



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

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

11:00 AM

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller,
K. Morrison, S. Morrison and Silvestri (13)

Absent: Arroyo, Moore, Sims and Tobolski (4)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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

George Blakemore - Concerned Citizens

[19-6781](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 10/23/2019

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 19-6781. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller,
K. Morrison, S. Morrison and Silvestri (13)

Absent: Arroyo, Moore, Sims and Tobolski (4)

[19-4745](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Samuel Jones

Position: Board Member

Department/Board/Commission: Justice Advisory Council

Effective date: Immediate

Expiration date: 7/25/2023, or until a successor is duly appointed and qualified

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 19-4745. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison and Silvestri (13)

Absent: Arroyo, Moore, Sims and Tobolski (4)

[19-1329](#)

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A HEARING OF THE LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS PENDING LEGISLATION BEFORE THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly and the United States Congress are currently considering numerous bills that effect the services and operation of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the County's intergovernmental relations staff and hired lobbyists are actively monitoring the legislation that effects Cook County's services and operations; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners wishes to be updated on the status of certain bills pending before the Illinois General Assembly and the United States Congress so that it may take positions and communicate such positions to the legislation bodies on the relevant proposed legislation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby request that a meeting of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee be convened to discuss the status of pending legislation in the Illinois General Assembly and the United States Congress; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs appear

before the Committee and be prepared to update the Committee on legislation pending before the General Assembly and the United States Congress that affects Cook County's services and operations.

A motion was made to withdraw 19-1329. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison and Silvestri (13)

Absent: Arroyo, Moore, Sims and Tobolski (4)

[19-5979](#)

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE DISSOLVING THE INJURY COMPENSATION COMMITTEE AND THE ADVISORY BOARD TO THE INJURY COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Injury Compensation Committee and the Advisory Board to the Injury Compensation Committee were established in 1972 and last amended in 1980 to execute the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act and the Workers' Occupational Disease Act; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Workers' Compensation Act and the Workers' Occupational Disease Act was last amended by the Illinois General Assembly in 2011; and

WHEREAS, neither the Injury Compensation Committee nor the Advisory Board to the Injury Compensation Committee has met since 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Risk Management is responsible for the administration and payment of workers' compensation benefits for injuries or illnesses sustained in the course and scope of employment with Cook County in accordance with the Illinois Workers' Compensation Act; and

WHEREAS, the State's Attorney's Office - Workers Compensation Division provides legal counsel to the Department of Risk Management regarding questions of law arising from the Illinois Workers Compensation Act; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Risk Management utilizes a Risk Management Information System that allows County employers to review financial information regarding claims originating from their workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Risk Management has improved transparency and accountability over the Cook County's workers' compensation program, has staffed the program with professional claims adjusters and management, and implemented policies and procedures which reflect best practices in the

field of workers compensation; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners receives regular reports regarding workers compensation claims payments and retains the authority to approve all settlements and awards; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of Cook County that the Injury Compensation Committee and the Advisory Board to the Injury Compensation Committee be dissolved.

NOW, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 2, Administration, ARTICLE VI - Boards, Commissions and Committees, Division 2, Injury Compensation Committee, Section 2-501 through 2-504 is hereby repealed:

Sec. 2-501—Established

~~There is hereby established a committee to be known as the Injury Compensation Committee consisting of the Chief of the Bureau of Human Resources, the Comptroller, the Chief Administrative Officer, the Director of Risk Management and an employee representative (an elected trustee of the Cook County Annuity and Pension Fund) or their duly designated representatives as permanent members of the committee. Nonpermanent members of the committee shall be an elected official other than a member of the County Board, selected by the permanent members and any other individuals the permanent members of the committee select to serve. The terms of office of nonpermanent members shall be one year. The purpose of the committee shall be to carry out the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act (820 ILCS 305/1 et seq.) and the Workers' Occupational Disease Act (820 ILCS 310/1 et seq.). All members of the Injury Compensation Committee shall serve without compensation.~~

