

Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL



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Friday, March 12, 2021

10:00 AM

Special Meeting

Virtual Meeting

FRANK J. AGUILAR
ALMA E. ANAYA
LUIS ARROYO, JR.
SCOTT R. BRITTON
JOHN P. DALEY
DENNIS DEER
BRIDGET DEGNEN
BRIDGET GAINER
BRANDON JOHNSON

BILL LOWRY
DONNA MILLER
STANLEY MOORE
KEVIN B. MORRISON
SEAN M. MORRISON
PETER N. SILVESTRI
DEBORAH SIMS
LARRY SUFFREDIN

**KAREN A. YARBROUGH
COUNTY CLERK**

Board met pursuant to Resolution 20-5487:

OFFICIAL RECORD

President Preckwinkle in the chair.

CALL TO ORDER

At 10:00 A.M., being the hour appointed for the meeting, the President called the Board to order.

QUORUM

County Clerk Karen A. Yarbrough called the roll of members and there was found to be a quorum present.

ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: None (0)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Due to the current health crisis, there is no in-person participation for the County Board and Forest Preserve Board meetings.

Written comment will be accepted for those wishing to provide Public Testimony. The form to testify was emailed to our traditional contact list and was made available to the public in the meeting notice and on the County's Legistar site.

Written comments provided prior to the start of the Board meeting will be read aloud at the meeting. Three minutes per comment will be allowed, though every effort will be made to read statements in their entirety.

Any additional material for the Board to consider, please email testimony to cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov and indicate a desire that your testimony be entered into the record.

All written comment which complies with County Board Rules will be posted online on the County Legislative Site at <https://cook-county.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

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PRESIDENT

21-2052

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

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Sharone Mitchell, Jr.

Position: Cook County Public Defender

Department/Board/Commission: Office of the Cook County Public Defender

Effective date: 4/1/2021

Expiration date: 3/31/2027

Summary: Sharone Mitchell, Jr. is hereby appointed to serve as the Cook County Public Defender for a six-year term beginning 4/1/2021 and ending on 3/31/2027. Mr. Mitchell will assume the position of public Defender upon approval by the Board of Commissioners and following the expiration of Ms. Amy Campanelli's appointed term. Ms. Campanelli's appointment expires March 31, 2021 and all of Cook County thanks her for her service.

Sharone Mitchell, Jr. is currently the Director of the Illinois Justice Project, a policy reform organization dedicated to supporting people, programs, and policies that can reduce inappropriate incarceration, improve community safety outcomes, reduce recidivism and increase justice in the legal system. Mr. Mitchell's work has focused on adult justice specializing in pretrial issues, sentencing policy, and violence prevention. As the Director of the Illinois Justice Project, Mr. Mitchell is responsible for the overall direction of the organization, including creation, management and compliance with their operational budget, grant writing, supervision of employees, development of policy agenda, interfacing with their Board and the formulation of media strategy. Prior to joining the Illinois Justice Project, Mr. Mitchell worked as a Cook County Public Defender. His responsibilities at the Public Defender's Office included the handling of complex felonies, ranging from serious Class X felonies to simple misdemeanors, including trying numerous bench and jury trials in the Criminal Division and handling child unification cases involving the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and the Cook County Public Guardian's Office in the Civil Division. Mr. Mitchell has a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and earned his law degree from DePaul University College of Law.

Mr. Mitchell satisfies all of the qualifications for the position of Public Defender as set forth in the Counties Code (55 ILCS 5/3-4004.2). This appointment is recommended for your approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Proposed Appointment be referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

The vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, S. Morrison, K. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer (1)

The motion carried.

NEW ITEMS

21-2143

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION CERTIFYING ~~NAME~~ JENNIFER (SIS) KILLEN TO TAKE THE EXAMINATION FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS

WHEREAS, a vacancy will exist in the Office of Superintendent of Highways, Cook County, Illinois, due to the resignation of the incumbent Superintendent of Highways, Mr. John Yonan, P.E., which will occur on March 18, 2021, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with 605 ILCS 5/5-201, the County Board must certify to the Illinois Department of Transportation a list of names of not more than five persons, residents of the State, who hold a currently valid certificate of registration as a registered professional engineer in Illinois, who are candidates for the office, and who meet the qualifications provided therein.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby submit Jennifer (Sis) Killen, P.E., PTOE, of South Hamlin Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60655; Registered Professional Engineer License No. 062057590 (Original License Issue Date 6/10/2004) as Cook County's candidate to take the examination for Superintendent of Highways of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby directed to transmit two (2) certified originals of this resolution to the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, through its District Engineer's Office at Schaumburg, Illinois.

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Proposed Resolution be referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. The vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, S. Morrison, K. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer (1)

The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the meeting do now adjourn to meet again at the same time and same place on March 18, 2021, in accordance with County Board Resolution 20-5487.

The motion prevailed and the meeting stood adjourned.



KAREN A. YARBROUGH
County Clerk