



## Conservation and Policy Council New Member Affidavit

*As required by the municipal code of the Forest Preserves of Cook County, prior to confirmation, each candidate for appointment shall submit a statement to the Chairman of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Board, attesting that the candidate possesses the qualifications of members as established by Section 1-18-3 of the District's Code of Ordinances. (See page 2 of this form.) Once appointed, a member shall notify the Board in writing within seven (7) business days of any change in the member's qualifications as set forth in that Section.*

I, Jacqueline Samuel PhD, attest that I possess the qualifications of a member of the Conservation and Policy Council of the Forest Preserved District of Cook County as established by Section 1-18-3 of the District's Code of Ordinances. I agree to notify the Board of Commissioners in writing within seven (7) business days of any change in my qualifications as set forth in that Section.

Date 6/15/2023

Printed Name Jacqueline Samuel PhD

Signature 

Please complete and return page 1 of this form via email to [Eileen.Figel@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:Eileen.Figel@cookcountyil.gov).

## CHAPTER 18 of the Municipal Code of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Conservation and Policy Council

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### 1-18-3: QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS.

- A. Criteria to be considered in nominating or appointing individuals to serve as Members shall include:
1. Background and skills needed on the Council including, but not limited to, expertise in one (1) or more of the following:
    - a. Conservation (practice),
    - b. Ecology (science),
    - c. Education/interpretation,
    - d. Cultural resources/archeology/historic preservation,
    - e. Management/business,
    - f. Eco- or heritage tourism/market feasibility analysis,
    - g. Finance,
    - h. Public policy and planning,
    - i. Outdoor recreation,
    - j. Health and wellness,
    - k. Volunteer management,
    - l. High level government experience,
    - m. Working knowledge of the District, Chicago Botanic Garden, Brookfield Zoo and/or other culturally significant institutions affiliated with, or supportive of, the District's statutorily defined purpose.
  2. Resident of Cook County, Illinois;
  3. Availability and willingness to attend Council meetings quarterly; and
  4. Ability and willingness to:
    - a. Learn sufficient details about District management and operations in order to effectively evaluate proposed actions and reports; and
    - b. Accept and fulfill reasonable assignments from the Chairperson of the Council.
- B. No individual shall be considered for nomination or appointment to serve as a Member if such individual is one or more of the following:
1. An elected official (excluding the Ex Officio Member) or a paid staff member of an elected official;
  2. An employee of the District (excluding the Ex Officio Member) or any other government entity for which there could be a perceived conflict of interests between the interests of the governmental employer and the interests of the Council;
  3. An employee of the Chicago Zoological Society (Brookfield Zoo), Chicago Botanic Garden, or Forest Preserve Foundation;
  4. An employee of a conservation organization; or
  5. An individual who owns five (5) percent or more of, or an individual who is employed by, a business entity that is a party to a contract with the District; or any individual with perceived conflict of interest.

(Ord. No. 14-0375, 9-9-14; Ord. No. 17-0395, 1-9-18)