Section 2-502—Advisory Board

~~An Advisory Board to the Injury Compensation Committee shall consist of the following individuals: the Chief of the Bureau of Human Resources and the Director of Department of Risk Management or their designee; a representative of the State's Attorney's office; and the Safety Coordinators of the respective departments and agencies of the County.~~

Section 2-503—Authority

~~The Injury Compensation Committee shall have the authority subject to the approval of the Board of Commissioners and the President, to make settlement of claims, but not suits, and make a report thereof to the Board of Commissioners.~~

Section 2-504—Payments from Workers' Compensation Fund

~~The Injury Compensation Committee is hereby authorized to recommend payment from funds appropriated for Workers' Compensation Claims upon the recommendation of a majority of the committee to any employee, or in case of the employee's death to the employee's personal representative, such sum of money as such employee or the employee's personal representative shall from time to time be entitled to pursuant to law and ordinance.~~

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to recommend for approval 19-5979. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison and Silvestri (13)

Absent: Arroyo, Moore, Sims and Tobolski (4)

[19-6194](#)

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, LARRY SUFFREDIN, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DONNA MILLER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, SCOTT R. BRITTON, BILL LOWRY and DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

AMENDING THE CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that CHAPTER 2. Administration, ARTICLE VII. Ethics, DIVISION 2. Code of Ethical Conduct, Subdivision II, Sections 2-586. of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE VII. - ETHICS

DIVISION 2. - CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT

Sec. 2-586. - Newsletters, brochures, public service announcements, and promotional materials.

(a) County funds and resources may not be used by any elected County official to print, pay for the printing of, or mail any newsletters or brochures during the period beginning January 1 of the year of a general primary election and ending the day after such general primary election and during a period beginning September 1 of the year of a general election and ending the day after such general election if the elected County official is a candidate in such primary or general election. A County elected official may not mail, during the period beginning January 1 of the year of a general primary election and ending the day after such general primary election and during a period beginning September 1 of the year of a general election and ending the day after such general election, any newsletters or brochures that were printed at any time using County funds or resources if the elected County official is a candidate in such primary or general election.

(b) This Section shall not apply to any informational brochures that are solely related to and accompany any mailing of a property tax bill, notice of property tax assessment, or notice of voter

registration or polling place information, or to a brochure mailed to a constituent in response to that constituent's inquiry concerning the needs of that constituent or questions raised by that constituent.

(c) No public service announcement or advertisement that is on behalf of any County administered program and contains the proper name, image, or voice of any elected County official shall be broadcast or aired on radio or television or printed in a commercial newspaper or commercial magazine at any time on or after the date that the elected County official files nominating papers for any elected office, and ending the day after such general election if the elected County official is a candidate in such primary or general election. This Section shall not apply to any information available or posted by the County or any elected County official on any Cook County owned website or County owned social media account.

(d) The proper name or image of any elected official may not appear on any promotional materials or items if designed, paid for, produced, and/or distributed with public funds or resources, including, but not limited to:

- (1) Bumper stickers;
- (2) Commercial billboards;
- (3) Lapel pins or buttons;
- (4) Magnets;
- (5) Sports teams;
- (6) Items of clothing or apparel; ~~or~~
- (7) Stickers;
- (8) Calendars;
- (9) Vehicles or
- (10) Equipment

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to recommend for approval 19-6194. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison and Silvestri (13)

Absent: Arroyo, Moore, Sims and Tobolski (4)

[19-6178](#)

Presented by: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

REPORT

Department: County Clerk

Report Title: Status Update on Consolidation of Recorder of Deeds and County Clerk

Report Period: 7/1/2019 - 9/30/2019

Summary: This report is to be referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee in accordance with Resolution 17-2106. The County Clerk's Office presents its quarterly status update report on progress being made towards the consolidation of the Recorder of Deeds and County Clerk Offices from 7/1/2019 - 9/30/2019.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 19-6178. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison and Silvestri (13)

Absent: Arroyo, Moore, Sims and Tobolski (4)

ADJOURNMENT


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

Ayes: Suffredin, Britton, Anaya, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison and Silvestri (13)

Absent: Arroyo, Moore, Sims and Tobolski (4)

Respectfully submitted,


Chairman


Secretary

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