



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County
Minutes of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee**

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

11:30 AM

Virtual meeting

ATTENDANCE

Present: Suffredin, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison and Silvestri (15)

Absent: Lowry and Sims (2) Excused

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chairman Suffredin asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code.

No public speakers

[22-4905](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 07/27/2022

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Daley, that Committee Minutes be approved. The motion carried.

Ayes: Suffredin, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison and Silvestri (15)

Absent: Lowry and Sims (2)

[22-4659](#)

Presented by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Michael Lapinski

Position: Member

Department/Board/Commission: Cook County Commission on Human Rights

Effective date: Immediate

Expiration date: Three years from date of approval

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to recommend for approval 22-4659. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison and Silvestri (15)

Absent: Lowry and Sims (2)

[22-4702](#)

Presented by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Dr. Jay D. Bhatt

Position: Director

Department/Board/Commission: Cook County Health and Hospital System Board of Directors

Effective date: 10/8/2022

Expiration date: 10/8/2026

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to recommend for approval 22-4702. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison and Silvestri (15)

Absent: Lowry and Sims (2)

[22-4704](#)

Presented by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Sam A. Robinson, III, PhD

Position: Director

Department/Board/Commission: Cook County Health and Hospital System Board of Directors

Effective date: 10/8/2022

Expiration date: 10/8/2026

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Daley, that this Appointment be recommended for deferral. The motion carried.

Ayes: Suffredin, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison and Silvestri (15)

Absent: Lowry and Sims (2)

[22-4693](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and JOHN P. DALEY, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

INDEPENDENT INSPECTOR GENERAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Cook County Board of Commissioners through enactment of a Cook County Ordinance created the first Office of Independent Inspector General for Cook County; and

WHEREAS, following the enactment of the Ordinance, the Cook County Bar Association and the Chicago Bar Association agreed to convene a nominating committee tasked with the responsibility to recommend qualified candidates; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, secondary interviews of the recommended candidates were conducted by a bipartisan selection committee that was comprised of four Cook County Commissioners, the Director of Ethics and the Cook County State's Attorney; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of this process, the current Independent Inspector General, Patrick M. Blanchard was nominated for appointment and in October of 2008, Mr. Blanchard was appointed Cook County's first Independent Inspector General. Mr. Blanchard was thereafter appointed to a second six-year term; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 2-282 of the Cook County Code of Ordinances, Patrick M. Blanchard was appointed to an additional two-year term which expires on October 14, 2022; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 2-282 of the Cook County Code of Ordinances, it is hereby recommended that the independent search for Mr. Blanchard's replacement be convened; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Bar Association (CBA), the Black Women Lawyers' Association of Greater Chicago (BWLA), the Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois (HLAI), and the Puerto Rican Bar Association of Illinois (PRBA) have agreed to appoint volunteers from their membership to form the Independent Inspector General Search Committee; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Tomasik, the 2022-2023 President of the Chicago Bar Association or his designee shall chair the Independent Inspector General Search Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Independent Inspector General Search Committee shall consist of seven members; and

WHEREAS, the Independent Inspector General Search Committee shall be authorized to convene the search for the Cook County Independent Inspector General.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby

Authorize the convening of the Independent Inspector General Search Committee which shall be chaired Timothy Tomasik, the 2022-2023 President of the Chicago Bar Association or his designee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Independent Inspector General Search Committee shall consist of seven members; three of which shall be members of the CBA and selected by the CBA 2022-2023 President, two of which shall be members of the BWLA and selected by the BWLA President, one member shall be selected by the President of HLAJ and one member selected by the President of the PRBA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Independent Inspector General Search Committee shall be authorized to determine the identity of a national executive search firm, such search firm may be of the Independent Inspector General Search Committee's own choosing or the Independent Inspector General Search Committee may utilize one of the executive search firms contracted by the County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the national executive search firm selected by the Independent Inspector General Search Committee shall perform its services and submit the identities of the 20 most qualified candidates ("Pool") for the position of Independent Inspector General, including resumes, qualifications, and statements detailing each member of the Pool's credentials for the appointment of Independent Inspector General, to the Independent Inspector General Search Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, following the Independent Inspector General Search Committee 's

