



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

10:45 AM

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

Issued on 01/08/2025

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 Conference Room F, 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 12/18/2024.

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Susan Broadhead

Position: Trustee

Department/Board/Commission: Oak Meadows Sanitary District

Effective date: Immediate

Expiration date: 3 years from date of approval

Legislative History : 12/19/24 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmen

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Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON, FRANK J. AGUILAR, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, JOSINA MORITA, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, ALMA E. ANAYA, JOHN P. DALEY and STANLEY MOORE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

SANDY HOOK PROMISE - SAY SOMETHING PROJECT

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2012, the tragic mass shooting that occurred at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut resulted in the needless deaths of over 25 people; and

WHEREAS, of the total 26 lives lost, 20 were children all in first grade between the ages of six and seven, and six were adult staffers at the school; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of this devastating loss, affected families began meeting to discuss how to ensure a school shooting tragedy like this would never happen again; and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2013, several families united to launch Sandy Hook Promise, and read “The Promise” for the first time; and

WHEREAS, “The Promise” reads:

Our hearts are broken;
Our spirit is not.
And it is with this knowledge that we are able to move forward with purpose and strength.
This is a Promise. To truly honor the lives lost by turning our tragedy into a moment of transformation.
This is a Promise. To be open to all possibilities.
There is no agenda other than to make our nation a safer, better place.
This is a Promise. To have the conversations on ALL the issues.
Conversations where listening is as important as speaking.
Conversations where even those with the most opposing views can debate in good will.
This is a Promise. To turn the conversation into actions.
Things must change. This is the time.
This is a Promise. We make to our precious children.
Because each child, every human life is filled with promise, and though we continue to be filled with unbearable pain we choose love, belief, and hope instead of anger.
This is a Promise. To do everything in our power to be remembered not as the town filled with grief and victims; but as the place where real change began.
Our hearts are broken; Our spirit is not.
This is our Promise. The Sandy Hook Promise; and

WHEREAS, co-founders soon began research nationwide on mental health, educational programs, law enforcement, mass shootings, and school shootings, discovering the important warning signs that precede every attack; and

WHEREAS, following their broad research Sandy Hook Promise co-founders began the strategy and development of the “Know the Signs” programs, including the “Say Something” program; and

WHEREAS, the “Say Something” program is a no-cost program teaching elementary, middle, and high school students to recognize the warning signs of someone at-risk of hurting themselves or others and how to say something to a trusted adult to get help; and

WHEREAS, in November 2014, the first Say Something program teaching the warning signs of potential violence is conducted by Sandy Hook Promise Co-founder Nicole Hockley, at St. John’s Church in Columbus, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the first credible school shooting plot is averted in Cincinnati, Ohio, with the help of a Say Something-trained student and guidance counselor; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the “Say Something Anonymous Reporting System” launches nationwide, becoming the first anonymous reporting system exclusively serving schools 24/7/365; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Sandy Hook Promise launches “Say Something: Prevent Suicide and Being a Trusted Adult” programs to prevent youth suicide and violence; and

WHEREAS, the “Say Something” program teaches both students and adults about different types of warning signs or threats and how to spot them, understand strategies to take action and overcome potential barriers to being an “upstander”, and how to intervene by telling a trusted adult or using an anonymous reporting system; and

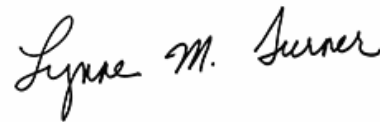
WHEREAS, Cook County remains devoted to its dedication to creating safe and thriving communities, with its belief in the right to safety and well-being for all our residents; and

WHEREAS, Cook County remains committed to its work towards violence prevention in our communities, across the State of Illinois, and the country overall;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize the Sandy Hook Promise “Say Something” program and the demonstrable life-saving work that this program has done so far; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the week of March 3-7, 2024, as “Say SomethingWeek”, highlighting the importance of recognizing the warning signs of someone at-risk of hurting themselves or others, how to say something to a trusted adult to get help, and celebrating the trusted adults and upstanders in our communities.

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Secretary

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Vice-Chair: Degnen
Members: Committee of the Whole