



Cook County Commission on Social Innovation

Thursday, March 9, 2023, | 4:00 p.m.

In-Person Meeting

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Cook County Commission on Social Innovation was convened. The meeting was chaired by Commissioner Alma Anaya, Chair of the Cook County Commission on Social Innovation. This meeting was open to the public.

Commission Members Present:

- Honorable Alma Anaya
- Vice-Chair Marc J. Lane
- Harry Alston
- Patrick Brutus
- Katheleen S. Caliento
- Rodger Cooley
- Kristi DeLaurentiis
- Xochitl Flores
- Christyn Freemon
- Ald. Maria Hadden
- Jennifer "Sis" Killen
- Howard Males
- William Schleizer

Commission Staff Present:

- T. Valdivia, A. Meneses, & I. Lopez

2. Public Comment

No public testimony was submitted to 7thdistrict.office@gmail.com.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes deferred until the next meeting.

4. Updates from the Chair and Vice-chair

- Signed affidavits & reappointments have been submitted for the commission.
- Chair-Anaya will be submitting the 2022 Annual Report.
- Social Enterprise Chicago is hosting a 'Fireside Chat' Thursday, March 16th, 2023 at 5:00p.m. [430 S Michigan Ave.]
- Professor Robert Vargas has volunteered to be a consultant to the commission.

5. Presentation by Desmond U. Patton, *Professor at Brian and Randi Schwartz University and the thirty-first Penn Integrates Knowledge University Professor*: These updates can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/cookcountymission/videos/727671978221749>

- Community Data Science Approaches for Gun Violence Prevention.
- The SAFElab
 - a research initiative focused on examining the ways in which youth of color navigate grief and trauma on and offline.
- Computational and social work approaches to research.
 - Policy Recommendations include:*
 - Utilizing social media as a tool for understanding/preventing root causes of violence.
 - Artificial Intelligence [AI] offers an opportunity to augment/booster current violence prevention efforts.
 - Important to uncover and recognize personal & institutional biases.
 - Having critical, diverse perspectives, and voices in the application of social media + AI for community safety.
 - Create safe environments for youth of color to help them cope with their grief in a culturally-responsive way.
 - Fund officers to monitor schools and communities populated by the youth .

6. Committee Reports

- Commissioner Alston's working group is currently working with the Cook County Health Foundation.
- Commissioner Alston's working group is looking to set up a tour of the hospital and trauma centers by the end of April.
- Commissioner Cooley stated that the Community Owned Assets working group is looking into public ownership of the assets in the communities [grocery stores, banking, day-care centers, etc.].

7. Adjournment: Moved by Commissioner Brutus, seconded by Commissioner Flores.