completion of its comparative review and analysis of the members of the Pool, the Independent Inspector General Search Committee shall provide the names of three candidates (the "Candidate List") who are duly qualified and do not possess a personal or business relationship (business relationship does not exclude any current or former County employees from submitting an application for candidacy) with any county elected official. The Candidate List shall be accompanied by each candidate's resume, qualifications, and a brief statement detailing each individual's credentials for the appointment of Independent Inspector General; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the President shall submit the Candidate List to a bipartisan selection committee ("Selection Committee"), which the President appoints in accordance with Section 2-282 of the Cook County Code of Ordinances. The Selection Committee shall conduct interviews and/or any other such investigations of the candidates as the Selection Committee deems fit and determine which candidate from the Candidate List shall be submitted to the County Board for consideration for the office of Independent Inspector General. The Candidate which the Selection Committee selects shall be submitted to the County Board for consideration at the meeting of the Board next succeeding the vote of the Selection Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Cook County Board President's Legal Counsel shall aid the Independent Inspector General Selection Committee as necessary or requested; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that meeting conference space in the Cook County Building located at 118 N. Clark or the George Dunne Building located at 69 W. Washington shall be made available to the Independent Inspector General Search Committee at their request.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Vice Chairman Britton, to recommend for approval 22-4693. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Miller, Moore,
Morrison, Morrison and Silvestri (13)

Present: Suffredin (1)

Absent: Arroyo (**excused**), Lowry and Sims (3)

[22-4661](#)

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

COUNTY COMMISSIONER, VACANCY IN OFFICE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that CHAPTER 2-ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE III - COUNTY BOARD, DIVISION 1- GENERALLY, SECTION NUMBER 2-74 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

Sec. 2-74. County Commissioner, vacancy in office.

(a) *District committee of same political party to appoint.* If a vacancy occurs in the Office of Commissioner, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the appropriate district committee of the political party in the County Board District of which the incumbent was a candidate at the time of the candidate's election. If the incumbent Commissioner was appointed to the position, then such vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the appropriate district committee of the political party in the County Board District which appointed the incumbent. The appointee shall be of the same political party that the incumbent Commissioner was at the time of election or appointment.

(b) *Composition of district committee.* The district committee of a County Board District shall consist of the committeemen of each ward or township of the appropriate political party of the incumbent commissioner when elected contained in whole or in part within the County Board District. In making appointments under this Section, each committeeman of the appropriate district committee shall be entitled to one vote for each vote that was received, in that portion of the County Board District which the committeeman represent on the committee, by the Commissioner whose seat is vacant at the general election at which that Commissioner was elected to the seat which has been vacated (or the Commissioner's elected predecessor, if the Commissioner whose seat is vacant was appointed) and a majority of the total number of votes received in such general election by the Commissioner whose seat is vacant is required for the appointment of the successor.

(c) *Written appointment filed with County Clerk.* Appointments made under this Section shall be in writing and shall be signed by members of the district committee whose total votes are sufficient to make the appointments. Such appointments shall be filed with the County Clerk.

(d) *Duration.* An appointment made under this Section shall be for ~~the remainder of the term.~~ no longer than 28 months. If more than 28 months of the unexpired term of a Commissioner's term remains, a special election shall be held at the next general election to elect a person to serve the unexpired term of the Commissioner. In the case of a special election, the appointed officer shall serve until the election results are certified and the person elected at the special election is qualified. If 28 months or less of the unexpired term remain, the appointed officer shall serve for the remainder of the term.

