



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County**

**Criminal Justice Committee**

**Wednesday, December 16, 2020**

**12:30 PM**

**Virtual Meeting**

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Due to the current health crisis, there is no in-person participation for the County Board meetings. The President and Commissioners will participate remotely. The public can observe the livestream <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings>

The public can still testify to the Committee Meetings. Only written comment will be accepted for those wishing to provide Public Testimony. Written comments provided prior to the start of the meeting will be read aloud at the meeting. Three minutes per comment will be allowed, though every effort will be made to read statements in their entirety. If you have additional material for the Board to consider, please email testimony to [cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov) and indicate a desire that your testimony be entered into the record. All written comment which complies with County Board Rules will be posted online.

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**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 7/27/2020

[20-5424](#)

**Presented by:** DELRICE ADAMS, Executive Director, Justice Advisory Council

**REPORT**

**Department:** Cook County Justice Advisory Council

**Report Title:** The Annual Report of the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center Advisory Board for 2019

**Report Period:** Annual Report for 2019

**Summary:** Pursuant to Cook County Ordinance Art VI. Div. 3. Sec. 2-511-520 the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center Advisory Board (hereinafter "Advisory Board") shall submit to the Executive Director of the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center (hereinafter "JTDC"), the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, the Board of Commissioners for Cook County, and the President of the

Cook County Board of Commissioners an annual report containing public recommendations for actions which may be necessary in carrying out the mission, purpose and intent of the JTDC. The Advisory Board is charged with providing public recommendations on maximizing the use of current resources and on meeting the physical, social, and psychological needs of the population, as well as establishing public performance measures to track and measure the achievement of the JTDC's mission.

This year the Advisory Board focuses its report on the use of punitive room confinement. In previous years the JTDC has shown an increase in the use of room confinements. This report outlines the harmful nature of confinement and the information we have been able to receive regarding the use of confinements in the JTDC. The advisory board issued a number of recommendations including greater transparency and information sharing between the JTDC and the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the public as well as to focus efforts on eliminating solitary confinement. This work was aided by the members of the Advisory Board, ex-officio member Commissioner Stanley Moore, as well as Commissioner Bridget Gainer, whose office has provided insight and guidance.

**Legislative History :** 11/19/20 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Criminal Justice Committee



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Secretary

Chairman: Moore  
Vice-Chairman: Johnson  
Members: Committee of the Whole