



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County**

**Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee**

**Wednesday, October 23, 2024**

**2:30 PM**

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

**Issued on 10/16/24**

**NOTICE AND AGENDA**

There will be a meeting of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee 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 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.

[24-5827](#)

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 09/18/2024

[24-5321](#)

**Presented by:** LYNDON TAYLOR, Chair, Cook County Health and Hospitals System Board of Directors

**PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS**

**Department:** Cook County Health and Hospitals System Board of Directors

**Summary:** Appointment and Compensation for “Candidate A” as Chief Executive Officer of the Cook County Health and Hospitals System.

The Cook County Board of Commissioners passed a comprehensive ordinance creating the Cook County Health and Hospitals System (CCHHS), Chapter 38, Sections 38-70, et seq., through which they established rules for the governance, management, mission, and goals of the Cook County Health and Hospitals System.

Chapter 38, Sec. 38-80(a) granted to the System Board the authority to appoint the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the CCHHS as set forth in Section 38-81(b) and to recommend the compensation of such CEO subject to review and approval by the County Board.

Chapter 38, Sec. 38-80(a) and 38-81(b) provide that the appointment of a Chief Executive Officer to the CCHHS, shall be subject to the advice and consent of the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

On August 23, 2024, the Board of Directors of the Cook County Health and Hospitals System approved the proposed appointment of Candidate A to the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Cook County Health and Hospitals System, with a compensation package as discussed in a closed meeting.

Following approval by the Board of Directors of the Cook County Health and Hospitals System, the proposed appointment of “Candidate A” for the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Cook County Health and Hospitals System is presented to the Board of Commissioners of Cook County for their advice and consent, and the compensation package for “Candidate A” as discussed in a closed meeting is presented to the Board of Commissioners of Cook County for their approval

**Legislative History :** 9/19/24 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Health & Hospitals Committee

**Legislative History :** 10/10/24 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

[24-5204](#)

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

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Shobana Verma

**Position:** Member

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

**Effective date:** 9/19/2024

**Expiration date:** 9/19/2027

**Legislative History :** 9/19/24 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta

[24-5217](#)

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

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Hedy Ratner

**Position:** Member

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

**Effective date:** 10/19/2024

**Expiration date:** 10/19/2027

**Legislative History :** 9/19/24 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta

[24-5237](#)

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

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Seth Rau

**Position:** Member

**Department/Board/Commission:** Cook County Board of Ethics

**Effective date:** 10/24/2024

**Expiration date:** 10/24/2028

**Legislative History :** 9/19/24 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta

[24-5216](#)

**Sponsored by:** DONNA MILLER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO PASS THE KIDS ONLINE SAFETY ACT (KOSA) AND THE CHILDREN AND TEENS' ONLINE PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT (COPPA 2.0)**

**WHEREAS**, the digital age has revolutionized how children and teenagers interact with the world, presenting unprecedented opportunities for learning and engagement, while also introducing significant risks to their safety and privacy online; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Surgeon General issued a warning on May 23, 2023, stating that “there are increasing concerns among researchers, parents and caregivers, young people, healthcare experts, and others about the impact of social media on youth mental health” with such concerns including anxiety, eating disorders, depression, and suicide. Social media is additionally used to facilitate cyberbullying, privacy invasion, fraud, human trafficking, sexual harassment, sexual predation, the sale of illegal narcotics, hate, and disinformation; and

**WHEREAS**, about 64% of U.S. teens have encountered hate speech on social media; Approximately 46% of students report experiencing cyberbullying; Teenagers who use social media for more than 3 hours daily are more likely to experience mental health problems, such as depression, anxiety, and

antisocial behavior; One in four young people see illicit drugs advertised for sale on social media; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kids Online Safety Act (KOSA) and the Children and Teens' Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA 2.0) have recently passed the United States Senate, demonstrating a crucial step towards enhancing protections for young users in our increasingly digital society; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kids Online Safety Act (KOSA) is designed to create robust frameworks for monitoring and regulating online platforms, ensuring they are safe environments for children and teenagers by addressing harmful content and interactions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Children and Teens' Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA 2.0) aims to update and strengthen privacy protections for minors, addressing modern challenges and ensuring that the personal data of young users is safeguarded against misuse by digital entities; and

**WHEREAS**, these legislative measures are essential for providing parents, educators, and guardians with greater tools to manage and protect the online experiences of their children, ensuring their safety and privacy in a rapidly evolving digital landscape; and

**WHEREAS**, the passage of these acts would mark a significant advancement in our national commitment to safeguarding our youth, reflecting a proactive approach to addressing the evolving threats and challenges they face online; and

