



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY  
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**Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**Consent Agenda**

**Wednesday, April 24, 2019, 9:00 AM**

**Consent Calendar Meeting - Third Set**

[19-3105](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE NORTHBROOK PARK DISTRICT'S TEAMS ELITE SYNCHRONIZED JUNIOR SKATERS ON THEIR 2019 SPRING CUP GOLD MEDAL**

**WHEREAS,** Teams Elite is Northbrook Park District's synchronized Junior Skaters team; and

**WHEREAS,** Teams Elite was formed in 1999 in Northbrook, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS,** Teams Elite is composed of 20 team members ranging 13 years old to 18 years old; and

**WHEREAS,** Teams Elite members come from Northbrook, Glenview, Buffalo Grove, Arlington Heights, Prospect Heights, Palos Heights, Niles, Alsip, Vernon Hills, Downers Grove, Evanston, Countryside, and Kenosha; and

**WHEREAS,** Teams Elite 2018-2019 team was the Junior Skaters' first time competing in an international competition; and

**WHEREAS,** Teams Elite was selected as one of four synchronized skating teams to represent Team USA during the 2019 Spring Cup international competition; and

**WHEREAS,** Teams Elite competed in Milan, Italy in February 2019; and

**WHEREAS,** Teams Elite faced 30 skating teams from around the globe; and

**WHEREAS,** Teams Elite and coach Danielle Ostrower wore the red, white, and blue representing the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS,** Teams Elite finished first in both the short program (67.56) and free skate (93.29); and

**WHEREAS,** Teams Elite scored a total of 160.85 points at their international debut; and

**WHEREAS,** Teams Elite topped the field by 10 points; and

**WHEREAS,** Teams Elite won the gold medal as the 2019 Spring Cup junior division champions and took home the cup for Team USA; and

**WHEREAS,** Teams Elite Northbrook resident Caroline Clesen, a senior at Glenbrook North High School, with her teammates alongside her, received the medal and trophy on behalf of the team; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Cook County Board of Commissioners honors Teams Elite, congratulates them on their international victory and praises their contributions to the synchronized skating legacy of District 14 and all of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the text of this resolution be spread across the journal of proceedings of this honorable body and that a suitable copy hereof be presented to the Northbrook Park District's Teams Elite synchronized Junior Skaters team.

[19-3123](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING SYMPHONY OF CHANGE INC. AND DANDRIA "DANI JO" WILLIAMS**

**WHEREAS**, Symphony of Change, Inc. is dedicated to restoring music and arts programs in underserved Chicago schools that face budget cuts, attendance challenges and low graduation rates; and

**WHEREAS**, Symphony of Change, Inc. was founded by recording artist and producer T. L. Williams on May 31, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Dandria "Dani Jo" Williams is the executive director of Symphony of Change Inc., which has served more than 5,000 students increasing attendance and academic success by 50 percent in the Chicago schools they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, Dandria "Dani Jo" Williams is the administrative assistant to National Co-Chairman Jerry W. Williams Sr., of the Infinite Scholars Program, which has given support to more than 100,000 students throughout the country to enable them to successfully apply for and graduate with a college degree; and

**WHEREAS**, despite battling interstitial cystitis, an incurable chronic bladder disease that doctors said would end her dancing career, Dandria "Dani Jo" Williams is a choreographer and dance teacher for the Joffrey Ballet Chicago, teaching ballet, jazz, African, modern, hip hop, and Latin dance styles to more than 1,000 students; and

**WHEREAS**, Dandria "Dani Jo" Williams is the director of A&R at Quiet Kingdom Recordings, an independent music label headquartered in Chicago overseeing the artist development and careers of numerous recording artists, while producing and writing songs for them as well; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honor Symphony of Change Inc. and Executive Director Dandria "Dani Jo" Williams, and praise the essential contribution to the cultural health

and viability of Cook County.

[19-3124](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING GEORGE FREEMAN AND JAZZ APPRECIATION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, jazz guitarist George Freeman was born April 10, 1927 on Chicago's South Side and has been a lifelong resident of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, George's father was a police officer on the South Side of Chicago and worked at the station at 48th and Wabash where he met many jazz musicians, including Louis Armstrong, Earl Hines and more. He would bring the musicians home to the Freeman household for a meal and to spend time with his family; and

**WHEREAS**, growing up, as the youngest of Chicago's first family of jazz, the Freeman brothers, along with tenor sax master Von Freeman and mainstay Chicago drummer Eldridge 'Bruz' Freeman, George attended DuSable High School and studied music under the legendary music teacher and band leader, Captain Walter Dyett. Later on, George said "I still have the original piano that was in my home as a child. It moved everywhere we did"; and

**WHEREAS**, at 12 years old, George became a busboy at the Sherman Hotel on 39th Street and he would go downstairs to the ballroom and listen to the big bands. "It would bring tears to my eyes," said George. "The music from the Sherman Ballroom would be broadcast on radio and my mom had the radio on all the time. You could hear music from The Grand Terrace with big bands like, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Tommy Dorsey and Anita O'Day and Gene Krupa," and

**WHEREAS**, in 1950, George recorded with bebop giant Charlie Parker, "In Chicago, Live at the Pershing Hotel." He soon became a sideman with tenor sax man Gene Ammons and went to New York where he played until he got homesick for Chicago and returned. During that time he recorded, "Lowe Groovin'" with Johnny Griffin which became the first hit single for Atlantic Records; and

**WHEREAS**, George recently said, "Jazz music still excites me. The creativity still excites me,"; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honor George Freeman for his essential contribution to the rich musical Jazz culture and congratulate him on his 92nd birthday; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board recognizes April as Jazz Appreciation Month.