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

118 North Clark Street Chicago, IL



Journal of Proceedings Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022

# 9:00 AM

Special Meeting for the Installation Ceremony of the President and Members of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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

FRANK J. AGUILAR ALMA E. ANAYA LUIS ARROYO, JR. SCOTT R. BRITTON JOHN P. DALEY DENNIS DEER BRIDGET DEGNEN BRIDGET GAINER BRANDON JOHNSON BILL LOWRY DONNA MILLER STANLEY MOORE JOSINA MORITA KEVIN B. MORRISON SEAN M. MORRISON ANTHONY J. QUEZADA MAGGIE TREVOR

> KAREN A. YARBROUGH COUNTY CLERK

Board met pursuant to the following call:

November 28, 2022

The Honorable Karen Yarbrough Cook County Clerk 118 N. Clark Street, Second Floor Chicago, Illinois 60602

Re: SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE for December 5, 2022, 9:00 A.M.

Dear Clerk Yarbrough:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, I hereby call a Special Meeting for the Installation Ceremony of the Cook County Board President and Members of the Board of Commissioners to be convened on Monday, December 5, 2022, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. the Special Meeting will be an in-person meeting for the County Board and will be able to be viewed by the public at **cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings.** 

At said meeting, Installation Ceremony of the President and Members of the Board of Commissioners of Cook will take place.

Instructions for how to attend this meeting and participate in public comment will be provided on the Cook County webpage at <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TCQ556D</u>. The proceedings will be able to be viewed at cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings on December 5, 2022 starting at 9:00 a.m. Written public comment or live (virtual) testimony on any of the items listed on the Agenda will be accepted at <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TCQ556D</u>. Written testimony will also be accepted at <u>cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov</u>. Written comments prior to the start of the Special Board meeting will be posted at <u>https://cook-county.legistar.com/Calendar.asp</u> and may be read aloud or summarized at the meeting. Three minutes per comment will be allowed.

On or around 8:45 a.m. Central Time on the morning of the meeting, a Microsoft Teams link and phone number to join the meeting will be sent to all live (virtual) speakers. You may not log into the meeting until the schedule meeting time. You may not forward the link to anyone. To reduce the chance of meeting disruption, MEETING PARTICIPANTS WHO FORWARD LINKS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE MEETING, AS WILL THOSE WHO RECEIVED THE FORWARDED LINK. Speaking order is to be determined by the Chair. You will have three (3) minutes to make your statement. Once your statement is completed, you 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

Copies of the Agenda for the December 5, 2022 Special Board Meeting of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and items to be considered at this meeting will be made available electronically on the Cook County website at <u>https://cook-county.legistar.com/Calendar.asp</u>

Please issue the Notice of this Special Meeting and Agenda as required by law.

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NOTE: The Cook County Board of Commissioner Board Room located in the Cook County Building, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 567, Chicago, IL 60602 remains closed to the public, until a date to be determined, due to the current circumstances concerning COVID-19. Members of the public may view the proceedings online or in-person at 118 N. Clark Street, Room 560.

Very truly yours,

Toni Preckwinkle Cook County Board President

# COPY OF LETTER SENT TO ALL COMMISSIONERS

November 29, 2022

Cook County Elected Officials Department Heads and Financial Officers

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, has directed me to call a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County on Monday, December 5, 2022, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois. At said meeting, the Oaths of Office for the President and Commissioners of Cook County will be administered.

Very truly yours,

Karen A. Yarbrough County Clerk

The following Legal Notice appeared in the Chicago Tribune Newspaper on Thursday, December 1, 2022 through Monday, December 5, 2022.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, has directed me to call a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County on Monday, December 5, 2022, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. in Room 567 at 118 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60602. The Special Meeting will be able to be viewed by the public at cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings.

At said meeting, the following Items will be considered:

Installation Ceremony of the President and Members of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Very truly yours,

KAREN A. YARBROUGH, Cook County Clerk and Clerk of the Board of the Commissioners of Cook County, Illinois

# **OFFICIAL RECORD**

President Toni Preckwinkle in the Chair

# CALL TO ORDER

At 9:00am, being the hour appointed for the meeting President Preckwinkle called the Board to Order

# **ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, Trevor, (17)

Absent: None (0)

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### **REMOTE PARTICIPATION**

In accordance with Cook County Code Section 2-102(i) Remote Participation in Meetings, a motion was made by Commissioner Arroyo, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to allow members to participate remotely. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, Trevor, (17)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: None (0)

The motion carried.

