



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

9:30 AM

**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 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.

18-4057

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 05/16/2018

[18-2536](#)

Presented by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Frank Morris

Position: Trustee

Department/Board/Commission: Board of Trustees for the Garden Homes Sanitary District

Effective date: Immediate

Expiration date: 4/25/2021. The appointment will remain in effect until reappointed or successor is appointed

Legislative History : 4/25/18 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta

Legislative History : 5/16/18 - Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee - recommend fo

Legislative History : 5/16/18 - Board of Commissioners - defer

[18-3328](#)

Presented by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Angie Hamada

Position: Commissioner

Department/Board/Commission: Cook County Commission of Human Rights

Effective date: Immediate

Expiration date: 4/25/2021. The appointment will remain in effect until reappointed or successor is appointed

Legislative History : 4/25/18 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta

Legislative History : 5/16/18 - Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee - recommend fo

Legislative History : 5/16/18 - Board of Commissioners - defer

[18-3340](#)

Presented by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Marjorie Moss

Position: Board Member

Department/Board/Commission: Juvenile Temporary Detention Center Advisory Board

Effective date: Immediate

Expiration date: 4/25/2021. The appointment will remain in effect until reappointed or successor is appointed

Marjorie Moss will be replacing Emmanuel Andre's position on the board

Legislative History : 4/25/18 - Board of Commissioners - refer as amended in the errata to the Legisla

Legislative History : 5/16/18 - Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee - recommend fo

Legislative History : 5/16/18 - Board of Commissioners - defer

[18-3834](#)

Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, LARRY SUFFREDIN, JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, EDWARD M. MOODY, LUIS ARROYO JR, DENNIS DEER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, JERRY BUTLER and DEBORAH SIMS, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE STATE OF ILLINOIS HOUSE BILL 4364 TO OFFER OPPORTUNITY FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS SERVING LIFE SENTENCES THE CHANCE FOR PAROLE

WHEREAS, The U.S. Supreme Court ruled six years ago that sentencing schemes that require life sentences with no hope of parole for crimes committed by juveniles violated the U.S. Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2018, the Injustice Project, in partnership with the Chicago Sun-Times, published an article stating that in Illinois more than 160 prisoners are serving life sentences for crimes they committed as juveniles, with virtually no hope of parole or early release under current law; and,

WHEREAS, Using Illinois Department of Corrections data, Injustice Watch examined the number of prisoners serving 50 or more years in prison who were taken into custody before their 18th birthday; and,

WHEREAS, Because Illinois almost entirely abolished parole in 1978, the 167 juvenile offenders do not get the same chance to show rehabilitation and change that they might get in other states. The only juvenile offenders with parole opportunities are the aging handful who were convicted before the law changed four decades ago; and,

WHEREAS, Courts across the country varied standards on what length of a prison term can legally be considered a life sentence, and whether and when they should be eligible for parole; and,

WHEREAS, At least 13 other states and Washington, D.C., have passed laws giving young offenders a chance to ask for parole release or a sentence reduction after first serving as few as 12 and as many as 35 years in prison, depending on the state and severity of the crime; and,

WHEREAS, The Illinois Senate Criminal Law Committee last month sent to the full Senate a bill that would permit inmates who committed crimes before the age of 21 the periodic chance to ask for parole, after first serving 10 years for lesser crimes and 20 years for first-degree murder or aggravated sexual assault; and,

WHEREAS, Research indicates that incarceration has a jarring effect on life expectancy, a study by Vanderbilt University Professor Evelyn Patterson found each year of incarceration likely reduces a prisoner's life expectancy by two years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby support and encourage the General Assembly of the State of Illinois in the passage of House Bill 4364.

Legislative History : 5/16/18 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta



Secretary

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Vice-Chairman: Fritchey
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