



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County  
Board of Commissioners**

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

**Consent Calendar Meeting - Second Set**

**Tuesday, September 11, 2018**

**Consent Calendar Meeting**

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**Sponsored by:** RICHARD R. BOYKIN, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING TOM SKILLING ON HIS 40TH ANNIVERSARY AT WGN

WHEREAS, Tom Skilling is the chief meteorologist for Chicago's Very Own WGN-TV, and

WHEREAS, Tom recently celebrated his 40th anniversary at WGN reporting on the weather and making sure all of Chicago was prepared for what it would bring, and

WHEREAS, Tom started his career on the radio while he attended high school in Aurora before enrolling at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and

WHEREAS, after college, Tom was a meteorologist at WITI in Milwaukee, and

WHEREAS, by 1978, Tom returned to Chicago and began working at WGN, and

WHEREAS, since that time, Tom has risen to become one of the most preeminent meteorologists in Chicago and the United States, and

WHEREAS, Tom was the Illinois Broadcasters Association's 2018 broadcaster pioneer, recognizing his 40-year career in Illinois, and

WHEREAS, Tom has not only reported on weather impacting Chicago for four decades, but he has used his platform to educate his viewers on weather safety ranging from tornadoes to heat waves to polar vortexes, and

WHEREAS, Tom has also dedicated much of his time to discussing climate change and the effects it will continue to have on Chicago and the entire world, and

WHEREAS, each evening, scores of Cook County residents rely on Tom's reporting to know what the weather holds in store for them, as they've done for more than four decades.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that WGN-TV's Chief Meteorologist Tom Skilling is honored for his more than 40 years of service to the people of Cook County and thanked for his continued work and dedication to the meteorological field.

[18-5792](#)

**Sponsored by:** DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 121ST ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, On Sunday, August 25, 2018, Hope Presbyterian Church will celebrate its 121st Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Hope Presbyterian was organized in 1897 under the direction of Rev. I.W. Nicholson and a few members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church who moved from Bowling Green, Kentucky to Chicago and settled in the West Englewood community who felt that Presbyterian witness should be organized in this area; and

WHEREAS, The first installed Pastor was the Rev. George Washington Camp in 1909 and with hard work and various fundraisers, the members were able to purchase lots at 61st Street and Loomis Boulevard. Ground was broken for the present edifice in 1911 and the building was completed in 1913. The members actually built the church; and

WHEREAS, In 1911, the congregation called the Rev. C. Lee Jefferson and moved in the present building with the financial assistance of the Presbytery. Through World Wars I and II and the Great Depression, Hope Church continued to grow and develop; and

WHEREAS, In early 1941, the church called the Rev. Herbert W. Jones who's long and successful tenure ended in June of 1980. Under his leadership, the church began to show new life and growth. Tragedy struck in November 1967 when the Sanctuary was severely burned, but the congregation was determined to rebuild and refurbish the Sanctuary in one year. With the great desire to progress, the congregation also erected the beautiful, multipurpose Christian Education Center at the cost of \$250,000; and

WHEREAS, In February 1986, Rev. Dr. Floyd N. Rhodes recommended The Rev. Leslie Sanders to Hope Church. In March 1987, Rev. Sanders was installed as Pastor and brought a dynamic style of preaching, a unique leadership ability, and an abundance of energy and enthusiasm. Under his leadership the church is experiencing rapid growth spiritually, numerically and financially; and

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Pastor Sanders, Hope Presbyterian has organized the Voices of Hope and Angelic Choirs, reinstated the Usher Board and responsible for the development of various ministries including: Lincoln/Hope Day care program, the 50 Plus senior's group; young peoples' summer work and tutoring programs in conjunction with ComEd and the office of the Mayor, established a Saturday Feeding Program which serves hot and nutritious meals to indigent individuals in the Englewood Community; and

WHEREAS, Hope Presbyterian Church is a true beacon of hope for the Englewood community it has served for 121 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that President Toni Preckwinkle and Cook County Board of Commissioners, and on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County do hereby congratulate Pastor Leslie Sanders and Hope Presbyterian Church on the occasion of its 121st Anniversary and for the important and commendable service and leadership it provides to its congregation and surrounding community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body and a ceremonial copy be given to Pastor Leslie Sanders in commemoration of this auspicious occasion...end

