



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

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

10:30 AM

Virtual Meeting

ATTENDANCE

Present: Suffredin, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (17)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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

NO PUBLIC SPEAKERS

[20-4316](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 7/28/2020

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve the 07/29/2020 meeting minutes. The motion carried.

Ayes: Suffredin, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (17)

[20-3428](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Raul Garza

Position: Director

Department/Board/Commission: County Health and Hospitals System Board of Directors

Effective date: Immediate upon approval

Expiration date: 4 years from approval

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to recommend for approval 20-3428. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (17)

[20-3431](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Joseph M. Harrington

Position: Director

Department/Board/Commission: Cook County Health and Hospitals System Board of Directors

Effective date: Immediate upon approval

Expiration date: 4 years from approval

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Daley, that this Appointment be recommend for deferral. The motion carried.

Ayes: Suffredin, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (17)

[20-3433](#)

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Robert Currie

Position: Director

Department/Board/Commission: Cook County Health and Hospitals System Board of Directors

Effective date: Immediate upon approval

Expiration date: 4 years from approval

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to recommend for approval 20-3433. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (17)

[20-0016](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), BRIDGET GAINER and SCOTT R. BRITTON, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

PUBLIC STATEMENT REVIEW AND RESPONSE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that CHAPTER 2. ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, DIVISION 5. INSPECTOR GENERAL SECTION 2-287 and 2-289 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

Sec. 2-287. - Quarterly reports.

No later than the 15th day of January, April, July and October of each year, the Independent Inspector General shall submit to the President and the County Board a publicly available report, accurate as of the last day of the preceding month, indicating:

- (1) The number and type of investigations initiated, concluded, or pending since the date of the last report.
- (2) The number and type of investigations of the conduct (corruption, fraud, waste, mismanagement, unlawful political discrimination or misconduct) of any County employee, appointed officials, elected officials, contractors, subcontractors, persons seeking County contracts, or persons seeking certification of eligibility for County contracts or other County programs (subject to any appropriate redaction).
- (3) The number of and types of investigations conducted by the OIIG regarding employees under the separately elected officials.
- (4) The number and type of recommendations made to any department heads or elected official and whether or not the recommendation was followed.

(5) A summary of the ultimate jurisdictional authority's response to and final decision (subject to any appropriate redaction) on the Independent Inspector General's recommendation.

~~(5)(6)~~ The number of concluded investigations that have not yet been responded to within the 45-day requirement or, if approved, the 30-day extension.

~~(6)(7)~~ Upon receipt of such reports, the Cook County Board may take appropriate action, such as referring the report to the Litigation Subcommittee for further consideration, receiving and filing, approving or rejecting such report.

2-289. - Confidentiality; public statements.

Investigatory files and summary reports concerning alleged corruption, fraud, waste, mismanagement, unlawful political discrimination or misconduct by any person shall be confidential except as provided below or required pursuant to the Supplemental Relief Order entered in the Shakman Case.

(a) Summary reports shall not be divulged by the Independent Inspector General to any person except to the President, the head of any department or bureau to whose office the investigation pertains, the Chief of the Bureau of Human Resources, accused, ~~Purchasing Agent~~ Chief Procurement Officer where applicable and to the separately elected official to whose office the investigation pertains. If the investigation involves violations of the Cook County Ethics Ordinance, the Independent Inspector General also shall submit the confidential summary report to the Cook County Board of Ethics.

(b) Investigatory files shall be confidential, however said files may be divulged with the summary report to the Board of Ethics, the Chief of the Bureau of Human Resources and the head of any department or bureau and elected official to whose office the investigation pertains in order to effectively address matters of discipline or ethical violations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, information or evidence obtained by the Independent Inspector General which pertains to possible criminal activity may be promptly provided to the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

(c) The Independent Inspector General is authorized to issue public statements concerning:

(1) An investigation that exonerates an individual who is publicly known to have been under investigation, where the subject requests such a statement.

(2) An investigation that concerns inefficient or wasteful management, as opposed to individual misconduct or illegality.

(d) Before issuing a public statement pursuant Section 2-289(c)(2) of this Ordinance, the

Independent Inspector General must first:

- (1) Share the summary report and public statement with the head of the department or bureau and elected official to whose office the investigation pertains;
- (2) Allow the head of the department or bureau and elected official to whose office the investigation pertains a period of 10 business days in which to provide the Independent Inspector General with a response to the proposed public statement;
and
- (3) Attach any such response (subject to appropriate redaction) to the Independent Inspector General's public statement whenever the Independent Inspector General issues the public statement.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Vice Chairman Britton, to accept the substitute for Item #20-0016. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Vice Chairman Britton, to recommend for approval as substituted 20-0016. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (17)

Leave was granted for all commissioners to be added as co-sponsors of the substitute ordinance amendment.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

A complete record of this meeting is available at <https://cook-county.legistar.com>.