**WHEREAS**, the successful implementation of these laws will benefit from the active support of all legislative bodies, stakeholders, and community advocates who recognize the urgent need for enhanced online protections for minors;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners strongly urge the United States House of Representatives to pass the Kids Online Safety Act and the Children (KOSA) and Teens' Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA 2.0) in order to bolster online safety and privacy protections for children and teenagers across the nation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners call upon all relevant stakeholders, including policymakers, industry leaders, and advocacy groups, to support the passage of these critical pieces of legislation and work collaboratively towards their effective implementation; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the Illinois' Congressional delegation, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Majority and Minority Leaders, to emphasize the importance and urgency of passing these legislative measures to ensure the safety and privacy of our nation's youth.

**Legislative History :** 9/19/24 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta

[24-5334](#)

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

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Inger Burnett-Zeigler, PhD

**Position:** Director

**Department/Board/Commission:** Cook County Health & Hospital Systems Board of Directors

**Effective date:** 10/24/2024

**Expiration date:** 10/24/2028

**Legislative History :** 9/19/24 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta

[24-5376](#)

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

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Pushkar M. Sharma

**Position:** Member

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

**Effective date:** 10/24/2024

**Expiration date:** 10/24/2027

**Legislative History :** 9/19/24 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta

[24-5377](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** George Kasten

**Position:** Trustee

**Department/Board/Commission:** Woodley Road Sanitary District

**Effective date:** 10/24/2024

**Expiration date:** 10/24/2027

**Legislative History :** 9/19/24 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta

[24-5324](#)

**Sponsored by:** KEVIN B. MORRISON, FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, BRIDGET DEGREN, MONICA GORDON, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR and JOHN P. DALEY, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF KARINA'S BILL**

**WHEREAS,** in June of 2023, Karina Gonzalez filed a complaint with the Ogden district police station and said her husband, Jose Alvarez, had a gun and had threatened to kill her; and

**WHEREAS,** in the days that followed, Gonzalez was granted an order of protection against Alvarez banning him from their home; and

**WHEREAS,** Chicago police filed a clear and present danger report on him, and Illinois State Police revoked and confiscated his firearm owner's identification (FOID) card; and

**WHEREAS,** however, Alvarez was still in the home and still had his Glock 9mm handgun when on July 3, 2023, prosecutors say he fatally shot Gonzalez and his 15-year-old daughter while wounding his 18-year-old son; and

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**WHEREAS**, according to the Cook County Sheriff’s Office report “A Firearm Regulation Crisis”, in Cook County, 39,719 FOIDs were revoked or suspended at the end of 2023, and 27,043 (68%) had not turned in the required Firearm Disposition Record; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the 2003 study “Risk Factors for Femicide in Abusive Relationships”, abusers with firearms are five times more likely to kill their female victims; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s 2019 National Violent Death Reporting System, an average of 70 women are shot and killed by an intimate partner every month; and

**WHEREAS**, in domestic violence cases, the presence of a gun in the home increases the risk of a homicide by 500%, according to a 2022 report from the Network; and

**WHEREAS**, according to The Network’s analysis of statistics compiled by the Gun Violence Archive, Illinois saw a near-doubling of domestic violence shooting deaths from 2020 to 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, under current state law, there is still no clear process for removing a gun after an order of protection has been issued, according to domestic violence prevention advocates; and

**WHEREAS**, Illinois House Bill 4469 (HB 4469) and Senate Bill 2633 (SB 2633), or Karina’s Bill, was introduced in January of this year in response to the tragic death of Karina Gonzalez; and

**WHEREAS**, Karina’s Bill amends the Protective Orders Article of the Code of Criminal Procedures of 1963 and the Illinois Domestic Violence Act to provide that firearms must be surrendered or confiscated within four days of a victim being granted a domestic violence order of protection against their abuser and explicitly allows a judge to issue a search warrant for those weapons when law enforcement goes to serve the order of protection; and

**WHEREAS**, the bill also provides clear probable cause requirements for firearm seizure, including: (1) that the respondent possesses firearms, ammunition, or firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm; (2) that the respondent poses a danger of causing personal injury to the petitioner or child and that the danger is imminent and present; and (3) that firearms, ammunition, or firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm are located at the residence, vehicle, or other property of the respondent; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislation would also allow federally-licensed gun dealers to store any guns seized or surrendered by someone under a domestic violence order of protection with the firearm remedy; and

**WHEREAS**, the bill had stalled awaiting a ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court regarding a federal law that bars those under domestic violence-related restraining orders from owning guns; and



