

**Office of the Cook County Medical Examiner
Advisory Committee Meeting | April 21, 2017
Office of the Medical Examiner | 2121 W. Harrison Street
Lower Level Conference Room | 11:00am**

Attendance

Present: Dr. Enrique Beckmann, *Medical Profession-Chairman*; Detective Sergeant Jason Moran, *Cook County Sheriff's Office - Vice Chairman*; Isaac McCoy, *Citizen/Business*; Mark Rizzo, *Funeral Director*; Rabbi Moshe Wolf, *Clergy*.

Absent: Assistant State's Attorney Chaka Patterson, *Cook County State's Attorney's Office* Susan Dyer, *Funeral Director-Secretary*; Commissioner Jeffrey R. Tobolski, *Cook County Commissioner 16th District*; Deputy Chief Al Nagode, *Chicago Police Department*; Edward Callahan, *Funeral Director*.

Guests Present: Nadine Jakubowski, *Deputy Executive Officer-CCMEO*; Dr. Ponni Arunkumar, *Chief Medical Examiner-CCMEO*; Steven Smith, *Safety Officer-CCMEO*; Michael Rodriguez, *Executive Officer-CCNEO*; Carlos Claudio, *Deputy Director –CCBOA*, John Cavanaugh, *Deputy Chief Medical Examiner–CCMEO*.

Call to Order/Roll Call

MEAC meeting called to order at **11:15 a.m.** by Chairman Beckmann
Vice-Chairman Moran does roll call and announces we DO NOT have a quorum.
Meeting proceeded as informational only.
11:20 a.m. – Isaac McCoy arrives and Vice-Chairman Moran announces there is a quorum.

Approval of Minutes and 2016 Annual Report

Minutes from 15July2016 and 21Oct2016 are reviewed by Committee

Motion to approve minutes made by Mark Rizzo

Motion seconded by Isaac McCoy

No discussion

Motion passed unanimously by Committee

2016 Annual Report is reviewed by Committee

Motion to approve report made by Vice-Chairman Moran

Motion seconded by Rabbi Wolf

Discussion about approving report with minor amendments as determined by Executive Board. The proposed amendments were format/punctuation, photographs, and

Chairman's letter to President and CC Board of Commissioners

Motion passed unanimously by Committee with amendments

Public Comment

None

Reports

Chairman Beckmann: Attendance issue with Deputy Chief Al Nagode. He was not present for October 2016, January 2017, and April 2017 meetings. Also, he has had no contact with Executive Board requesting excused absences. This violates Article 4 Section 10 of the committee bylaws.

Motion to require that Chairman Beckmann inform in writing the President of the excessive absences and that a replacement or designee be named to replace him made by Vice-Chairman Moran

Motion seconded by Mark Rizzo

No discussion

Motion passed unanimously by Committee

Dr. Arunkumar, CCMEO:

- Today's cooler count is 167 of which 51 are storage cases
- Next Burial of the Indigent, Unclaimed, and Unidentified is scheduled for July at Mount Olivet Cemetery. We will be dedicating a monument after the burial.
- Introduction of Deputy Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. John Cavanaugh
- Introduction of Deputy Chief of BOA, Mr. Carlos Claudio
- Openings for one (1) Assistant Medical Examiner
- Missing Person's Day
- Chicago Temple Service (24May2017)

Unclaimed Veterans Subcommittee (Chairman Susan Dyer and Member Jason Moran):

Waiting for BOA to approve Unclaimed Veteran's Policy

Old/New Business

Old: Mark Rizzo suggests that families be responsible for full cost of cremation of indigent decedents due to abuses of program by some funeral directors and families utilizing ME's office as a funeral home. Mark makes a motion to inform the Medical Examiner's Office, President, and CC Board of Commissioners of this issue in the 2017 Annual Report.

Motion made by Mark Rizzo

Motion seconded by Rabbi Wolfe

Discussion: DC Rodriguez informs committee that an increase in the cremation fee has been requested during county budget meetings.

Motion passed unanimously by Committee

New: Annual Vice-Chairman and Secretary Election – Chairman Beckmann nominates Vice-Chairman Moran and Secretary Dyer to retain their respective offices – unanimous vote to retain Vice-Chairman Moran and Secretary Dyer

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Mark Rizzo

Motion seconded by Rabbi Wolf

No discussion

Motion passed unanimously by Committee at 12:33pm