### Commissioners Deer, K. Morrison all participated remotely.

### **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Authorization as a virtual public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, email address, phone number, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized virtual public speakers shall 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 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 D, 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.

There were no registered public speakers.

# **INVOCATION**

Reverend Leslie Sanders of Hope Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Illinois gave the Invocation

Official Statements concerning the Election of the Commissioners and the President of Cook County Board was given by Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk.

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I, Karen A. Yarbrough, County Clerk of Cook County, in the State of Illinois and keeper of the records and files of Cook County, do hereby certify that the persons listed below were duly elected County Commissioners at an election held in each election precinct in Cook County on Tuesday, November 8, A.D. 2022, and their Oaths are on file in my office:

Brandon Johnson	(1st District)
Dennis Deer	(2nd District)
Bill Lowry	(3rd District)
Stanley Moore	(4th District)
Monica Gordon	(5th District)
Donna Miller	(6th District)
Alma E. Anaya	(7th District)
Anthony Quezada	(8th District)
Maggie Trevor	(9th District)
Bridget Gainer	(10th District)
John P. Daley	(11th District)
Bridget Degnen	(12th District)
Josina Morita	(13th District)
Scott R. Britton	(14th District)
Kevin B. Morrison	(15th District)
Frank J. Aguilar	(16th District)
Sean M. Morrison	(17th District)

all of which appears from the records and files of my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of Cook County at my office in the City of Chicago in Cook County the 5th day of December, A.D. 2022.

Karen A. Yarbrough, County Clerk

The Oath of Office was administered by the Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans to all members elect as shown by the foregoing roll.

CLERK OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD ) COUNTY OF COOK )

I, Brandon Johnson, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Commissioner of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County to the best of my ability,

BRANDON JOHNSON, 1<sup>st</sup> District Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of December 2022.

KAREN A. YARBROUGH, Clerk of Cook County

CLERK OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD COUNTY OF COOK

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I, Dennis Deer, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Commissioner of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County to the best of my ability,

DENNIS DEER, 2<sup>ND</sup> District Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of December 2022.

KAREN A. YARBROUGH, Clerk of Cook County

CLERK OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD ) COUNTY OF COOK )

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I, Bill Lowry, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Commissioner of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County to the best of my ability,

BILL LOWRY, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of December 2022.

KAREN A. YARBROUGH, Clerk of Cook County

CLERK OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD)COUNTY OF COOK)

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I, Stanley Moore, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Commissioner of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County to the best of my ability,

STANLEY MOOORE, 4<sup>TH</sup> District

Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of December 2022.

KAREN A. YARBROUGH, Clerk of Cook County

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CLERK OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD ) COUNTY OF COOK )

I, Monica Gordon, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Commissioner of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County to the best of my ability,

MONICA GORDON, 5<sup>TH</sup> District Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of December 2022. KAREN A. YARBROUGH, Clerk of Cook County

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CLERK OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD ) COUNTY OF COOK )

I, Donna Miller, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Commissioner of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County to the best of my ability,

DONNA MILLER, 6<sup>TH</sup> District Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of December 2022.

KAREN A. YARBROUGH, Clerk of Cook County

CLERK OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD ) COUNTY OF COOK )

I, Alma Anaya, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of

Commissioner of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County to the best of my ability,

ALMA ANAYA, 7<sup>th</sup> District Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of December 2022.

KAREN A. YARBROUGH, Clerk of Cook County

CLERK OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD ) COUNTY OF COOK )

I, Anthony Quezada, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Commissioner of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County to the best of my ability,

ANTHONY QUEZADA, 8<sup>th</sup> District Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of December 2022.

KAREN A. YARBROUGH, Clerk of Cook County

CLERK OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD ) COUNTY OF COOK )

I, Maggie Trevor, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Commissioner of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County to the best of my ability,

MAGGIE TREVOR, 9<sup>th</sup> District Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of December 2022.

