

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION
AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

June 18, 2013

The Honorable,
The Board of Commissioners of Cook County

SECTION 1

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Suffredin, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri and Tobolski (12)

Absent: Vice Chairman Fritchey, Commissioners Gainer, Reyes, Sims and Steele (5)

Also Present Lewis Collens, Appointee, Cook County Health and Hospitals System; Wayne M. Lerner, Appointee, Cook County Health and Hospitals System

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County met pursuant to notice on Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at the hour of 12:15 P.M. in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Chairman Suffredin asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code, Sec. 2-107(dd).

1. George Blakemore – Concerned Citizen

Your Committee has considered the following items and, upon adoption of this report, the recommendation is as follows:

323679 COOK COUNTY HEALTH AND HOSPITALS SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS (APPOINTMENT). Transmitting a Communication, dated May 28, 2013 from Toni Preckwinkle, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners.

I hereby nominate M. Hill Hammock, Wayne M. Lerner and Lewis M. Collens for appointment to the Cook County Health and Hospitals System Board of Directors. If confirmed by the Board of Commissioners, Mr. Hammock, Mr. Lerner and Mr. Collens will serve four (4) year terms, expiring June 30, 2017.

I also hereby nominate Ada Mary Gugenheim to fill the unexpired term of Quin R. Golden, who resigned from the System Board in February 2013. If confirmed, Ms. Gugenheim will serve the remainder Ms. Golden's term, expiring June 30, 2014.

I would like to thank the members of the Nominating Committee for their efforts in identifying fifteen (15) excellent candidates for appointment to the System Board. I have interviewed each of the candidates and carefully reviewed their credentials and experience. I also would like to thank each of the candidates for their interest in serving on the System Board.

Hill Hammock, Wayne Lerner, Lewis Collens and Ada Gugenheim have the diverse skill sets necessary to govern a large complex public health network and I believe they would make great additions to our System Board.

I hereby request that the above listed appointments be referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee for approval.

***Referred to the Committee on Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations on 05-29-13.**

Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, moved to Divide the Question to Take Up Wayne M. Lerner and Lewis M. Collens. The motion carried.

Wayne M. Lerner delivered remarks as to his interest in and qualifications for the position.

Chairman Suffredin requested that Mr. Lerner's resume be entered into the record. (Attachment #1)

Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, moved to Approve Wayne M. Lerner. The motion carried.

Lewis M. Collens delivered remarks as to his interest in and qualifications for the position.

Chairman Suffredin requested that Mr. Collens' resume be entered into the record. (Attachment #2)

Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, moved to Approve Lewis M. Collens. The motion carried.

Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, moved to Defer Hill Hammock. The motion carried.

Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, moved to Defer Ada Gugenheim. The motion carried.

Commissioner Daley moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

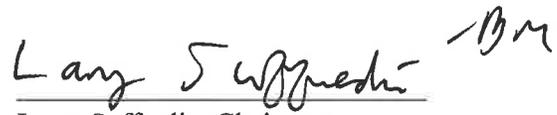
SECTION 2

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION
WITH REGARD TO THE MATTER NAMED HEREIN:

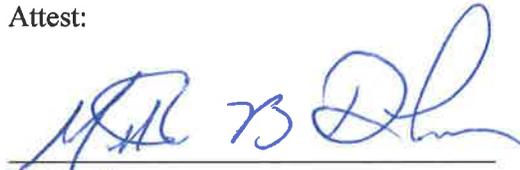
Communication Number 323679

Recommended For Approval of Lewis M. Collens
Recommended For Approval of Wayne M. Lerner
(Hill Hammock and Ada Gugenheim were deferred.)

Respectfully submitted,
Committee on Legislation and
Intergovernmental Relations


Larry Suffredin, Chairman

Attest:



Matthew B. DeLeon, Secretary

*A video recording of this meeting is available on the Office of the Secretary to the Board's website on the Video Page at <http://blog.cookcountyil.gov/secretarytotheboard/county-board-proceedings/county-board-video-and-audio/>.

STATEMENT OF WAYNE M. LERNER

I am honored to be considered for appointment to the Cook County Health & Hospitals System Board of Directors. As a life-long Chicago resident and health care executive, I am well aware of the role that Cook County hospitals and clinics play in not only the health care arena, but our society in general. As the story in today's *Chicago Tribune* notes, the role of safety net hospitals in our region is at a crisis point: funding is diminished; competition is more intense than ever before; the Affordable Care Act allows individuals to have choice when they receive insurance; and other private and public payers will follow suit with programs that dictate paying for only high-quality and efficient performance.

The Board of the Cook County Health & Hospitals System is at a strategic point in its history. Our job is to support the CEO in developing and executing new directions, which make the best use of limited resources, yet provide access to critical primary, secondary and tertiary care for the residents of Cook County. I am pleased to be able to play a role in the system's further evolution.

Statement of Lewis Collens
regarding nomination to serve as a member of the Board of the Cook
County Health and Hospital System (CCHHS)
June 18, 2013

I am very pleased to have been nominated to serve as a member of the Board of the CCHHS.

CCHHS serves a critical role in insuring access to health services for all of our residents. As the United States transitions to the Affordable Care Act there will be significant changes to our health care system. These changes create an opportunity for CCHHS to continue to improve health services to our community. I look forward to playing a role in advising CCHHS on developing strategies to pursue these opportunities.

Almost my entire professional career has been at the Illinois Institute of Technology where I served as President for 17 years, Dean of IIT's Chicago-Kent College of Law for 16 years and Professor of Law for 37 years. My teaching included courses on corporate governance. During my career I have had the opportunity to serve as a director of many organizations and participated in developing strategies to continuously improve performance.

In addition to providing health services CCHHS plays an important role in education and research. CCHHS has a long history of educating health professionals and has an opportunity to develop and expand disease prevention programs throughout the community. CCHHS is a participant in important research projects. During my time as President of IIT we significantly expanded funding for research programs and hopefully this experience can be of some assistance to CCHHS.

It will be an honor and privilege to serve on the CCHHS board.