



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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**Cook County Building, Board Room,
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

Consent Agenda

Thursday, December 14, 2023, 10:00 AM

Second Set

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING HELEN ANDERSON ON HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Helen Anderson retires from Cook County Bureau of Technology on December 29, 2023, after 31 years of dedicated service to Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Helen started as a Field Technician II in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Helen is known for being very dedicated to helping Cook County employees with their IT issues; and

WHEREAS, Helen worked in the IT department of the Law Office of the Public Defender for four years under the guidance of Carol Hillgamy; and

WHEREAS, she appreciated Carol's willingness to always answer any of her questions and Carol's constant support and friendship while she worked in the Public Defender's office; and

WHEREAS, in 1995 Helen transferred over to the Bureau of Technology where she provided technical support and problem resolution for the AS/400 system users; and

WHEREAS, Helen graduated Summa Cum Laude with her Master's of Management Information System during her time at Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Helen is an avid sports fan, and her retirement goal is to visit all the sports stadiums for baseball, basketball, and football; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, does hereby offer Helen Anderson congratulations on her retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of same be tender to Helen Anderson.

[24-0476](#)

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING KURT KISTINGER ON HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Kurt Kistingner will retire from Cook County Bureau of Technology on December 29, 2023, after 41 years of dedicated service to Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Kurt started his career at Cook County in the Treasurer's office in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Kurt started with the Bureau of Technology under the leadership of Stan Moles in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Kurt was instrumental in the design and development of the current real estate system being used at Cook County today; and

WHEREAS, Kurt is responsible for assisting the Department of Revenue in maintaining the 20-year Delinquent Master file along with the Year-to-Date File; and

WHEREAS, as a Program Analyst IV, Kurt maintained the 20 years of properties tax files which includes all payments and refunds that are reflected on each property index number daily and month. He updates the information either manually or electronically. Once the tax year is in balance, the files are used to update the Revenue's database; and

WHEREAS, these files are the ones used by the Revenue/Treasurer and Clerk to generate their Annual and/or Scavenger Sale file and listings and the Assessor with Exemptions, Certificate or Error Refunds and Run-A-Jobs and he has assumed the responsibility for the Clerk's tax code updates for tax extension and the Clerk's Cashiering Test system printing; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of cook County, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, does hereby offer Kurt Kistingner congratulations on his retirement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of same be tendered to Kurt Kistingner.

[24-0477](#)

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING JANEINE Y. KING ON HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Janeine Y. King will retire from Cook County Bureau of Technology on December 29, 2023, after 15 years of dedicated service as an Administrative Assistant II; and

WHEREAS, Janeine started her career at Cook County in the Bureau of Technology in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Janeine was instrumental on addressing a backlog of 900 AT&T invoices that she and her team were able to reduce to 40 invoices; and

WHEREAS, Janeine has distinguished herself with her reliability, work ethic and productivity; and

WHEREAS, Janeine has taken on additional responsibilities of processing AT&T invoices, overseeing, and administering the fleet of Bureau of Technology vehicles and invoicing agencies for Bureau of Technology overtime; and

WHEREAS, Janeine is an avid cruiser with a record of 20 cruises completed and looking forward to many more cruises as she enjoys her retirement; and

WHEREAS, Janeine is grateful and proud to have worked with her colleagues on the telecommunication team and she thanks them for the constant support and respect that they have given her over the past 15 years, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, behalf of the residents of cook county, does hereby offer Janeine Y. King congratulations on her retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of same be tendered to Janeine Y. King.

[24-0478](#)

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING HERMAN SCALES ON HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Herman Scales will retire from Cook County Bureau of Technology on December 29, 2023, after 32 years of dedicated service to Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Herman will be known as the Project Leader that is the behind-the-scenes glue that holds ERP together and is known for having an abundance of patience; and

WHEREAS, Herman understands EBS and Hyperion security and account setup better than anyone; and

WHEREAS, Herman is a dedicated team player who is always prepared to call his IT colleagues to work through issues as they arise, and

WHEREAS, Herman held one of the very last OneWorld licenses and was instrumental in getting the data migrated to the archiving system; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, does hereby offer Herman Scales congratulations on his retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of same be tender to Herman Scales.