[18-5799](#)

**Sponsored by:** DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

#### HONORING THE CALAHAN FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, On Saturday, August 25, 2018, The Calahan Foundation celebrated its 4th Annual House 5K Run Walk Ride for Scholarships at Jackson park; and

WHEREAS, The Calahan Foundation was birthed by the vision of Edric Calahan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward and Shirley Calahan of Calahan Funeral Home to create ways of “Giving a Hand Out to Give a Hand up” with a mission to be flexible to meet the deep needs of humanity; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, this vision became a reality as the Calahan Foundation became a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization. To date, they have provided more than 5000 families living in shelters with warm coats for the winter along with over 10,000 new toys to their children for the holidays; and

WHEREAS, The Calahan Foundation currently provides scholarships to 16 college students who have demonstrated excellence in education and a financial need. Each recipient is awarded a \$5000 scholarship over a four year period; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, the Calahan Foundation established a mentor program, which is identified as the “Calahan League of College Scholars “(CLoCS). Each year, four new scholars are inducted into the “CLoCS” program and is provided with strategies for success to persist to graduation and beyond; and

WHEREAS, In 2016, The Calahan Foundation solicited help from all across the City of Chicago after the daughter Valerie Calahan-Taylor heard about the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey supplying over 130,000 pounds of supplies, over 3000 cases of water and monetary donations totaling \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, The Calahan Foundation is a true beacon of hope for the Englewood community it has served for over years and believes that while no one person can do everything, each of us can do something.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that President Toni Preckwinkle and Cook County Board of Commissioners, and on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County do hereby congratulate The Calahan Foundation for the important and commendable service and leadership it provides to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body and a ceremonial copy be given to The Calahan Foundation in commemoration of this auspicious occasion.

[18-5800](#)

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**REMEMBERING KAREN CLARK-CHIVERS**

WHEREAS, longtime District Director of Cook County Commissioner Larry Suffredin and beloved community leader Karen Clark-Chivers died on August 23, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Karen Clark-Chivers was born January 26, 1949 in New Orleans, Louisiana to Harold and Thyra Clark; and

WHEREAS, Karen Clark-Chivers attended Saint Elizabeth High School, London Line College and Olive Harvey College; and

WHEREAS, since 2002, Karen Clark-Chivers served as the District Director for Cook County Commissioner Larry Suffredin. She was also his treasured friend and trusted advisor; and

WHEREAS, as District Director, Karen Clark-Chivers tirelessly helped thousands of residents of the Thirteenth District navigate Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Karen Clark-Chivers organized a property tax assessment appeal program, where she helped homeowners lower their property tax assessments. She helped seniors, the disabled and veterans to receive all of their exemptions, lowering their tax bills or making them eligible for a refund; and

WHEREAS, Karen Clark-Chivers was the Treasurer of the Housing Authority of Cook County, where

she worked to ensure that everyone, regardless of their income, had a safe, affordable place to live; and

WHEREAS, Karen Clark-Chavers was proud to have been a community organizer. She considered it to be the defining training of her career and it influenced her worldview and professional life. She was the founder and director of the Evanston Neighborhood Conference, a network of neighborhood groups across the City that worked to improve Evanston. When Southeast Evanston was struck by bursts of violence, Karen was on the front line. She built relationships with everyone. Longtime residents, newcomers, the elderly, the youth, law abiding and those outside of the law. She knocked countless doors, held numerous community meetings and fought to keep the peace. She brought in programming and services for the local kids, giving them an outlet for their anger. She also forced the City to rebuild local parks, so the residents felt that their needs were being met today; and

WHEREAS, Karen Clark-Chavers was a leader with Open Communities, where she helped organize North Suburban Housing Partners, a housing coalition of about two dozen organizations working to put a face on housing issues on the North Shore. She also worked with Turnstone Development, an organization that developed over 1,300 affordable housing units for families and seniors; and

WHEREAS, Karen Clark-Chavers co-founded the Shorefront Legacy Center, an organization that collects, preserves and educates people about black history on the North Shore; and

WHEREAS, even though she lived in Evanston, New Orleans was her spiritual home. Karen Clark-Chavers loved that city its culture and idiosyncrasies, and frequently returned to visit family and to maintain her ties; and

WHEREAS, the community has lost a great friend in Karen Clark-Chavers and she will be sorely missed. Karen is mourned by her mother Thyra Clark and family including her grandchildren, Ariana, Marcel, Jaden, Amaya, She was predeceased by her father, Harold Clark Sr; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County commemorates the extraordinary life of Karen Clark-Chavers, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable and innumerable contributions she has made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the family of Karen Clark-Chavers.

