



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

**Minutes of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations**

**Tuesday, January 22, 2019**

**9:15 AM**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Suffredin, Britton, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore,  
Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (14)

**Absent:** Anaya, Johnson and Lowry (3)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**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)**

**No Public Speakers**

[19-0141](#)

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 09/11/2018

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, to approve 19-0141. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore,  
Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (14)

**Absent:** Anaya, Johnson and Lowry (3)

[18-0515](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Alan M. Bell, Maria Pesqueira, and Shelley Spencer

**Position:** New Conservation and Policy Council members. The Conservation and Policy Council advises the President, Board of Commissioners and General Superintendent on specific steps to implement the Next Century Conservation Plan, the Forest Preserves of Cook County's ambitious long-range plan to restore our forest preserves to ecological health and ensure that all the residents of Cook County are welcome at the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

**Department/Board/Commission:** Conservation and Policy Council

**Effective date:** 1/1/2019

**Expiration date:** This appointment will remain in effect until 12/31/2021.

**Summary:** Alan M. Bell is a partner at the law firm of Charity & Associates, P.C., focusing on municipal finance and real estate finance. He is also the founder and president of The Elements Group, which focuses on nature-oriented development projects.

Maria Pesqueira is President of the Healthy Communities Foundation, and has served for 15 years as President & CEO to Mujeres Latinas en Accion, and previously led The National Museum of Mexican Art's Development team. She has held leadership roles in various national and local boards including the National Council of La Raza, Illinois Partners for Human Services, Community Memorial Foundation and the Aetna Medical Advisory Board.

Shelley Spencer is a four-time Emmy winning producer/writer who helps people communicate their message, mission and vision through long and short form videos. As the Supervising Producer at WYCC PBS Chicago, Shelley developed Chicago's True Nature, the Emmy-award winning documentary about the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Vice Chair Britton, to recommend for approval 18-0515. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (14)

**Absent:** Anaya, Johnson and Lowry (3)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Britton, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Suffredin, Britton, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (14)

**Absent:** Anaya, Johnson and Lowry (3)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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