KAREN A. YARBROUGH, Clerk of Cook County

CLERK OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD ) COUNTY OF COOK )

I, Bridget Gainer, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of

Commissioner of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County to the best of my ability,

BRIDGET GAINER, 10<sup>th</sup> District Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of December 2022.

KAREN A. YARBROUGH, Clerk of Cook County

CLERK OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD ) COUNTY OF COOK )

I, John Daley, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Commissioner of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County to the best of my ability,

JOHN DALEY, 11<sup>th</sup> District Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of December 2022.

KAREN A. YARBROUGH, Clerk of Cook County

CLERK OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD ) COUNTY OF COOK )

I, Bridget Degnan, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Commissioner of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County to the best of my ability,

BRIDGET DEGNAN, 12<sup>th</sup> District Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of December 2022.

KAREN A. YARBROUGH, Clerk of Cook County

CLERK OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD ) COUNTY OF COOK )

I, Josina Morita, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the

Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Commissioner of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County to the best of my ability,

JOSINA MORITA, 13<sup>th</sup> District Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of December 2022.

KAREN A. YARBROUGH, Clerk of Cook County

CLERK OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD ) COUNTY OF COOK )

I, Scott Britton, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Commissioner of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County to the best of my ability,

SCOTT BRITTON, 14<sup>th</sup> District Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of December 2022.

KAREN A. YARBROUGH, Clerk of Cook County

CLERK OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD ) COUNTY OF COOK )

I, Frank Aguilar do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Commissioner of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County to the best of my ability,

FRANK AGUILAR, 16<sup>th</sup> District Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of December 2022.

KAREN A. YARBROUGH, Clerk of Cook County

CLERK OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD ) COUNTY OF COOK )

I, Sean Morrison do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of

Commissioner of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County to the best of my ability,

SEAN MORRISON, 17<sup>th</sup> District Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of December 2022.

KAREN A. YARBROUGH, Clerk of Cook County

President Elect Preckwinkle was inaugurated as President of the County Board

The Oath of Office as follows was the duly administerd by the Judge Timothy C. Evans, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

CLERK OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD ) COUNTY OF COOK )

I, Toni Preckwinkle do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of office of President of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County to the best of my ability,

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of December 2022.

Timothy C. Evans, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

# OFFICIAL RECORD

President Preckwinkle assumed Chair as Presiding Officer.

### INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Distinguished guests. Members of the Cook County Board. Families and friends. Welcome.

I want to thank my family and friends for their love and ongoing support. I also want to thank my staff, Commissioners, and your friends and loved ones, and everyone here today.

To the residents of Cook County, I'm grateful for your strong support. It tells me that the work we do here matters to you. And we continue to move in the right direction.

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People are often surprised when I tell them that I've served in government half as a long as I've been in politics. And I've served for more than 30 years.

I know for at least one of our new commissioners, Anthony Quezada, that's older than you two times over!

I began my political life as a teenager, when I worked for Katie McWatt, the first Black woman to run for City Council in St. Paul, Minnesota. I knocked on doors, made calls, stuffed envelopes, and all the things you do on a campaign.

We didn't win, but I was forever changed by it. It was rare back then to see someone who looked like me run for office. What's more, she understood my experience, my history, and day to day struggles.

Sixty years later, we can confidently say we're in a new era. Black women are leading cities and counties. We've run for political office and now serve in the halls of Congress more than any other time in history. And of course, our own Vice President reflects the Black, South Asian, and multiracial experience.

These days, it's only natural to forget the hard work it took to get here — the sacrifices we made, the battles won and lost, the strength to get up when we stumble, to try again...and again...until we felt real progress and change.

But it's that very work and the heartfelt desire for a more perfect union, that I reflect upon to guide us today. We're in a new era, to be sure. But it comes with a long history.

Our path forward — coming out of the pandemic, dealing with a still divided Congress filled with political strife, and facing an uncertain economy — will not be easy. But, we've faced such challenges before. We've overcome such challenges before.

We've sacrificed through hard work. And through our faith in a better world.

I have said this often — there is no higher honor than public service. There is no...higher...honor.

Not a lot of government leaders can say they spent almost 30 years working in politics before running for office, but I'm proud to say that I have. I worked for candidates and public officials I believed in and learned from. I saw how policy decisions affected people day to day. I saw the power of those who resisted change and the power of those who enacted change.