[24-0479](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THOMAS BROWN ON HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Thomas “Tom” Brown retired from Cook County Bureau of Technology on November 30, 2023, after 30 years of dedicated service to Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Tom started in MIS in 1993 as programmer/Analyst IV; and

WHEREAS, Tom was assigned to the financial team working with project leader Bob Nordby to code and evaluate several mainframe/legacy programs and procedures before being transferred to the property

group under project leader Mani Subramanian; and

WHEREAS, In September of 2001, Tom was promoted to project leader on the property team; and

WHEREAS, Tom's primary responsibilities include the twice-yearly print of the 1.8 million tax bills which annually brings in \$15 billion dollars of revenue for the county; and

WHEREAS, Tom was involved with tax extension processing with the Clerk's office, Collections, Refund, Distribution processing with the Treasurer's office and the Annual Tax Sale and the bi-annual scavenger sale; and

WHEREAS, Tom is a lifelong Chicago Cubs, Chicago Bears, and Chicago Bulls fan and plan to do a lot of traveling after retirement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, does hereby offer Thomas "Tom" Brown congratulations on his retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of same be tender to Thomas "Tom" Brown.

[24-0560](#)

Sponsored by: ANTHONY J. QUEZADA and TARA S. STAMPS, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

OSCAR ORTIZ, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Oscar Ortiz was a special education teacher at Nancy B. Jefferson Alternative High School, which is housed within the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center (JTDC); and

WHEREAS, Oscar was the most loving husband of Sabina Ortiz, loving father of Gabriel Ortiz and Daniel Torres, dear son of Benito and Mirta Ortiz, beloved brother of Ed Ortiz, and cherished nephew, unforgettable uncle, caring cousin, and fond friend of many; and

WHEREAS, for twenty years, Oscar was a Chicago Public Schools (CPS) teacher and a leader within the Chicago Teachers Union (CTU) who inspired his students and fellow teachers alike to take action in the face of injustice. Oscar would remind his students and fellow teachers to always be aware of how much our actions impact the communities we come from and rally with; and

WHEREAS, Oscar was proud to be from the Humboldt Park neighborhood. His upbringing taught him that education was the key to keeping our youth away from harm; and

WHEREAS, Oscar was a visionary whose convictions were rooted in equity and social justice. He simultaneously dreamt of a better world for his students and for his community, while also keeping his feet firmly on the ground by joining his union’s legislative and political efforts to campaign for material gains for his students and his community; and

WHEREAS, Oscar’s optimism and love for his community was contagious, as the many who knew him attest to the energy he brought into a room. Oscar was never too shy to share his thoughts. If Oscar felt that you were someone who could create positive, everlasting change, he would tell you and support you throughout your journey; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson remembers Oscar as someone who never saw a need too great to meet, or a cause too big to defend; and

WHEREAS, Illinois Congresswoman Delia Ramirez remembers Oscar as someone who believed that education is the tool to realize our potential and our dreams, and that everyone felt his passion and optimism; and

WHEREAS, Illinois Congressman Jesús “Chuy” García knew Oscar for two decades, and remembers how much his kindness, great sense of humor, and great love for life made him stand out wherever he went.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County President and Board of Commissioners do hereby offer their deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Oscar Ortiz and joins them in reflection of his great life; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the family of Oscar Ortiz so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[24-0612](#)

Sponsored by: JOSINA MORITA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

THE RETIREMENT OF THE HONORABLE PRAMOD SHAH

WHEREAS, Pramod Shah will retire from the Village of Skokie on January 3, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Pramod has served as Skokie Village Clerk since 2013 where he made history as the first Asian American Village Clerk; and

