



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County  
Minutes of the Rules and Administration Committee**

**Wednesday, June 15, 2022**

**9:30 AM**

**Virtual Meeting**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Britton, Degnen, Daley, Deer, Miller, Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (8)

**Absent:** Lowry (1) Excused

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

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

**No public speakers**

[22-3862](#)

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 03/16/2022

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 22-3862. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Daley, Deer, Miller, Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (8)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

[22-3150](#)

**Sponsored by:** SCOTT R. BRITTON, FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**DECLARING RACIAL OR OTHER DISCRIMINATORY COVENANTS IN REAL ESTATE RECORDINGS AND DEEDS VOID UNDER THE COOK COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS ORDINANCE**

**WHEREAS**, there was a time when racial covenants in real estate recordings were permitted and which had the effect of prohibiting such properties to be owned, leased, or otherwise prevented the conveyance of property rights to individuals based upon their race, color, religion or national origin; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Illinois, pursuant to Public Act 102-0110, has developed a streamlined process by which property owners may eliminate unlawful discriminatory covenants from property deeds effective January 1, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Human Rights Ordinance prohibits unlawful discrimination based upon perceived status, practice, or expression of that person’s race, color, sex, age, religion, disability, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, parental status, military discharge status, source of income, gender identity or housing status; or the actual or perceived association with such a person (Cook County Code of Human Rights, Section 42-31); and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Clerk’s Office is prepared to efficiently process applications for the elimination of unlawful discriminatory covenants from property deeds; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, The Cook County Commission on Human Rights denounces any racial or other discriminatory covenant and declares such covenants are void under the Cook County Human Rights Ordinance.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to recommend for approval 22-3150. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Daley, Deer, Miller, Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (8)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

[22-3155](#)

**Presented by:** SISAVANH BAKER, Executive Director, Department of Human Rights and Ethics

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO PUBLIC FACING RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**Department:** Department of Human Rights & Ethics

**Summary:** Amendments were made to the Cook County Board of Ethics Procedural Rules to align with the December 2021 amendments to Code of Ordinances of Cook County Illinois, Division 2. Code of Ethical Conduct.

Amendments include:

Addition of Section 9.9 - De Minimis Personal Use of Cook County Property and Resources;

Addition of Section 9.10 - Dual Employment;

Amendment to Section 3.10 - Statements by the General Public at Board Meetings to affirm procedural and etiquette expectations;

Amendment to Section 4.5 - Form of Request for Advisory Opinions to affirm Advisory Opinions must be requested in writing;

Amendment to Section 5.9 - Notice of Investigation and Opportunity to Present Information to affirm that the Board is not required to reveal the existence or nature of an investigation in order to preserve the confidentiality and integrity of any investigative inquiry;

Amendment to Section 5.15 - Time to Complete Investigation and Suspension of Investigation to affirm the Board will complete investigations as promptly as reasonable under the circumstances; and

Amendment to Section 8.1 - Limitations on Contributions to clarify the definitions of “official action” and “ministerial in nature” and to affirm that political contribution limitations apply to those who sought or are seeking official action, are doing or seek to do business with the County, and lobby the County.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to recommend for deferral 22-3155. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Daley, Deer, Miller, Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (8)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

[22-3169](#)

**Presented by:** KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

COOK COUNTY CLERK, Karen A. Yarbrough, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the regular (Virtual) meeting held on 3/17/2022.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to recommend for approval 22-3169. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Daley, Deer, Miller, Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (8)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

[22-3289](#)

Presented by: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

COOK COUNTY CLERK, Karen A. Yarbrough, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the regular meeting held on 4/7/2022.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to recommend for approval 22-3289. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Daley, Deer, Miller, Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (8)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Daley, Deer, Miller, Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (8)

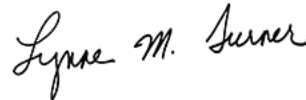
**Absent:** Lowry (1)

Respectfully submitted,



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Chairman



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Secretary

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