



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

**New Items Agenda**

**Thursday, December 19, 2019, 10:00 AM**

**Seventh Set**

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**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, STANLEY MOORE, PETER N. SILVESTRI, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**COOK COUNTY HEALTH & HOSPITALS SYSTEM CEO SELECTION CRITERA AND MANAGEMENT AUDIT**

**WHEREAS**, Cook County is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6(a) of the 1970 Illinois Constitution, and as such may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County by ordinance established the independent Cook County Health & Hospitals System (“CCHHS”) which continued to be an agency of and funded by Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, by ordinance, all personnel within CCHHS shall be governed by the Board of Directors, established as the System Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the System Board was granted the authority to address human resource functions with regard to all employees, and is charged with the hiring and recruitment of the Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) of CCHHS; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board President and County Board recognize that CCHHS operations and personnel matters are conducted free from any political interference, however, due to the policy making nature of the CEO position, it is hereby declared that the System Board should consult with the County Board and the County Board President as well as the public-at-large in advance of recruiting and appointing a new CEO in order to solicit input regarding the responsibilities, background, experience and attributes necessary to consider when recruiting a new CEO at CCHHS; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the System Board should solicit input from the County Board President, the County Board and the public-at-large through a Cook County Health and Hospitals Committee Meeting and the System Board should further brief the Cook County Health and Hospitals Committee in that meeting regarding its recruitment process, and recruitment timing for the new CEO in said meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Sec. 38-88 of the Cook County Code of Ordinances and in order to assist a new CEO in understanding the management and operations at CCHHS and determine whether the System Board and CCHHS are managing and utilizing its personnel and operational resources in an economical and efficient manner, the County Auditor should undertake a management audit of CCHHS; and

**WHEREAS**, the Auditor shall be permitted to utilize a professional auditing firm experienced in health care operations to assist in this management audit and shall be authorized to solidify the scope of the management audit consistent with this Resolution in partnership with the System Chair; the Audit expense will be paid by Cook County and

**WHEREAS**, the Auditor shall report the results of the management audit to both the County Board and System Board. The System Board shall have the opportunity to review the report and comment on it before the report is made public.

**NOWHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, that the System Board through its Chair, consult with the County Board and the County Board President in advance of recruiting and appointing a new CEO in order to solicit input regarding the responsibilities, background and attributes necessary to consider when recruiting a new CEO at CCHHS; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that within thirty days of passage of this Resolution, the Cook County Health and Hospitals Committee shall convene a meeting whereby the System Board through its Chair will inform the County Board and President regarding its proposed recruitment process and recruitment timing for the CEO and the Chair of the System Board shall also during this meeting solicit input from the County Board President, the County Board and public-at-large regarding the responsibilities, background, experience and attributes that the County Board, President and public may deem necessary for consideration when recruiting a new CEO at CCHHS; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in order to assist a new CEO in understanding CCHHS operations, the Cook County Auditor, through the assistance of a professional auditing firm(s) with experience in health care shall conduct a management audit at CCHHS and shall (a) review the types and number of management positions, including but not limited to the direct appointment positions by the CEO, compared with other large public urban hospitals, (b) review the allocation of personnel and reporting structure at CCHHS compared with other large urban public hospitals, (c) review CCHHS procurement policies, and (d) review the process for determining capital improvement projects; the audit shall make recommendations to the System Board regarding CCHHS practices and operations, including organizational structure, types of positions, allocation of personnel, compliance with procurement policies and methods for determining capital projects; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Auditor shall complete its review and issue a report to the President, the County Board and the System Board on or before July 1, 2020 so any recommendations may be considered by the new CEO for the 2021 fiscal year budget.

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**Sponsored by:** DONNA MILLER, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON and KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 74, ARTICLE II, REAL PROPERTY TAXATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Property Tax Incentive program is one of the most effective tools to attract and retain businesses in Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, the program is particularly important in areas that have economic stagnation and high property tax rates such as exists in the Southland; and

**WHEREAS**, the recent changes in the incentive program have caused a precipitous drop in new incentive applications from businesses seeking to relocate to Cook County with a large drop in Class 8 applications of about 88% that affects 5 townships in the Southland; and

**WHEREAS**, part of the changes included a shift in the affidavit requirements of the incentive program, which changed from a 3-year requirement to an annual requirement creating a burden on small business owners or owners of tenant properties and is contributing to the loss in new business applications and trying to bring new businesses to the region; and

**WHEREAS**, beginning with the 2019 assessment year, a reduction of over half of Class 8 incentive recipients have completed the paperwork and many are incomplete for the new affidavit requirements, which could jeopardize the incentives for existing incentives classifications, pending applications and eligibility/renewal applications, and which would be extremely detrimental for economic development in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the County is investing considerable resources in the revitalization of the Southland and the loss of the Class 8 incentive for existing businesses and those looking to relocate to the region due to the affidavit requirements would be counterproductive to these investments; and

**WHEREAS**, extending the assessment year waiver would allow time to look at the program holistically to ensure the County is not hurting this important program and investments being made in the region;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 74 - Taxation, Article II - Real Property Taxation, Division 2 - Classification System for Assessment, Section 74-75, of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 74-75. - Incentive classification affidavit requirement waiver.**

(a) This Section shall apply to existing incentives classifications, pending applications and eligibility/renewal applications submitted during the 2017, ~~and 2018,~~ 2019, 2020, and 2021 assessment ~~year~~ years. The Assessor's Office shall liberally construe this Section to effectuate its intent as set forth in subsections (b) and (c) below.

(b) Compliance with the existing affidavit requirements of Sections 74-71(a)(2) and (a)(8), 74-71(b)(7), 74-71(c)(2), 74-72 and 74-74 (b) and (d) shall be waived for the 2017, ~~and 2018,~~ 2019, 2020 and 2021 assessment years. Such waiver shall be lifted at the beginning of the ~~2019~~ 2022 assessment year and the affidavit requirements of Sections 74-71, 74-72 and 74-74 that are then in effect shall be effective for the ~~2019~~ 2022 assessment year and subsequent assessment years.

(c) Existing incentives classifications, pending applications and eligibility/renewal applications submitted during the 2017, ~~and 2018,~~ 2019, 2020 and 2021 assessment years shall not be suspended, revoked or terminated for failure to comply with the affidavit requirements of Sections 74-71(a)(2) and (a)(8), 74-71(b)(7), 74-71(c)(2), 74-72 and 74-74(b) and (d), and all affidavits submitted pursuant to such Sections shall be considered void for any purpose.

**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.