**18-5834**

**Sponsored by:** LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**COMMEMORATING THE 17TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11TH**

WHEREAS, on this day at 8:46 a.m. in September of 2001, hijacked American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the upper portion of the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City, New York; and

WHEREAS, 17 minutes later, at 9:03 a.m., hijacked United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center; and

WHEREAS, at 9:37 a.m., the west wall of the Pentagon was hit by hijacked American Airlines Flight 77, the impact of which caused immediate and catastrophic damage to the headquarters of the Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, at approximately 10 a.m., the passengers and crew of hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 acted heroically to retake control of the airplane and thwart the taking of additional American lives by crashing the airliner in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and, in doing so, gave their lives to save countless others; and

WHEREAS, nearly 3,000 innocent civilians were killed in the heinous attacks of September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of individuals narrowly escaped the attacks at the Pentagon and World Trade Center and, as witnesses to this tragedy, are forever changed; and

WHEREAS, countless fire departments, police departments, first responders, government officials, workers, emergency medical personnel, and volunteers responded immediately and heroically to those horrific events; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department of New York suffered 343 fatalities, the Port Authority Police Department suffered 37 fatalities, and the New York Police Department suffered 23 fatalities as a result of the terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, the impact of that day on public health continues through 2018, as nearly 90,000 people are at risk of or suffering from negative health effects as a result of the events of September 11, 2001, including 14,000 workers and 2,400 community residents who are sick, and tens of thousands of others whose health is being monitored; and

WHEREAS, 17 years later, the people of the United States and people around the world continue to mourn the tremendous loss of innocent life on that fateful day; and

WHEREAS, 17 years later, thousands of men and women in the United States Armed Forces remain in harm's way defending the United States against those who seek to threaten the United States; and

WHEREAS, on the 17th anniversary of this tragic day, the thoughts of the people of the United States are with all of the victims of the events of September 11, 2001 and their families; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Congress and the President joined together to designate September 11 as a National Day of Service and Remembrance under the Serve America Act (Public Law 111-13; 123 Stat. 1460); and

WHEREAS, September 11th will never, and should never, be just another day in the hearts and minds of

all people of the United States; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board President and Cook County Board of Commissioners offers its deepest and most sincere condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the innocent victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners honors the heroic service, actions, and sacrifices of first responders, law enforcement personnel, State and local officials, volunteers, and countless others who aided the innocent victims of those attacks and, in doing so, bravely risked and often gave their own lives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board recognizes the valiant service, actions, and sacrifices of United States personnel, including members of the United States Armed Forces, the United States intelligence agencies, the United States diplomatic service, homeland security and law enforcement personnel, and their families, who have given so much, including their lives and well-being, to support the cause of freedom and defend the security of the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board reaffirms that the people of the United States will never forget the challenges our country endured on and since September 11, 2001, and will work tirelessly to defeat those who attacked the United States.

**18-5836**

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING ANTI-SLAVERY INTERNATIONAL AND S.O.S. ESCLAVES

WHEREAS, Chicago's Abolition Institute works to fight modern day slavery in partnership with two inspiring organizations; Anti-Slavery International based in the United Kingdom and S.O.S. Esclaves based in Mauritania; and

WHEREAS, Anti-Slavery International is the world's oldest international human rights organization, having led the successful effort to abolish slavery throughout the British Empire nearly 200 years ago and still fighting modern slavery today; and

WHEREAS, in Mauritania, race and descent-based slavery is still widespread and enslaved people face abuses similar to those experienced by slaves in our own country prior to the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, Boubacar Messaoud, founder of S.O.S. Esclaves, and Karine Penrose-Theis and Jennifer Castello of Anti-Slavery International, are visiting Chicago this week as guests of the Abolition Institute to jointly raise awareness of the scourge of modern slavery; and

WHEREAS, leaders from all three groups draw inspiration from abolitionists from Illinois who risked their lives to fight slavery and made our state known throughout the world as a beacon of freedom and as the Land of Lincoln; and



