



**From:** Toni Preckwinkle, President  
**To:** Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners  
**Date:** June 15, 2023  
**Re:** Appointment to the Conservation & Policy Council

In February, Maria Pesquira resigned from the Conservation and Policy Council.

After reviewing several potential candidates, the Nominating Committee recommends that Jacqueline Samuel be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Conservation and Policy Council.

Dr. Samuel's profile is attached. I believe her expertise and her commitment to promoting racial equity will help the Council advance its work. I concur with the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and I seek the Board's advice and consent related to the appointment of Jacqueline Samuel to the Conservation and Policy Council.

## Candidate for the Conservation & Policy Council

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### Jacqueline Samuel, PhD

- **Expertise:** Urban Management, Community Development, Policymaking, Project Management, Community Psychology

Jacqueline Samuel is the Program Director of the Master of Public Administration at National Louis University. Previously Dr. Samuel served as the Project Manager for the Housing Authority of Cook County, South Suburban Safe and Thriving Communities Program. She also facilitated and developed quality of life programs for 10 years in the South Chicago Area. She has served on the Health and Healing committee/ Mayor's Commission for a Safer Chicago, the Mayor's Kitchen Cabinet Commercial Development Advisory, Advocate Trinity Hospital Community Health Council, Community Advisory Review Council for the Institute for Translational Medicine (CARC) and the Illinois ACE's Response Collaborative. Her most recent awards include National Louis University REACH Award, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital Courage Award, and the Chicago Police Department CAPS Award for the 4th District area. Jackie was born and raised in Chicago. She has a love for the arts and has performed in numerous plays and films based in Chicago.