



**Forest Preserve District of Cook County
Board of Commissioners**

Minutes of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations

9:15 AM

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

**Cook County Building, Board Room,
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Britton, Daley, Degnen, Anaya, Lowry, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (9)

Absent: Aguilar, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, and Stamps (7)

Excused Absence: K. Morrison (1)

Chairman Britton asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Forest Preserves Code of Ordinances, Section 1-5-4.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public speakers.

25-0373

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 07/01/2025

A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Vásquez, to approve 25-0373. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Anaya, Lowry, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (9)

Absent: Aguilar, Daley, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, and Stamps (7)

Excused Absence: K. Morrison (1)

25-0298

Presented by: ADAM BIANCHI, General Superintendent

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Brandon Hayes

Position: Council Member

Department/Board/Commission: Conservation and Policy Council

Effective date: 9/9/2025

Expiration date: 12/31/2025

The Council Nominating Committee recommends the appointment of Brandon Hayes to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Megan Bang.

Brandon Hayes founded Bold Bison Communications and Consulting in 2019 to provide forward-thinking communications solutions, engaging strategy and facilitation services, and inspiring workshops and trainings for nonprofits, particularly in the conservation, climate, and local food movements. Bold Bison is a national firm-working from Florida to Alaska-with geographical emphases in the Great Lakes, Texas, and the West Coast. Clients include the Chicago Region Food System Fund, Chicago Wilderness Alliance, Giant Sequoia Lands Coalition, Green Spaces Alliance of South Texas, Houston Audubon, Iowa State University, The Land Trust Alliance, Montana Land Reliance, The Morton Arboretum, Nantucket Conservation Foundation, National Forest Foundation, and River Network, among many others including dozens of land trusts. Bold Bison is a Certified LGBT Business Enterprise. Brandon is Chair of the Board of Directors of the Institute of Conservation Leadership and is Board President of Chicago Artists for Action. He is a long-time volunteer for the International Crane Foundation's Annual Midwest Crane Count.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to approve 25-0298. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Daley, Degnen, Anaya, Lowry, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (9)

Absent: Aguilar, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, and Stamps (7)

Excused Absence: K. Morrison (1)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Bridget Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Daley, Degnen, Anaya, Lowry, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (9)

Absent: Aguilar, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, and Stamps (7)

Excused Absence: K. Morrison (1)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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