REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES & ADMINISTRATION

November 1, 2011

The Honorable,
The Board of Commissioners of Cook County

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Suffredin, Vice Chairman Gorman, Commissioners Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Schneider, Silvestri and Sims (8)

Absent: Commissioners Steele (1)

Also Present: Commissioners Beavers, Butler, Collins, Garcia, Goslin, Murphy, Reyes and Tobolski.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Rules & Administration of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County met pursuant to notice on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at the hour of 09:30 AM in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Your Committee has considered the following item(s) and upon adoption of this report, the recommendations are as follows:

315000 AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE III COOK COUNTY BOARD, DIVISION 2. RULES OF ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE (PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT). Submitting a Proposed Ordinance sponsored by Earlean Collins, County Commissioner.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 2, Administration, Article III County Board, Division 2. Rules of Organization and Procedure, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 2-105. - Organization.

(i) Public Hearings of committees. Any committee meeting may, at the discretion of the Chair, be designated as a public hearing; provided that the following requirements are satisfied:

(1) A paid notice containing the time, place, subject matter of the hearing, and solicitation of pertinent public testimony shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Cook County;

(2) A like notice shall be posted on the website maintained by the Secretary;

(3) A court reporter is present and reporting all written and oral testimony by member of the public;

(4) During public hearings on the County budget the appropriate department head(s) is/are present to respond to budget concerns raised during public hearings;

~~(4)~~ (5) All oral testimony by members of the public shall be the first order of business after the committee is called to order; and

~~(5)~~ (6) Any other meeting notification requirements found elsewhere in this section.

***Referred to the Rules and Administration Committee on 10/18/11.**

Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, moved to accept the Substitute Ordinance Amendment to Communication No. 31500. The motion carried.

SUBSTITUTE FOR
COMMUNICATION NO. 315000

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Sponsored by
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(4) All department heads and constitutional offices ~~should~~ shall have their fiscal staff available to respond to specific issues raised by the public when called upon by a commissioner during public hearings on the budget including community-based public hearings.

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Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Schneider moved to include the following language in paragraph 4 shown by strikeouts and double underline: All department heads and constitutional offices ~~should~~ shall have their fiscal staff available to respond to specific issues raised by the public when called upon by a commissioner during public hearings on the budget including community-based public hearings. The motion carried.

Commissioner Sims, moved Approval of (Communication No. 315000) as amended, seconded by Commissioner Schneider. Commissioner Fritchey called for a Roll Call, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

ROLL CALL ON MOTION TO APPROVE
COMMUNICATION NO. 315000 AS AMENDED

Yeas: Chairman Suffredin, Commissioners Gainer, Sims and Steele (4)

Nos: Vice Chairman Gorman, Commissioners Daley, Fritchey, Schneider and Silvestri (5)

Present: None (0)

Absent: None (0)

The motion to approve the Substitute Proposed Ordinance Amendment for Communication No. 315000, FAILED.

315177 COOK COUNTY CLERK, David Orr, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of the Proceedings of the meeting held on Tuesday, October 4, 2011.

Vice Chairman Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, moved to Approve Communication No. 315177. The motion carried.

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

1. George Blakemore, Concerned Citizen

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

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

Communication Number 315000	Not recommended for approval
Communication Number 315177	Approved

Respectfully submitted,
Committee on Rules & Administration

Larry Suffredin, Chairman

Attest:

Matthew B. DeLeon, Secretary

* The audio recording for this meeting is available from the Office of the Secretary to the Board, 118 North Clark Street, Room 567, Chicago, IL 60602.