



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County
Minutes of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee**

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

2:30 PM

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

COMMITTEE MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Present: Britton, Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chairman Britton asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code.

1. George Blakemore

[24-5827](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 09/18/2024

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to approve 24-5827. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

[24-5321](#)

Presented by: LYNDON TAYLOR, Chair, Cook County Health and Hospitals System Board of Directors

PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: Cook County Health and Hospitals System Board of Directors

Summary: Appointment and Compensation for “Candidate A” as Chief Executive Officer of the Cook County Health and Hospitals System.

The Cook County Board of Commissioners passed a comprehensive ordinance creating the Cook County Health and Hospitals System (CCHHS), Chapter 38, Sections 38-70, et seq., through which they established rules for the governance, management, mission, and goals of the Cook County Health and Hospitals System.

Chapter 38, Sec. 38-80(a) granted to the System Board the authority to appoint the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the CCHHS as set forth in Section 38-81(b) and to recommend the compensation of such CEO subject to review and approval by the County Board.

Chapter 38, Sec. 38-80(a) and 38-81(b) provide that the appointment of a Chief Executive Officer to the CCHHS, shall be subject to the advice and consent of the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

On August 23, 2024, the Board of Directors of the Cook County Health and Hospitals System approved the proposed appointment of Candidate A to the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Cook County Health and Hospitals System, with a compensation package as discussed in a closed meeting.

Following approval by the Board of Directors of the Cook County Health and Hospitals System, the proposed appointment of “Candidate A” for the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Cook County Health and Hospitals System is presented to the Board of Commissioners of Cook County for their advice and consent, and the compensation package for “Candidate A” as discussed in a closed meeting is presented to the Board of Commissioners of Cook County for their approval

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to accept as substituted 24-5321. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Stamps, to recommend for approval as substituted 24-5321. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

[24-5204](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Shobana Verma

Position: Member

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

Effective date: 9/19/2024

Expiration date: 9/19/2027

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Aguilar, to recommend for approval 24-5204. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

[24-5217](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Hedy Ratner

Position: Member

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

Effective date: 10/19/2024

Expiration date: 10/19/2027

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to recommend for approval 24-5217. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

[24-5237](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Seth Rau

Position: Member

Department/Board/Commission: Cook County Board of Ethics

Effective date: 10/24/2024

Expiration date: 10/24/2028

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to recommend for approval 24-5237. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

[24-5216](#)

Sponsored by: DONNA MILLER, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO PASS THE KIDS ONLINE SAFETY ACT (KOSA) AND THE CHILDREN AND TEENS' ONLINE PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT (COPPA 2.0)

WHEREAS, the digital age has revolutionized how children and teenagers interact with the world, presenting unprecedented opportunities for learning and engagement, while also introducing significant risks to their safety and privacy online; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General issued a warning on May 23, 2023, stating that “there are increasing concerns among researchers, parents and caregivers, young people, healthcare experts, and others about the impact of social media on youth mental health” with such concerns including anxiety, eating disorders, depression, and suicide. Social media is additionally used to facilitate cyberbullying, privacy invasion, fraud, human trafficking, sexual harassment, sexual predation, the sale of illegal narcotics, hate, and disinformation; and

WHEREAS, about 64% of U.S. teens have encountered hate speech on social media; Approximately 46% of students report experiencing cyberbullying; Teenagers who use social media for more than 3 hours daily are more likely to experience mental health problems, such as depression, anxiety, and antisocial behavior; One in four young people see illicit drugs advertised for sale on social media; and

WHEREAS, the Kids Online Safety Act (KOSA) and the Children and Teens’ Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA 2.0) have recently passed the United States Senate, demonstrating a crucial step towards enhancing protections for young users in our increasingly digital society; and

WHEREAS, the Kids Online Safety Act (KOSA) is designed to create robust frameworks for monitoring and regulating online platforms, ensuring they are safe environments for children and teenagers by addressing harmful content and interactions; and

WHEREAS, the Children and Teens’ Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA 2.0) aims to update and strengthen privacy protections for minors, addressing modern challenges and ensuring that the personal data of young users is safeguarded against misuse by digital entities; and

WHEREAS, these legislative measures are essential for providing parents, educators, and guardians with greater tools to manage and protect the online experiences of their children, ensuring their safety and privacy in a rapidly evolving digital landscape; and

WHEREAS, the passage of these acts would mark a significant advancement in our national commitment to safeguarding our youth, reflecting a proactive approach to addressing the evolving threats and challenges they face online; and

