



Board of Commissioners of Cook County
Environment and Sustainability Committee

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

10:00 AM

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

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 virtual public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, email address, phone number, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized virtual public speakers may speak live from the Commissioners reception area 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.

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 01/11/2022

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Sponsored by: BRIDGET DEGNEN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 2 ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE VI BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES DIVISION 6 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION, SECTION 2-540 - 2-547 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

Sec. 2-540. Short title.

This Division shall be known and may be cited as the Cook County Environmental Commission (Commission).

Sec. 2-551. Purpose.

There is hereby created an Environmental Commission to serve the following purpose:

- (a) Ensure Cook County is a leader in combating global warming.
- (b) Create a working group of environmental professionals from Cook County's public and private sectors working together to devise and implement initiatives to combat global warming.
- (c) Promote sustainable legislation and policy aimed at reducing the carbon footprint within the geographic borders of Cook County.
- (d) Serve as a model for other governments by proactively combatting climate change with innovative and practical environmental initiatives.

Sec. 2-542. Cook County Commission on Environmental Sustainability Membership.

- (a) The Commission will be composed of nine members including the original sponsor of this bill, who shall serve as Chair. The Chair shall be responsible for designating a successor if she ceases to serve as a Commissioner.
- (b) Six members shall be appointed by the Chair. These members shall represent the following:
 - (1) One member of the Commission shall be a representative from the north triad of Cook

County.

- (2) One member of the Commission shall be a representative from the south triad of Cook County.
 - (3) One member of the Commission shall be a representative from a not-for-profit.
 - (4) One member of the Commission shall be a corporate stakeholder with experience working on environmental initiatives.
 - (5) One member of the Commission shall be a representative from higher education or academia.
 - (6) One member of the Commission shall have a background in environmental economics.
- (c) The President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners shall appoint one member of the Commission. This person shall serve as the Vice Chair of the Commission.
 - (d) The Mayor's Office of the City of Chicago shall appoint one member of the Commission.
 - (e) All appointments shall be confirmed by the Cook County Board.

Sec. 2-543. Term and vacancies.

- (a) Each member shall serve two-year terms.
- (b) The Chair shall serve for the duration of her term as a Cook County Commissioner. The Chair may serve consecutive terms.
- (c) Commission members may be reappointed for consecutive terms.
- (d) Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled in the same manner that original appointments were made and shall be filled for the unexpired term of the member whose appointment has become vacant.

Sec. 2-544. Qualifications of members.

- (a) All members shall have like-minded goals stated in the Purpose section of this Division.
- (b) All members shall have subject matter knowledge, experience and/or education in environmental sustainability matters.

Sec. Sec. 2-545. Meetings.

- (a) This Commission shall hold a meeting at least once every even numbered month, and meetings shall commence the second even numbered month following creation of the Commission.
- (b) Meeting dates shall be set for the following year, in December of the preceding year.
- (c) Should a member of the Commission miss three consecutive meetings, the Commission may choose to remove the member, and the original appointing member shall appoint a new member pursuant to subsection 30-976(c).
- (d) This Commission shall be subject to the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq, and the Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.

Sec. 2-546. Powers, duties, and responsibilities.

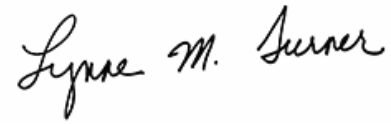
- (a) The Commission shall serve as a working Commission and in an advisory role to the Cook County Board on matters relating to environmental sustainability, reduction of greenhouse gases and reduction of environmental impacts in Cook County. The Commission shall be responsible for:
 - (1) Considering environmental impacts on surface water, groundwater, air and land in Cook County and making appropriate recommendations to the Cook County Board, local municipalities and the Chicago City Council to mitigate harmful impacts and promote positive change;
 - (2) Creating an annual work plan in furtherance of the Commission's goals and solicit input from stakeholders via its members.
 - (3) Beginning in January 2020, creating an annual report and presenting it to the Cook County Board via the Environment and Sustainability Committee; and
 - (4) Collaborating in regional environmental associations and with other local environmental stakeholders.

Sec. 2-547. Division scheduled to be repealed on November 30, 2022.

- (a)
- (b) *Repeal of division.* This Division is repealed on November 30, ~~2022~~ 2026.

Effective date: Ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

Legislative History : 10/20/22 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Environment and Sustainability C



Secretary

Chairman: Deer
Vice-Chairman: Degnen
Members: Britton, Lowry, Miller, K. Morrison, Silvestri