



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

Criminal Justice Committee

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

10:30 AM

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

Issued on: 11/12/2025

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 Conference Room C, 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 07/22/2025.

[25-4095](#)

Sponsored by: DONNA MILLER, ALMA E. ANAYA, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, FRANK J. AGUILAR, JOHN P. DALEY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS and JESSICA VÁSQUEZ, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

THE CHICAGO-COOK COUNTY VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the County of Cook is a home rule unit of government pursuant to 1970 Illinois Constitution, Article VII, Section 6 (a); and,

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago is a home rule unit of government pursuant to the 1970 Illinois Constitution, Article VII, Section 6 (a); and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago's Violence Reduction Dashboard reports there has been a 61.5 percent increase in fatal domestic shootings and a 22.6 percent increase in domestic homicides as of September 11, 2025, in the City of Chicago. Comparatively, overall homicides have reduced by 29.4 percent; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago Inspector General reports that so far this year there have been 56,930 calls to 911 for domestic disturbances, 17,185 for domestic batteries, and 13,018 calls relating to violations of orders of protections; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office reports 451 charges for felony domestic violence cases and 9,559 domestic violence misdemeanor charges filed in the year of 2025 as of September 22nd; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence reported a 110 percent increase in domestic-related deaths in 2023 in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Network Against Domestic Violence reports that during the year of 2024 in the City of Chicago there were no beds or cribs available in domestic violence shelters for 130 days and there were 30,010 calls to the domestic violence hotline from Cook County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control's National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) indicates that 41 percent of women and 25 percent of men experience sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, the National Violent Death Reporting System reports that death by a spouse or intimate partner in Illinois in 2022, was more per capita (.49 percent) as the reporting submitted for the states of New York and California combined (.41 percent); and

WHEREAS, the 2026 budget request for the United States Department of Justice has proposed up to 30 percent funding cuts to domestic violence programming, including \$207.5 million to the Office on Violence Against Women;

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

Section 1.

There is hereby created an advisory task force entitled the Chicago-Cook County Task Force to Reduce Violence Against Women to make recommendations to the Mayor of the City of Chicago, the Chicago City Council, the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and the Cook County Board of Commissioners concerning the formulation of a comprehensive strategy to collaboratively address violence against women in the City of Chicago and the County of Cook.

The Chicago-Cook County Task Force shall initiate a whole-government approach; incorporate the findings of previous and concurrent task forces relating to women and vulnerable communities; and will strictly focus on governmental responsibility to address violence against women; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;

The Chicago-Cook Task Force shall be composed of all appointed officials, elected county stakeholders, departmental commissioners, or their designees.

In Cook County, these entities shall include representatives from the following appointees: the Cook County Board President, Cook County Commissioners Donna Miller, Alma E. Anaya, Bridget Degnen, Bridget Gainer, Cook County Sheriff, Cook County State's Attorney, Cook County Public Defender, Public Guardian's Office, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Cook County Health and Hospitals, and at least four (4) designees from the Office of the Chief Judge that specialize in the Court operations and management for Juvenile Justice, Domestic Relations, Domestic Violence, and the programming for Juvenile Justice, GPS, Pretrial and Probation and at least one representative from the Office of the Chief Judge's Executive Team.

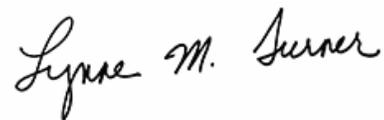
All departments should participate in ongoing channels for cross-departmental and governmental collaboration, analyze research and evidence-based practices, identify gaps in data-sharing and funding needs, and determine policy recommendations for future collaborative actions. The Task Force shall gather monthly as an intra-governmental assembly to deliberate and hear expert testimony regarding the following topic areas:

- (a) Systemic Mapping, Policies, Operational Responsibilities
- (b) Data Collection, Transparency, and Collaboration
- (b) Resources and Funding Priorities
- (d) Oversight and Accountability
- (e) Legislative Requirements and Priorities
- (f) Public Awareness and Community Engagement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;

These efforts shall commence on December 1, 2025, and conclude on May 31, 2026. An official report of recommendations must be submitted by July 1, 2026, to the Chicago City Council and the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

Legislative History : 10/23/25 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Criminal Justice Committee



Secretary

Chair: Moore

Vice-Chair: Stamps

Members: Committee of the Whole