



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

Criminal Justice Committee

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

11:00 AM

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

Issued on: 6/02/2026

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 virtual 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 Collaborative Room F, Chicago, IL. Persons authorized to provide public testimony are encouraged to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting and shall not use vulgar, abusive, discriminatory, profane, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately, 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 05/13/2026.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CALLING FOR A HEARING ON IMPROVING THE “LAST MILE” OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, INCLUDING THE SERVICE OF ORDERS OF PROTECTION, FOID REVOCATION ENFORCEMENT, AND ELECTRONIC MONITORING VIOLATIONS

WHEREAS, the goal of the criminal justice system is to provide safety for society, protection for victims and just application of the law for the accused. The ability to achieve these goals depends on 1) the crafting of effective, fair legislation, 2) provision of equally rigorous prosecution and defense, 3) the thoughtful discernment of judges and issuance of judicial orders, and 4) effective enforcement of those orders in real time; and

WHEREAS, the “last mile of criminal justice” refers to the critical final stage of implementation in which law enforcement agencies, courts, and other partners must ensure that the products of judicial review other than incarceration: orders of protection, electronic monitoring (EM) conditions and Firearm Owner’s Identification (FOID) card revocation result in the timely execution of those orders; and

WHEREAS, challenges to effective enforcement undermine public safety and victim protections. According to the Cook County Sheriff’s data, approximately 45% orders of protection go unserved. According to the Cook County Sheriff’s report on FOID revocation, 68% percent of owners of revoked FOID cards do not comply with the transfer of firearms. While Cook County has strengthened EM protocols, there have been recent high-profile incidents linked to unauthorized absences of EM participants; and

WHEREAS, high rates of failure to protect survivors, family members and the larger community in the last mile require the consideration and use of new tools and recourse, including adapting technology to community safety; and

WHEREAS, survivors of violence rely upon the timely service and enforcement of orders of protection as an immediate safeguard against harm. Insufficient staffing, lack of information and technology coordination between agencies, and inconsistent enforcement practices can undermine the effectiveness of court-issued protections; and

WHEREAS, the use of electronic communications in the transmission of orders of protection has been successfully implemented in other states and could be considered in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, while a FOID card has a very high bar for revocation including felony conviction, active orders of protection, domestic battery charges, or being deemed a “clear and present danger,” less than 30% of owners of revoked FOID cards comply with the surrender of firearms. For the safety and

protection of family members and survivors, new enforcement mechanisms such as the inability to renew a drivers license while out of compliance with a firearms license should be considered; and

WHEREAS, electronic monitoring programs are intended to provide accountability, supervision, and public safety protections, yet concerns have been raised regarding monitoring compliance, response times to violations, interagency coordination, and enforcement capacity; and

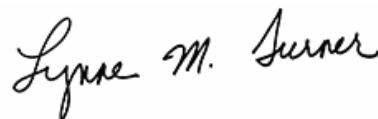
WHEREAS, there is a massive investment of taxpayer resources to insure a well functioning criminal justice system and lapses in the “last mile” expose addressable failures and ultimately undermine safety; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing would provide an opportunity for the Cook County Criminal Justice Committee to hear testimony from law enforcement agencies, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, the Office of the Chief Judge, the Sheriff’s Office, advocates for survivors of violence, legal experts, community organizations, and impacted residents regarding existing challenges and potential reforms.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Criminal Justice Committee will convene a “Last Mile of Criminal Justice” hearing on June 9, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. to examine challenges, delays, and systemic gaps related to the service and enforcement of orders of protection, electronic monitoring compliance and enforcement, and FOID revocations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the hearing shall evaluate current procedures, response timelines, interagency coordination practices, staffing capacity, data collection, and enforcement mechanisms to identify operational failures and opportunities for improvement.

Legislative History : 5/14/26 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Criminal Justice Committee



Secretary

Chair: Moore

Vice-Chair: Stamps

Members: Committee of the Whole