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**WHEREAS**, in June of this year, the U.S. Supreme Court went on to uphold that federal law, publishing their opinion on the one-year anniversary of Gonzalez’s order of protection against her husband; and

**WHEREAS**, a coalition of over 40 advocacy groups are leading the charge for this bill on the grassroots level, and are now urging for Karina’s Bill to be passed during the Illinois Legislature's Fall Veto Session; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County remains committed to supporting and empowering its residents impacted by gender-based violence and advocating for access to the services that address this ongoing need in our communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby declare its support for the Illinois Legislature to pass HB 4469 & SB 2633, or Karina’s Bill, during its Fall Session; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the Governor of Illinois, the Illinois Senate President and Minority Leader, the Illinois House Speaker and Minority Leader, the members of the Illinois Rules Committee, Chief Sponsor and Senator Celina Villanueva, and Chief Sponsor and Representative Maura Hirschauer.

**Legislative History :** 9/19/24 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta

[24-5415](#)

**Sponsored by:** MONICA GORDON, ALMA E. ANAYA, BRIDGET DEGNEN, KEVIN B. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA and TARA S. STAMPS, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RECOGNIZING CAREGIVERS AS KEY PARTNERS IN THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE**

**WHEREAS**, a caregiver assisting a spouse, partner, family member, friend, or neighbor, is known as an informal caregiver and is often an unpaid individual involved in assisting others with activities of daily living and/or medical tasks; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the most recent report from The National Alliance for Caregiving (NAC) and AARP published in 2020, there are 53 million people providing unpaid care in the U.S. with family caregivers now encompassing more than one in five Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, caregiving remains an activity that occurs among all generations, racial/ethnic groups, income or educational levels, family types, gender identities, and sexual orientations. Three in 5 caregivers

are women (61 percent) and 2 in 5 are men (39 percent). Six in 10 caregivers report being non-Hispanic White (61 percent), 17 percent are Hispanic or Latino, 14 percent non-Hispanic African American or Black, 5 percent Asian American and Pacific Islander, and 3 percent some other race/ethnicity, including multiracial; and

**WHEREAS**, while most caregivers of adults care for one person (76 percent), 24 percent care for two or more adults, up significantly from 18 percent in 2015, which suggests a nation of Americans who continue to step up to provide unpaid care to family, friends, and neighbors who might need assistance due to health or functional needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the growth in caring for an adult relative is up markedly among African American caregivers (88 percent compared to 77 percent in 2015) and Hispanic caregivers (92 percent vs. 85 percent in 2015). The youngest caregivers are also more often caring for an adult relative (91 percent) than in 2015 (85 percent); and

**WHEREAS**, the three most common problems or illnesses cited by caregivers identifying the recipient's main problem or illness that causes them to need care include "old age" (16 percent), mobility issues (12 percent), and Alzheimer's or dementia (11 percent); and

**WHEREAS**, there are an estimated 641,000 adults aged 60 and older with cognitive and other disabilities including cerebral palsy, autism, epilepsy, and traumatic brain injury, among others requiring care from caregivers. Families are still the primary caregivers for adults with developmental disabilities and are themselves aging. About 76% of individuals with developmental disabilities reside at home. The number of adults with disabilities is projected to double to 1,242,794 by 2030, coinciding with the aging population of baby boomers born between 1946 and 1964; and

**WHEREAS**, caregivers report significantly worse health across all hours of care and ages of recipients; among both low- and high-income caregivers; among all marital statuses; and among both those who had a choice and those who had no choice in providing care. Furthermore, the economic effects of family caregiving can result in financial strain with substantial short-term and long-term financial consequences. About one in five caregivers report experiencing high financial strain as a result of providing care; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, there were 1,290,000 family caregivers in Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, family caregivers are key partners in the provision of health care and long-term services and support; and

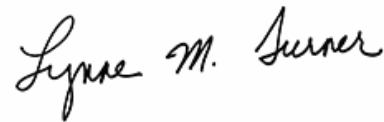
**WHEREAS**, it is incumbent upon this government to optimize the wellbeing of family caregivers by strengthening their recognition among society, highlighting the value of family caregivers, and leveraging resources from county agencies to reach family caregivers in diverse communities.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and support family caregivers as key partners in the provision of health care and long-term services and support for older and aging adults; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby commit to promote and expand access to programs, services, and support for family caregivers by adopting policy, funding and system enhancements, and coordinating services for family caregivers; and by increasing awareness among county government staff and county residents about the breadth of caregiving and value of caregiver's sacrifice.

**Legislative History :** 9/19/24 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta



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Secretary

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