



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County
Minutes of the Human Relations Committee**

10:00 AM

Friday, May 19, 2017

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Boykin, Silvestri, Steele and Suffredin (4)

Absent: Arroyo, Fritchey and Sims (3)

Also Present: Daley and Gainer

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chairman Boykin asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code, Sec. 2-107 (dd).

1. Betsy Shuman-Moore, Hate Crime and Fair Housing Director Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights

Presenters List of Speakers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
1. Jane Charney	The Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago
2. Alison Pure-Slovin,	Simon Wiesenthal Center
3. Christian Picciolini	Goldmill Group
4. Hoda Katebi	Council on American-Islamic Relations
5. Dr. Marjorie Fujara	Cook County Health and Hospitals System
6. Luther Syas	Prevention Partnership
7. Chief Marlon Parks	Cook County Sheriff
8. Jacob Warsaw	Anti-Defamation League

17-3366

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 1/17/2017

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Steele, to approve 17-3366. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Boykin, Silvestri, Steele and Suffredin (4)

Absent: Arroyo, Fritchey and Sims (3)

17-2349

Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, PETER N. SILVESTRI, LARRY SUFFREDIN, BRIDGET GAINER, JOHN P. DALEY and ROBERT STEELE, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CALLING FOR A HEARING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO FIND WAYS TO FIGHT AND PREVENT HATE CRIMES AND SPEECH

WHEREAS, Cook County is home to 5.5 million people of diverse backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, there has been a sharp increase in hate crimes and hate speech directed toward Jews, Muslims, People of Color, and members of the LGTBQ community in 2016 and 2017; and

WHEREAS, Synagogues and Mosques in Cook County have been vandalized and threatened; and

WHEREAS, Jewish cemeteries have been the target of hateful vandalism; and

WHEREAS, hate speech directed at the LGTBQ community has increased in recent months; and

WHEREAS, hate crimes, hate speech, and hateful vandalism have no place in Cook County or the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Human Relations Committee of the Cook County Board should hold a hearing to shine a light on this troubling situation and to ensure there is a directed policy approach with involvement from the affected communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the President of the Board that the Human Relations Committee shall hold a hearing around the hateful acts against certain members of our society.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Steele, to recommend for approval 17-2349. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Boykin, Silvestri, Steele and Suffredin (4)

Absent: Arroyo, Fritchey and Sims (3)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Steele to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Boykin, Silvestri, Steele and Suffredin (4)

Absent: Arroyo, Fritchey and Sims (3)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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