



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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<b>Title:</b>	PROPOSED RESOLUTION				

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION URGING THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
TO CREATE STRICTER CRITERIA FOR WHO CAN SERVE  
AS A METRA BOARD DIRECTOR

Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by  
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioner

### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION URGING THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CREATE  
STRICTER CRITERIA FOR WHO CAN SERVE  
AS A METRA BOARD DIRECTOR

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Rail Board (METRA) is responsible for overseeing a \$713 million budget  
and operating one of the largest metropolitan rail systems in the country; and

WHEREAS, recent scandals involving Alex Clifford's separation agreement have rocked the METRA  
Board and caused the resignation of the METRA Board Chairman and several Directors; and

WHEREAS, the METRA Board of Directors have a fiduciary duty to our taxpayers to ensure that the  
fiscal and operational health of METRA is sustainable; and

WHEREAS, public confidence in the METRA Board of Directors is at an all-time low and therefore  
more accountability measures need to be instituted; and

WHEREAS, 70 ILCS 3615/ 3.01 vests authority in the suburban members of the Cook County Board  
and the Cook County Board President to appoint five Directors to the METRA Board; and

WHEREAS, the only criteria that 70 ILCS 3615/ 3.01 sets forth for the appointment of a Director is  
that they reside in suburban Cook County; and

WHEREAS, proper management and oversight by the METRA Board demands basic requirements  
from an appointed Director; and

WHEREAS, chief among these requirements should be a threshold age limit, educational level, and  
professional background.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners urges the  
Illinois General Assembly to codify basic requirements in order for an appointment to serve as Metra

Board Director.

\*Referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee on 09/11/12.

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9/11/2013	1	Board of Commissioners	refer	Pass

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