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to recommend for approval 22-4661. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison and Silvestri (14)

Absent: Arroyo, Lowry and Sims (3)

[22-4662](#)

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

VACANCIES

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, DIVISION 1 - GENREALLY, SECTION 2-142 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

Sec. 2-142. Vacancies. The following provisions shall apply to all separately elected officials contemplated in this section:

(a) Committee of same political party to appoint. In the event of a vacancy, such vacancy shall be filled to no longer than the end of the unexpired term as dictated by this Section by appointment. The appointment shall be done by the appropriate committeepersons of the political party of which the incumbent was a candidate at the time of the candidate's election or appointment. The appointee shall also be of the same political party that the incumbent was at the time of election or appointment.

(b) Composition of committee. In the event of a vacancy, the committee that shall appoint separately elected shall consist of committeepersons of the same political party that the incumbent was at the time of election or appointment. In making appointments under this Section, each committeeperson shall be entitled to one vote. A candidate is required to receive the majority of the total number of votes to be appointed the successor.

(c) Written appointment filed with County Clerk. Appointments made under this Section shall be in writing and shall be signed by members of the committeepersons whose total votes are sufficient to make the appointments. Such appointments shall be filed with the County Clerk.

(d) Duration. An appointment made under this Section shall be for no longer than 28 months to the end of the unexpired term. If more than 28 months of the unexpired term of an elected official remains, a special election shall be held at the next general election to elect a person to serve the unexpired term of the elected official. In the case of a special election, the appointed officer shall serve until the election results are certified and the person elected at the special election is qualified. If 28 months or less of the unexpired term remain, the appointed officer shall serve for the remainder of the term.

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to suspend the rules. The motion carried.

Ayes: Suffredin, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison and Silvestri (14)

Absent: Arroyo, Lowry and Sims (3)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Daley, that this Ordinance Amendment be accepted as substituted. The motion carried.

Ayes: Suffredin, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison and Silvestri (14)

Absent: Arroyo, Lowry and Sims (3)

[22-4662](#)

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

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE TO FILE 22-4662

(Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee 9/21/2022)

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

VACANCIES

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, DIVISION 1- GENREALLY, SECTION 2-142 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

Sec. 2-142. - Vacancies

The following provisions shall apply to the following **separately elected positions: Assessor, County Clerk, Sheriff, and Treasurer.** ~~all separately electeds contemplated in this section:~~

(a) *Committee of same political party to appoint.* In the event of a vacancy, such vacancy shall be filled to no longer than the end of the unexpired term as dictated by this Section by appointment. The appointment shall be done by the appropriate committeepersons of the political party of which the incumbent was a candidate at the time of the candidate's election or appointment. The appointee shall also be of the same political party that the incumbent was at the time of election or appointment.

(b) *Composition of committee.* In the event of a vacancy, the committee that shall appoint the separately elected shall consist of **Cook County** committeepersons of the same political party that the incumbent was at the time of election or appointment. In making appointments under this

Section, each committeeperson shall be entitled to one vote. A candidate is required to receive the majority of the total number of votes in order to be appointed. ~~the successor.~~

(c) Written appointment filed with County Clerk. Appointments made under this Section shall be in writing and shall be signed by members of the committeepersons whose total votes are sufficient to make the appointments. Such appointments shall be filed with the County Clerk.

(d) Duration. An appointment made under this Section shall be for no longer than 28 months to the end of the unexpired term. If more than 28 months of the unexpired term of an elected official remains, a special election shall be held at the next general election to elect a person to serve the unexpired term of the elected official. In the case of a special election, the appointed officer shall serve until the election results are certified and the person elected at the special election is qualified. If 28 months or less of the unexpired term remain, the appointed officer shall serve for the remainder of the term.

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to recommend for approval as substituted 22-4662. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison and Silvestri (14)

Absent: Arroyo, Lowry and Sims (3)

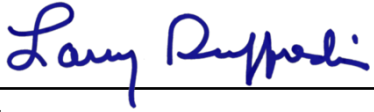
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

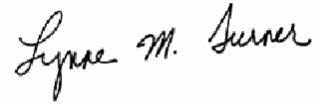
Ayes: Suffredin, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison and Silvestri (14)

Absent: Arroyo, Lowry and Sims (3)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

A complete record of this meeting is available at <https://cook-county.legistar.com>.