WHEREAS, for decades, S.O.S. Esclaves' members have stood up against intense persecution and violence to fight for the rights of all Mauritians to be free from slavery; and

WHEREAS, this work is more important now than ever before because an estimated 40 million people are still enslaved in the world today; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby honors and congratulates S.O.S. Esclaves and its founder Boubacar Messaoud, and Karine Penrose-Theis and Jennifer Castello of Anti-Slavery International, for their continued work for human rights and the abolition of modern slavery; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners will work with the Abolition Institute, Anti-Slavery International and S.O.S. Esclaves to ensure that our county and state remain beacons of hope in the global fight against slavery and human trafficking, so honoring the true spirit of the Land of Lincoln...end

**18-5844**

**Sponsored by:** STANLEY MOORE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING AND CELEBRATING THE CONSECRATION OF BISHOP ELECT - RENALDO KYLES

WHEREAS, At the early age of seven despite many complaints from worshipers, Bishop Elect Renaldo Kyles sat in the pulpit every Sunday at Centennial Missionary Baptist Church with his pastor (the late) Dr. William Hudson; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Elect Renaldo Kyles grew up in Chicago, Illinois and graduated from Simeon High School in 1990; and

WHEREAS, On November 3, 1993, God put Bishop Elect Renaldo Kyles back in the pulpit and from that day, he has been preaching and teaching the Word of God; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Elect Kyles is a family man and has been married to the beautiful LaKesha Kyles for 11 years and to this union they have a daughter Kayla Kyles; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Elect Kyles personal philosophy is "If I can help someone along the way then my living would not be in vain"; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Elect Kyles is a leader that is widely respected and revered for his BIG GENEROUS HEART, leadership, vision, dedication to teaching God's children, and his holistic approach

to social changes in the community; and

WHEREAS, In April 2005, through Bishop Elect Renaldo Kyles innovative teaching style and special ability to cultivate a nurturing learning environment, he became the Director of Faith Base Initiatives for the Chicago Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, In December 2009, Bishop Elect started and developed the Safe Haven program in which the Chicago Public Schools partnered with the faith community to provide a Safe Haven for students during the breaks. The program started with 30 Church's and has grown to over 100 Church's citywide; and

WHEREAS, In August 2014, God ordained the idea for Kingdom Builders Church (KBC) and on September 21, 2014, KBC was born under the guidance, leadership, and vision of Pastor Kyles. It was at that inaugural service where Pastor Kyles shared the vision that was given to him by God "The Recipe of an Effective Church."; and

WHEREAS, In October 2016, Bishop Elect Kyles through his proven demonstrated success as Director of Faith Base Initiative for Chicago Public Schools, and his many years of service as a community activist started his own consulting company called Bridging the Gap; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners congratulates, and recognize the consecration of Bishop Renaldo Kyles; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is spread upon the permanent record of Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, and that a suitable copy of this resolution will be prepared and presented to Bishop Renaldo Kyles.

**18-5848**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE CHILDREN WHOSE LIVES WERE LOST IN A TRAGIC FIRE IN CHICAGO'S LITTLE VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD**

WHEREAS, around 4 a.m. on August 26, 2018, a devastating fire engulfed a building in Chicago's Little Village neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, a tragic loss of life occurred that day as ten children were the fatal victims of this fire; and

WHEREAS, the children - Amayah Lenora Almaraz, 3 months; Alanni Juanita Ayala, 3; Gialanni Angela Ayala, 5; Ariel Rose Garcia, 5; Giovanni Christopher Ayala, 10; Xavier Isiah Contreras, 11; Nathan Guadalupe Contreras, 13; Adrian Hernandez, 14; Cesar Louis Contreras, 14; and Victor F. Mendoza, 16 - were family and friends; and

WHEREAS, there has been a tremendous amount of support for the families of the children by people across Cook County and the rest of the nation; and

WHEREAS, we honor the service and actions of first responders, law enforcement personnel, volunteers, and countless others who have assisted the families of the victims; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby honor the beloved children who lost their lives in this tragic fire; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do extend their deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of the children...end

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Matthew B. DeLeon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Matthew" being more prominent and the last name "DeLeon" following in a similar style.

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Secretary