WHEREAS, the successful implementation of these laws will benefit from the active support of all legislative bodies, stakeholders, and community advocates who recognize the urgent need for enhanced online protections for minors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners strongly urge the United States House of Representatives to pass the Kids Online Safety Act and the Children (KOSA) and Teens’ Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA 2.0) in order to bolster online safety and privacy protections for children and teenagers across the nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners call

upon all relevant stakeholders, including policymakers, industry leaders, and advocacy groups, to support the passage of these critical pieces of legislation and work collaboratively towards their effective implementation; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the Illinois' Congressional delegation, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Majority and Minority Leaders, to emphasize the importance and urgency of passing these legislative measures to ensure the safety and privacy of our nation's youth.

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Vice Chairwoman Degnen, to recommend for approval 24-5216. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

[24-5334](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Inger Burnett-Zeigler, PhD

Position: Director

Department/Board/Commission: Cook County Health & Hospital Systems Board of Directors

Effective date: 10/24/2024

Expiration date: 10/24/2028

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to recommend for approval 24-5334. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

[24-5376](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Pushkar M. Sharma

Position: Member

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

Effective date: 10/24/2024

Expiration date: 10/24/2027

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, to recommend for approval 24-5376. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

[24-5377](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): George Kasten

Position: Trustee

Department/Board/Commission: Woodley Road Sanitary District

Effective date: 10/24/2024

Expiration date: 10/24/2027

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Gordon, to recommend for approval 24-5377. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

[24-5324](#)

Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON, FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, BRIDGET DEGNEN, MONICA GORDON, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR and JOHN P. DALEY, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF KARINA’S BILL

WHEREAS, in June of 2023, Karina Gonzalez filed a complaint with the Ogden district police station and said her husband, Jose Alvarez, had a gun and had threatened to kill her; and

WHEREAS, in the days that followed, Gonzalez was granted an order of protection against Alvarez banning him from their home; and

WHEREAS, Chicago police filed a clear and present danger report on him, and Illinois State Police revoked and confiscated his firearm owner’s identification (FOID) card; and

WHEREAS, however, Alvarez was still in the home and still had his Glock 9mm handgun when on July 3, 2023, prosecutors say he fatally shot Gonzalez and his 15-year-old daughter while wounding his 18-year-old son; and

WHEREAS, according to the Cook County Sheriff’s Office report “A Firearm Regulation Crisis”, in Cook County, 39,719 FOIDs were revoked or suspended at the end of 2023, and 27,043 (68%) had not turned in the required Firearm Disposition Record; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2003 study “Risk Factors for Femicide in Abusive Relationships”, abusers with firearms are five times more likely to kill their female victims; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s 2019 National Violent Death Reporting System, an average of 70 women are shot and killed by an intimate partner every month; and

WHEREAS, in domestic violence cases, the presence of a gun in the home increases the risk of a homicide by 500%, according to a 2022 report from the Network; and

WHEREAS, according to The Network’s analysis of statistics compiled by the Gun Violence Archive, Illinois saw a near-doubling of domestic violence shooting deaths from 2020 to 2023; and

WHEREAS, under current state law, there is still no clear process for removing a gun after an order of

protection has been issued, according to domestic violence prevention advocates; and

WHEREAS, Illinois House Bill 4469 (HB 4469) and Senate Bill 2633 (SB 2633), or Karina's Bill, was introduced in January of this year in response to the tragic death of Karina Gonzalez; and

WHEREAS, Karina's Bill amends the Protective Orders Article of the Code of Criminal Procedures of 1963 and the Illinois Domestic Violence Act to provide that firearms must be surrendered or confiscated within four days of a victim being granted a domestic violence order of protection against their abuser and explicitly allows a judge to issue a search warrant for those weapons when law enforcement goes to serve the order of protection; and

WHEREAS, the bill also provides clear probable cause requirements for firearm seizure, including: (1) that the respondent possesses firearms, ammunition, or firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm; (2) that the respondent poses a danger of causing personal injury to the petitioner or child and that the danger is imminent and present; and (3) that firearms, ammunition, or firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm are located at the residence, vehicle, or other property of the respondent; and

WHEREAS, the legislation would also allow federally-licensed gun dealers to store any guns seized or surrendered by someone under a domestic violence order of protection with the firearm remedy; and

WHEREAS, the bill had stalled awaiting a ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court regarding a federal law that bars those under domestic violence-related restraining orders from owning guns; and

