



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Resolution creating an Ad Hoc Chair's Advisory Committee for the District 8 County Board Vacancy.

- The resignation of Bill Durkin has created a vacancy in the District 8 seat.
- In accordance with Lake County's Rules of Order and Operational Procedures, Appendix A, a vacant district seat Ad Hoc Advisory Committee shall be formed to assist the County Board Chair in the statutory obligations of filling a County Board vacancy.
- The Ad Hoc Committee will consist of the following: Lake County Board Chair Sandy Hart (Chair), Lake County Board Vice Chair Mary Ross-Cunningham (Vice Chair), Lake County Board Member Bill Durkin, Lake County Board Member Gina Roberts, and Chair of the Lake County Democrats, Lauren Beth Gash.
- The Chair's Advisory Committee for the District 8 County Board Vacancy shall be disbanded and defunct following an affirmative vote by the County Board on the appointment of a County Board Member for District 8.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the resignation of District 8 County Board Member Bill Durkin on April 18, 2022 requires Chair Hart to declare a vacancy for the office of the County Board Member for District 8; and

WHEREAS, under Illinois state statute, Chair Hart is responsible for filling the vacancy through appointment with the consent and vote of the County Board; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Lake County's Rules of Order and Operational Procedures, Appendix A, a vacant district seat Ad Hoc Advisory Committee shall be formed to assist the County Board Chair in the statutory obligations of filling a County Board vacancy.

WHEREAS, Chair Hart has outlined a comprehensive, transparent, fair, and professional process that is inclusive of the opinions of current County Board members, other elected officials, District 8 residents, Democrat Party officials, and others; and

WHEREAS, during the appointment process, Chair Hart may find it advantageous to engage a group of County Board Members, Democrat Party officials, and/or others to assist her in her responsibilities, if she deems necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Chair's Advisory Committee for the District 8 County Board Vacancy shall be created as an Ad Hoc Committee of the Lake County Board to assist Chair Hart in her

statutory responsibilities and perform duties delegated which may include but are not limited to reviewing applications, conducting interviews, checking references, and providing feedback on their assessment of the candidates' ability to serve as an effective County Board Member for District 8; and

WHEREAS, the State's Attorney's Office states that the Ad Hoc Committee must comply with the Illinois Open Meetings Act by holding its meeting at a public location, in accordance with posting standards, and that each meeting agenda include an item providing for a closed session discussion related to personnel matters pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair's Advisory Committee for the District 8 County Board Vacancy is hereby created for the sole purpose of assisting Chair Hart in filling the vacancy of District 8 and appoints the following individuals as members of the committee:

Ad Hoc Committee Chair

Lake County Board Chair Sandy Hart

Ad Hoc Committee Vice Chair

Lake County Board Vice Chair Mary Ross Cunningham

Ad Hoc Committee Members

Lake County Board Member Bill Durkin

Lake County Board Member Gina Roberts

Chair of the Lake County Democrats, Lauren Beth Gash

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair's Advisory Committee for the District 8 County Board Vacancy shall be disbanded and defunct following an affirmative vote by the County Board on the appointment of a County Board Member for District 8.

DATED, at Waukegan, Illinois, on April 12, 2022.