WHEREAS, in his role as Village Clerk, Pramod Shah served as the Village’s local election official, overseeing voter registration and election services, as well as public records, passport services, real estate

transfer stamp services, public service referrals, temporary handicap parking applications, and more; and

WHEREAS, Pramod served four years as Village of Skokie Trustee, from 2009 to 2013; and

WHEREAS, Pramod was elected Niles Township Trustee and served as Niles Township Collector from 1999 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, Pramod has been an advocate for minority communities in Skokie respected local leader and small business owner known for his integrity, calm and kindness for decades; and

WHEREAS, Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen declared, “Pramod embodies the phrase, ‘Skokie Welcomes Everyone,’ and has dedicated his time in office to ensuring that Skokie Village Hall is a welcoming environment offering best-in-class municipal services to all who visit; and

WHEREAS, Pramod is a trailblazer making history as the first Asian American, Indian American and Hindu American in many of his roles; and

WHEREAS, Pramod has been a gracious and generous mentor to many local and Asian American elected leaders including Cook County Commissioner Josina Morita, State Senator Ram Villivalam, State Representative Kevin Olickal, and Skokie Trustee Khemarey Khoen; and

WHEREAS, Pramod served as a past President of the Indo-American Democratic Organization (IADO), Illinois’ oldest Asian American political organization; and

WHEREAS, Pramod Shah and his wife of 53 years, Usha, have raised two sons Mihir and Mehul, and many grandchildren in Skokie, where they’ve lived for more than 30 years; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby acknowledge the service and retirement of Pramod Shah; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Pramod Shah, that his service may be so honored.

[24-0615](#)

Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING DR. DOROTHY JEAN TILLMAN, TEEN PRODIGY THAT SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDS HER DISSERTATION TO EARN DOCTORAL DEGREE FROM ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS, Dr. Dorothy Jean Tillman, BDH, was born and raised in Chicago, IL, where she was raised by her mother, Jimalita Tillman, to whom she attributes much of her success too; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tillman's higher education journey began at the age of ten (10) when she enrolled as a freshman at the College of Lake County in Grayslake, Illinois, where she majored in Psychology; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tillman completed her Associate's Degree in 2016 and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Humanities from Excelsior University in 2018. In 2020, Dr. Tillman achieved, yet, another milestone by earning a Master of Science Degree from Unity College in Unity, Maine, becoming the youngest Environmental and Sustainable Scientist in the country; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tillman is the founder and Chief Executive Office of the Dorothy Jeanius STEAM Leadership Institute, which launched Dorothy Jeanius STEAM Labs in Chicago and West Capetown, South Africa, in 2020. Additionally, she was bestowed the title and name of Ankobea Ama Akuffo by His Royal Majesty Oseadeeyo Kwasi Akuffo III, the Omanhene of Akuapem, in Ghana. In this role, she serves as an official advisor on STEAM education and programs for youth; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tillman has been recognized with numerous honors, awards and recognitions, including, The Black Women's Expo - Chicago 2022 Phenomenal Woman Award, Diversity in Action magazine's 2022 20 Under 20 list of Next Gen STEAM leaders, the 2021 Black Enterprise 40 Under 40 - Tech (and panelist at the 40 Under 40 Virtual Summit), the 2021 WVON 40 Under 40 Gamechangers, the 2019 Young Shining Star Award from the National Association of Black Elected Legislative Women; the 2019 Excelon African American Resource Alliance Achievement Award; and the 2018 Black Girls Rock - Who Rocks Next Award; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, May 6, 2024, Dr. Tillman is set to earn her Doctoral degree and participate in commencement activities at Arizona State University in Phoenix, AZ. Her ultimate goal is to leverage her accomplishments and dedication to STEAM education and mental health advocacy in order to deliver lasting impact both nationally and internationally; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Commissioner Dennis Deer and with the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners, and on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, do hereby recognize and congratulate Dr. Dorothy Jean Tillman on becoming the youngest person to receive

her Doctorate degree from Arizona State University in the state of Illinois, Cook County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Dr. Dorothy Jean Tillman in honor auspicious occasion.