



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

1:30 PM

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

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 virtual 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 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 B, 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 02/08/2023

[23-1273](#)

Presented by: THOMAS J. DART, Sheriff of Cook County

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): James Sexton

Position: Member

Department/Board/Commission: Cook County Sheriff's Merit Board

Effective date: Immediate

Expiration date: Third Monday in March 2029, or until a successor is appointed and qualified

This appointment is being made pursuant to 55ILCS 5/3-7002, as amended by the 100th General Assembly and shall be effective immediately. Pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/3-7002, as amended by the 100th General Assembly, the appointment of each existing member of the Merit Board was abolished on the effective date of 55ILCS 5/3-7002 as amended by the 100th General Assembly.

Legislative History : 2/9/23 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmental

[23-1324](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Alderman Samantha Nugent

Position: Mayoral Appointment to the Cook County Environment Commission

Department/Board/Commission: Cook County Environmental Commission

Effective date: Immediately upon passage

Expiration date: March 2025

Legislative History : 2/9/23 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmental

[23-1359](#)

Sponsored by: BILL LOWRY, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

COOK COUNTY CANNABIS COMMISSION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 2 Administration, Article VI, Boards Commissions and Committees, Division 2, Cook County Cannabis Commission, Sec 2-504 is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 2-504. Cook County Cannabis Commission.

- (a) Commission members. The Cook County Cannabis Commission will comprise of 11 members.
 - (1) The Cannabis Commission will include seven Commissioners. The Vice-Chair of the Litigation Sub-Committee Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee, the Chair of the Zoning and Building Committee, the Vice-Chair of Business and Economic Development Committee, the Vice-Chair of the Criminal Justice Committee, the Chair of Health and Hospitals Committee and the Chair of the Rules and Administration Committee. The Vice-Chair of the Litigation Sub-Committee Chair of the Rules and Administration Committee shall serve as the Chair of the Commission and the Chair of Finance Committee shall serve as the Vice-Chair of the Commission. In the event any of the seven above-mentioned Commissioners are unable to attend a Cannabis Commission meeting, the absent Commissioner may, through written notification to the Chair of the Cannabis Commission and the Secretary to the Board, and no later than two business days prior to the Cannabis Commission meeting, appoint the vice chair of their respective committee to serve on the Commission for the duration of the subsequent Cannabis Commission meeting.
 - (2) The Cannabis Commission will also include an employee representative of the Department of Public Health, the Justice Advisory Council, the Bureau of Finance, and the Bureau of Economic Development; said employee representatives will be appointed by the President.
- (b) Duties of the Cook County Cannabis Commission and its members.
 - (1) The Cannabis Commission shall meet no more than twice a quarter with no meeting scheduled during regularly scheduled week of Cook County Forest Preserve Board meetings, Cook County Board of Commissioners committee and sub-committee meetings, Consent Calendar, and the Cook County Board of Commissioners board meetings; unless, the Cannabis

Commission Chairperson issues prior written notice of no later than five business days prior to the regularly scheduled Cook County meetings to all Cannabis Commissioners. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Cannabis Commission Chairperson shall have the ability to call a special meeting should the Chairperson determine new information and/or issues require a meeting to discuss, analyze, and offer recommendations regarding the new information and/or issues. In case of an emergency meeting, the Cannabis Commission Chairperson shall provide written notice of the special meeting no later than two business days prior to the meeting. No special meeting shall take place during the regularly scheduled week of Cook County Forest Preserve Board meetings, Cook County Board of Commissioners committee or sub-committee meetings, Consent Calendar, and the Cook County Board of Commissioners board meetings; unless, the Cannabis Commission Chairperson issues prior written notice of no later than five business days prior to the regularly scheduled Cook County meetings to all Cannabis Commissioners.

- (2) The Cannabis Commission members shall serve through November 30, 2022.
- (3) The Cannabis Commission shall collaborate and solicit information and data from various Cook County bureaus, offices, and departments; specifically, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Cook County Office of the Public Defender, Cook County Bureau of Finance, Bureau of Economic Development, Cook County Sheriff's Department, and the Office of the Chief Judge of Cook County to collect data regarding the impact of the recreational cannabis industry on Cook County and its residents.
- (4) The Cannabis Commission shall collaborate and solicit information and data from community stakeholders, not-for-profits, academic centers, research groups, domestic and/or foreign business, business associations, local law enforcement, legal bar organizations and other third-party entities to collect data regarding the impact of the recreational cannabis industry on Cook County and its residents.
- (5) The Cannabis Commission shall secure testimony and information from various subject matter experts, said subject matter experts shall include but not be limited to individuals representing Social Equity Applicants or Disproportionately Impacted Areas, recreational and/or medical business community, higher education or academia, healthcare industry, and legal community.
- (6) The Cannabis Commission may make recommendations regarding:
 - a. Allocation of tax revenue generated by Cannabis sales;
 - b. Creation of Cook County programs, zoning and other opportunities associated with retail and medicinal cannabis industries;

- c. Policies affecting economic, social and legal initiatives, proposed and/or continued by Cook County, related to the recreational and medicinal cannabis industry;
 - d. Economic impact of the cannabis industry in Cook County, specifically the Social Equity Applications and recreational cannabis licenses and businesses in Cook County;
 - e. The social and economic impact of the automatic expungement initiative; and
 - f. Other recreational and medicinal cannabis industry issues within Cook County.
- (7) The Cannabis Commission shall advise, through written reports and other appropriate media, the President of the Board of Commissioners and the Cook County Board of Commissioners quarterly, beginning March 2020 and every quarter thereafter until this Commission sunsets.
- (8) The Cannabis Commission shall review, analyze, and report its conclusions, findings, and recommendations based on and in correlation to the State of Illinois' Cannabis Regulation Oversight Officer's published disparity and availability study, which the State of Illinois anticipates publishing by March 1, 2021.
- (9) The Cannabis Commission shall have the power to make sub-committees, based upon the needs of the Commission to achieve its objectives and duties, pursuant to a vote by Commission members.
- (10) All Cannabis Commission meetings shall be open to the public.

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

Legislative History : 2/9/23 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmental

[23-1454](#)

Sponsored by: SCOTT R. BRITTON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A HEARING OF THE LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS PENDING LEGISLATION BEFORE THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly and the United States Congress are currently considering numerous bills that effect the services and operation of Cook County; and

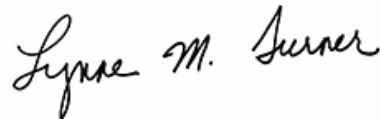
WHEREAS, the County's intergovernmental relations staff and hired lobbyists are actively monitoring the legislation that effects Cook County's services and operations; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners wishes to be updated on the status of certain bills pending before the Illinois General Assembly and the United States Congress so that it may take positions and communicate such positions to the legislation bodies on the relevant proposed legislation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby request that a meeting of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee be convened to discuss the status of pending legislation in the Illinois General Assembly and the United States Congress; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs appear before the Committee and be prepared to update the Committee on legislation pending before the General Assembly and the United States Congress that affects Cook County's services and operations,

Legislative History : 2/9/23 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmental



Secretary

Chair: Britton
Vice-Chair: Degnen
Members: Committee of the Whole