



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County
Minutes of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee**

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

9:30 AM

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Suffredin, Fritchey, Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Deer, Gainer, García, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chairman Suffredin asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code.

1. Mark Armstrong

[18-4057](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 05/16/2018

A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to recommend for approval 18-4057. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Fritchey, Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Deer, Gainer, García, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

[18-2536](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Frank Morris

Position: Trustee

Department/Board/Commission: Board of Trustees for the Garden Homes Sanitary District

Effective date: Immediate

Expiration date: 4/25/2021. The appointment will remain in effect until reappointed or successor is appointed

A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to recommend for approval 18-2536. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Fritchey, Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Deer, Gainer, García, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

[18-3328](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Angie Hamada

Position: Commissioner

Department/Board/Commission: Cook County Commission of Human Rights

Effective date: Immediate

Expiration date: 4/25/2021. The appointment will remain in effect until reappointed or successor is appointed

A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to recommend for approval 18-3328. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Fritchey, Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Deer, Gainer, García, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

[18-3340](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Marjorie Moss

Position: Board Member

Department/Board/Commission: Juvenile Temporary Detention Center Advisory Board

Effective date: Immediate

Expiration date: 4/25/2021. The appointment will remain in effect until reappointed or successor is appointed

Marjorie Moss will be replacing Emmanuel Andre's position on the board

A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to recommend for approval 18-3340. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Fritchey, Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Deer, Gainer, García, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

[18-3834](#)

Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, LARRY SUFFREDIN, JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, EDWARD M. MOODY, LUIS ARROYO JR, DENNIS DEER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, JERRY BUTLER and DEBORAH SIMS, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ~~HOUSE BILL 4364~~ SENATE BILL 3228 TO OFFER OPPORTUNITY FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS SERVING LIFE SENTENCES THE CHANCE FOR PAROLE

WHEREAS, The U.S. Supreme Court ruled six years ago that sentencing schemes that require life sentences with no hope of parole for crimes committed by juveniles violated the U.S. Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2018, the Injustice Project, in partnership with the Chicago Sun-Times, published an article stating that in Illinois more than 160 prisoners are serving life sentences for crimes they committed as juveniles, with virtually no hope of parole or early release under current law; and,

WHEREAS, Using Illinois Department of Corrections data, Injustice Watch examined the number of prisoners serving 50 or more years in prison who were taken into custody before their 18th birthday; and,

WHEREAS, Because Illinois almost entirely abolished parole in 1978, the 167 juvenile offenders do not get the same chance to show rehabilitation and change that they might get in other states. The only juvenile offenders with parole opportunities are the aging handful who were convicted before the law changed four decades ago; and,

WHEREAS, Courts across the country varied standards on what length of a prison term can legally be considered a life sentence, and whether and when they should be eligible for parole; and,

WHEREAS, At least 13 other states and Washington, D.C., have passed laws giving young offenders a chance to ask for parole release or a sentence reduction after first serving as few as 12 and as many as 35 years in prison, depending on the state and severity of the crime; and,

WHEREAS, The Illinois Senate Criminal Law Committee last month sent to the full Senate a bill that would permit inmates who committed crimes before the age of 21 the periodic chance to ask for parole, after first serving 10 years for lesser crimes and 20 years for first-degree murder or aggravated sexual assault; and,

WHEREAS, Research indicates that incarceration has a jarring effect on life expectancy, a study by Vanderbilt University Professor Evelyn Patterson found each year of incarceration likely reduces a prisoner's life expectancy by two years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby support and encourage the 100th General Assembly of the State of Illinois in the passage of ~~House Bill 4364~~ Senate Bill 3228.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to recommend for approval as amended 18-3834. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Fritchey, Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Deer, Gainer, García, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to accept as amended 18-3834. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Fritchey, Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Deer, Gainer, García, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Daley (1)


ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that this was adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Fritchey, Arroyo, Boykin, Butler, Deer, Gainer, García, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Daley (1)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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