Those who serve have a tremendous amount of responsibility because the lives of so many depend on our sound judgment and our ability to deliver policy that helps them.

So, I served 19 years as alderman of Chicago's 4th Ward, and the next 12 here leading the County, and guess what? The issues today are not so different than when I first started. Nor are they so different from those faced by the generations who came before us:

- Resources and opportunities need to be made equitable.
- Housing should be affordable and secure.
- Poverty should be eliminated.
- Public safety should be for everyone.
- The environment needs to be cared for.
- · LGBTQ rights are civil rights and must be protected.

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- Women's bodies belong to us, not the legislature.
- And democracy must be upheld.

I always say democracy is the best and most fragile form of government for the same reason — it requires an active, engaged, informed citizenry. It also requires a long-term commitment by those elected to office to serve the people. The best leaders, I have found, don't put their careers first. It always comes down to trying to do what's right and putting the people first.

As the executive of the second largest County in America, I cannot overstate the importance of civic engagement and the impact that those in government can have on the world. Cook County presents unique challenges because, unlike the City of Chicago, there are 11 separately elected County-wide officials, 17 Commissioners, and the President's Office. This means that collaboration is essential to accomplish anything. This means having patience, respect for others, and coming to the table prepared to get things done.

A few weeks ago, we passed the largest budget in Cook County history with the smallest budget gap of my tenure at just \$18.2 million. When I first took office in 2010, we were facing a \$487 million budget gap.

Getting to this place of fiscal health 12 years later wasn't easy. But we avoided quick fixes so that we could achieve long-term

wins. Indeed, it's why we've been able to weather the pandemic AND set up American Rescue Plan funds to enhance our efforts under our policy roadmap.

You see, change — real, fundamental change for an equitable world — takes time.

Through the hard work of our bureau chiefs, department heads, commissioners, and staff, Cook County has never before been in a position to make such a profound contribution to the lives of so many. We are literally and figuratively changing the map of inequity and including everyone in the process.

As you may know, all new and ongoing initiatives are guided by the 2018 Policy Roadmap, our five-year strategic plan for Offices Under the President. We are entering the fifth year of this plan, and this year's budget reflects our values in six policy areas: Health and Wellness, Economic Development, Criminal Justice, Environmental Sustainability, Public Infrastructure, and Good Government.

I'm looking forward to building upon and strengthening these pillars in the years to come.

I want to welcome new commissioners Monica Gordon, Josina Morita, Anthony Quezada, and Maggie Trevor. I hope you'll lean on the expertise and knowledge of your predecessors and

Your colleagues, while bringing new ideas we may not have considered before.

We need a diverse board to address diverse needs. We need representation across race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, age, ability, and more.

It's no secret that in the past, government has been part of the problem in our path toward equity. Laws have sometimes worked against the people. There was a time when slavery was legal. There was a time when segregation was law and redlining was policy. There was a time when same sex marriage and interracial marriage were illegal. And there was a time when a women couldn't own property, much a less a business of her own.

But as I've shared, through the hard work of those who came before us, and through the steadfast work of

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those in public service, we have changed that.

In Cook County, we promote economic development, healthcare, infrastructure, and housing, among other priorities, in an equitable manner. Whether it's guaranteed income, abolishing medical debt, investing in violence prevention or investing in small businesses through President Biden's

American Rescue Plan; we can, and we are, proactive in our programs and firm in our resolve.

Our goal is to truly transform Cook County to be equitable, safe, and healthy.

John F. Kennedy said, "Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction."

Twelve years ago, I introduced a new way of governing at Cook County, one that adhered to a budget and one that would be transparent and participatory. Five years ago, we created a policy roadmap. And over the course of the next term, we will create a new one together that will help us build a more equitable Cook County.

I look forward to serving another term and to serving with all of you.

Thank you.

A Presentation and Notation of Official Guests was made by President Preckwinkle.

Commissioner brief comments

### **BENEDICTION**

Rabbi Scott Gelman of the Temple Sholom of Chicago gave the Benediction.

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## ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lawry, that the meeting do now adjourn to meet again at the same time and same place on December 15, 2022, in accordance with County Board Resolution 21-5983.

The motion prevailed and the meeting stood adjourned.

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KAREN A. YARBROUGH

**County Clerk**