



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

Environment and Sustainability Committee

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

11:30 AM

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

Issued on: 01/07/2026

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 2, 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 09/17/2025.

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Presented by: SUZANNE MALEC-MCKENNA, Director, Department of Environment and Sustainability

Sponsored by: FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR and JESSICA VÁSQUEZ, Cook County Board of Commissioners

REPORT

Department: Department of Environment and Sustainability

Report Title: Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability, Environmental Justice Policy Framework

Report Period: 2025 - 2026

Summary: The Department of Environment and Sustainability (DES), on behalf of the Offices Under the President, presents the Environmental Justice (EJ) Policy Framework, a collection of strategies to redress historical and present injustices and promote environmental equity throughout Cook County. This policy will inform OUP decision-making, enabling proactive, community-led solutions for the future. The EJ Policy Framework was co-created by an Internal Working Group made up of representatives across multiple County departments and agencies, and a Community Advisory Committee, following DES's engagement with Cook County residents through surveys, town halls and public input. It is intended to be a living document maintained by DES that will be accessed regularly and reviewed annually in the second quarter of each fiscal year and refined as needed.

Legislative History : 12/18/25 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Environment and Sustainability C



Secretary

Chair: Degnen

Vice-Chair: Morita

Members: Britton, Miller, K. Morrison, Trevor, Vásquez