WHEREAS, in June of this year, the U.S. Supreme Court went on to uphold that federal law, publishing their opinion on the one-year anniversary of Gonzalez's order of protection against her husband; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of over 40 advocacy groups are leading the charge for this bill on the grassroots level, and are now urging for Karina's Bill to be passed during the Illinois Legislature's Fall Veto Session; and

WHEREAS, Cook County remains committed to supporting and empowering its residents impacted by gender-based violence and advocating for access to the services that address this ongoing need in our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby declare its support for the Illinois Legislature to pass HB 4469 & SB 2633, or Karina's Bill, during its Fall Session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the Governor of Illinois, the Illinois Senate President and Minority Leader, the Illinois House Speaker and Minority Leader, the members of the Illinois Rules Committee, Chief Sponsor and Senator Celina Villanueva, and Chief Sponsor and Representative Maura Hirschauer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Scott, to recommend for approval 24-5324. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

[24-5415](#)

Sponsored by: MONICA GORDON, ALMA E. ANAYA, BRIDGET DEGNEN, KEVIN B. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA and TARA S. STAMPS, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING CAREGIVERS AS KEY PARTNERS IN THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE

WHEREAS, a caregiver assisting a spouse, partner, family member, friend, or neighbor, is known as an informal caregiver and is often an unpaid individual involved in assisting others with activities of daily living and/or medical tasks; and

WHEREAS, according to the most recent report from The National Alliance for Caregiving (NAC) and AARP published in 2020, there are 53 million people providing unpaid care in the U.S. with family caregivers now encompassing more than one in five Americans; and

WHEREAS, caregiving remains an activity that occurs among all generations, racial/ethnic groups, income or educational levels, family types, gender identities, and sexual orientations. Three in 5 caregivers are women (61 percent) and 2 in 5 are men (39 percent). Six in 10 caregivers report being non-Hispanic White (61 percent), 17 percent are Hispanic or Latino, 14 percent non-Hispanic African American or Black, 5 percent Asian American and Pacific Islander, and 3 percent some other race/ethnicity, including multiracial; and

WHEREAS, while most caregivers of adults care for one person (76 percent), 24 percent care for two or more adults, up significantly from 18 percent in 2015, which suggests a nation of Americans who continue to step up to provide unpaid care to family, friends, and neighbors who might need assistance due to health or functional needs; and

WHEREAS, the growth in caring for an adult relative is up markedly among African American caregivers (88 percent compared to 77 percent in 2015) and Hispanic caregivers (92 percent vs. 85 percent in 2015). The youngest caregivers are also more often caring for an adult relative (91 percent) than in 2015 (85 percent); and

WHEREAS, the three most common problems or illnesses cited by caregivers identifying the recipient's main problem or illness that causes them to need care include "old age" (16 percent), mobility issues (12 percent), and Alzheimer's or dementia (11 percent); and

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 641,000 adults aged 60 and older with cognitive and other disabilities including cerebral palsy, autism, epilepsy, and traumatic brain injury, among others requiring care from caregivers. Families are still the primary caregivers for adults with developmental disabilities and are themselves aging. About 76% of individuals with developmental disabilities reside at home. The number of adults with disabilities is projected to double to 1,242,794 by 2030, coinciding with the aging population of baby boomers born between 1946 and 1964; and

WHEREAS, caregivers report significantly worse health across all hours of care and ages of recipients; among both low- and high-income caregivers; among all marital statuses; and among both those who had a choice and those who had no choice in providing care. Furthermore, the economic effects of family caregiving can result in financial strain with substantial short-term and long-term financial consequences. About one in five caregivers report experiencing high financial strain as a result of providing care; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, there were 1,290,000 family caregivers in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers are key partners in the provision of health care and long-term services and support; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon this government to optimize the wellbeing of family caregivers by strengthening their recognition among society, highlighting the value of family caregivers, and leveraging resources from county agencies to reach family caregivers in diverse communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and support family caregivers as key partners in the provision of health care and long-term services and support for older and aging adults; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby commit to promote and expand access to programs, services, and support for family caregivers by adopting policy, funding and system enhancements, and coordinating services for family caregivers; and by increasing awareness among county government staff and county residents about the breadth of caregiving and value of caregiver's sacrifice.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Vice Chairwoman Degnen, to recommend for approval 24-5415. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to adjourn the meeting.. The motion carried by the following vote:

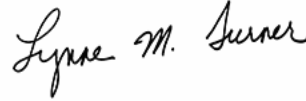
Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Gainer (1)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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