**WHEREAS**, Curie High School understands that the arts are an ideal platform for developing inclusive attitudes and beliefs and for challenging stereotypes based on difference and is committed to providing authentic learning experiences that will provide a foundation for life-long learning; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 19, 2022, Curie High School was named the Best School in the World for Supporting Students Healthy Lives; and

**WHEREAS**, Curie High School is the only school in North America that was awarded a \$50,000 World’s Best School Prize by T4 Education, a global organization based in London; and

**WHEREAS**, the World’s Best School Prize, a partnership with American Express and Accenture, set out to find schools that made tangible impacts on the lives of its students and the wider community; and

**WHEREAS**, the award is a testament to the work faculty, staff, and administrators are doing to provide students with mental health support, wraparound services, and art enrichment programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Curie High School has a dedicated arts program to tap into the talents and ambitions of its students, offering a number of classes including dance, drama, animation, orchestra, choir, electronic music, art, sculpture, and guerrilla art; and

**WHEREAS**, Curie High School is also recognized for supporting their students' mental health; and

**WHEREAS**, their mission is to prepare students to become leaders and engaged citizens in a global society, enabling them to contribute positively and responsibly to their community and the world around them.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, The Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate Marie Sklodowska Curie Metropolitan High School for receiving the "World's Best School" award; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution is presented to Marie Sklodowska Curie Metropolitan High School for their outstanding achievements.

[23-0568](#)

**Sponsored by:** JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, MONICA GORDON, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA and MAGGIE TREVOR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

##### **KEVIN M. CASEY, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS** Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Kevin M. Casey from our midst, and

**WHEREAS** Kevin M. Casey was the beloved husband of Cathy for 47 years; and

**WHEREAS** Kevin M. Casey was the loving father of Kevin, Michelle (Kyle), Melissa (Dave), and Tim; and

**WHEREAS** Kevin M. Casey was the cherished Grandfather of Katie, Danny, Quin, Cal, Delaney, Mason, Shea, Archie, Wolf, Vivienne, and Mick; and

**WHEREAS** Kevin M. Casey was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Marilyn Casey; and

**WHEREAS** Kevin M. Casey was the dear brother of Maureen Pannaralla, Joan (Mike Cellini), Jim, Marilou and Karen (Steve) Cichon, sisters-in-law Pam and Linda, brother-in-law Roger (Nadine), his Foley brothers and sisters and many loving nieces and nephews; and

**WHEREAS** Kevin M. Casey was born and raised in Hometown, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS** Kevin M. Casey was a member of District 124 School Board; and

**WHEREAS** Kevin M. Casey served ten years as an Alderman of Hometown, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS** Kevin M. Casey was elected Mayor of Hometown, Illinois in 2009

**WHEREAS** all who knew him will attest that Kevin M. Casey, “Mr. Hometown”, was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his family, now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Kevin M. Casey and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of same be tendered to the family of Kevin M. Casey that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[23-0570](#)

**Sponsored by:** SCOTT R. BRITTON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JUDGE MICHAEL P. TOOMIN UPON HIS RETIREMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Judge Michael P. Toomin is celebrated for his many professional accomplishments over his over 40 year career as a Marine, Judge, teacher, policy advisor, and author; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Toomin served in the United States Marine Corps from 1956 to 1958; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Toomin received a B.A. from Northwestern University in 1962 and a J.D. from DePaul University in 1967; and

**WHEREAS**, after graduation, Judge Toomin initially served as felony trial counsel in the Public Defender’s Office and then specialized in criminal defense in Federal and State Courts; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Toomin was appointed an Associate Judge in in 1980 where he earned the affectionate and funny nickname of the “Toominator;”and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Toomin was successfully elected as a Circuit Judge in 1984 and assigned to the division of criminal court at 26th & California. In 1994 he was appointed as a Supervising Judge and was later named acting Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2008, Judge Toomin received an interim appointment as Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court; and

**WHEREAS**, in December 2010, Judge Toomin was appointed Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Justice Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County, one of the largest juvenile court systems in the nation. There, he administered and supervised over 15 judges presiding over delinquency matters throughout the County for the next decade; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Toomin was tapped for his experience and asked to serve on number statewide task forces to review and reform capital punishment, criminal codes, probation court, judicial discipline, and appellate court; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Toomin was named Chair of the Illinois Supreme Court's Special Committee on Capital Cases, after serving on the panel for more than a decade. His work included implementing new rules for capital punishment trials and creating training programs and qualification standards handling death penalty cases. In 2004, Judge Toomin authored, "Capital Punishment Reform and the Illinois Supreme Court: At the Forefront of Change," 92 Ill. B.J. 642 (December 2004); and

**WHEREAS**, in 2004, Judge Toomin was selected to serve as a Commissioner of the CLEAR Initiative to review and reform the Illinois Criminal Code. From his service on the Commission, he authored, "Second Degree Murder and Attempted Murder: CLEAR's Efforts to Maneuver the Slippery Slope," 41 J. Marshall L.Rev. 659 (2008); and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Toomin was a member of the Illinois Senate Democratic Criminal Justice Task Force; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Toomin served as Chair of the Committee on Criminal Law and Probation of the Illinois Judicial Conference; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Toomin served as vice-chair of the Cook County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; and

**WHEREAS**, from 2005 to 2008, Judge Toomin was a member of the Illinois Courts Commission, a tribunal created to preside over matters involving judicial discipline; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010, Judge Toomin was appointed to the Board of Commissioners of the State Appellate Defender's Office; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Toomin was also a prolific and knowledgeable legal professor who taught and

mentored students for 20 years. From 1983 to 2000, Judge Toomin was an adjunct professor at the Northwestern University School of Law, teaching trial advocacy. In 1996 and 1997, Judge Toomin served on the faculty of the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada. In 2002 and 2003, Judge Toomin taught trial advocacy at Emory University; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Toomin additionally chaired or participated in numerous conferences and seminars relating to death penalty litigation, jury trial management, criminal procedure, and forensic DNA evidence offered by the Illinois Judicial Conference, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, and the Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Toomin continues to train the next generation of law enforcement and has lectured courses for aspiring detectives at the Chicago Police Academy; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Toomin's prestigious judicial career has included presiding over more than 630 murder cases, more than 400 of which were jury trials; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Toomin was the recipient of the 2009 DePaul University College of Law Award for Outstanding Service to the Profession demonstrated outstanding service to the legal profession; and

**WHEREAS**, when reflecting on his life of accomplishment, he remarked, "All told, life has been pretty good to me."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby extend our sincere and grateful appreciation to Judge Michael P. Judge Toomin for his four decades of service as a Cook County Judge, and our best wishes to him for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of same be tendered to Judge Michael P. Judge Toomin.