



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County
Workforce, Housing & Community Development Committee**

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

11:45 AM

**Cook County Building, Board Room, 569
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 submitted in writing, their name, address, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized public speakers shall 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 be germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. 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.

16-2242

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 3/2/2016

16-1665

Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JOHN P. DALEY, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, DEBORAH SIMS and ROBERT STEELE, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CALLING FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE FINDINGS OF THE ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS NETWORK AND UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS' REPORT ON YOUTH JOBLESSNESS

WHEREAS, a new report, *Lost: The Crisis Of Jobless and Out Of School Teens and Young Adults In Chicago, Los Angeles, New York Illinois and the U.S.*, was commissioned by the Alternative Schools Network and developed by the University of Illinois Chicago's Great Cities Institute; and,

WHEREAS, despite a growing national economic recovery, youth employment (16-24) is still at 27% nationwide; and,

WHEREAS, Chicago leads the national average in out of work, out of school youth; and,

WHEREAS, 47% of Black men (20-24) and 20% of Hispanic men are jobless and out of school in Chicago; and,

WHEREAS, the situation is even worse for Chicago's Black and Hispanic teens (16-19) with 88% of Blacks and 85% of Hispanic youth, compared to 71% nationwide; and,

WHEREAS, jobless rates for youth (20-24) are highest on the South and West Sides of the City of Chicago; and,

WHEREAS, until 2000, there was a national summer youth employment program that provided over 650,000 low-income youth with jobs; and,

WHEREAS, since then, there have been only sporadic programs that provide youth jobs in the summer and hardly any programs to provide youth jobs throughout the year; and,

WHEREAS, joblessness leads to poverty, drug abuse, homelessness and violence in our communities; and,


WHEREAS, the persistence and severity of these conditions have ramifications for our young people and generations to come, and;

WHEREAS, a national focus and program must be developed, along with state and local based programs, to give the youth of our country the opportunity and skills they will need to become successful adults in an economy growing more competitive each year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Workforce, Housing and Community Development Committee shall hold a hearing to discuss the findings of this report on the crisis of youth unemployment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners requests that the CEO of the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership attend the hearing to provide an update on available programming and services for Cook County youth.

Legislative History : 2/10/16 Board of Commissioners referred to the Workforce, Housing & Community Development Committee


Secretary

Chairman: Gainer
Vice-Chairman: Boykin
Members: Sims, Suffredin, Tobolski