



APPOINTMENTS

05/12/26

The Office of the Village Clerk submits appointment reports for Village Board consideration based on candidates recommended by the Citizen Involvement Commission (CIC) following its established interview and recommendation process. After each CIC meeting, the Clerk's Office forwards these recommendations to the Village President for review and consideration. For **commission members** (excluding chairs and ex officio positions), the Village President makes the appointments and returns them to the Clerk's Office for inclusion in the appointment report, which is then presented to the Village Board for approval by majority vote.

The appointment of **commission Chairs** follows a separate process. While Chairs are often selected from current commission membership, the Village President considers input from commission leadership and staff and makes the final appointment. Chair appointments are submitted to the Village Board and require approval by majority vote.

Aging in Communities Commission

Appoint as Commissioner

Name: Janet Lorch

Term: 1st Term

Term Expiration Date: May 12, 2029

A retired college professor who now works part time at the Oak Park Public Library, they are deeply engaged in advocacy and support for older adults, including community programming and professional presentations on aging services. As an Oak Park resident planning to age in the community, they are particularly interested in expanding innovative housing and shared living options for older adults through service on the Aging in Communities Commission.

Appoint as Commissioner

Name: Marsha Spight

Term: 1st Term

Term Expiration Date: May 12, 2029

They have attended Aging in Oak Park conferences sponsored by the commission and are eager to contribute to its work supporting older adults in the community. They are particularly interested in assisting with planning efforts and initiatives that enhance the quality of life for senior residents in Oak Park.

Citizens Police Oversight Committee

Appoint as Commissioner

Name: Dirk D De Lor

Term: 1st Term

Term Expiration Date: May 12, 2029

They are interested in serving to help foster trust, accountability, and transparency between law enforcement and the community. Their professional experience with the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor's Office, focused on public records and open meetings, supports their commitment to fairness and equitable policing practices.

Community Relations Commission

Appoint as Commissioner

Name: Branden A Mcleod

Term: 1st Term

Term Expiration Date: May 12, 2026

An Oak Park resident since 2016 and professor at the University of Illinois Chicago's Jane Addams College of Social Work, they bring extensive experience in social policy, advocacy, and criminal justice research at both the state and federal levels. Motivated by the Community Relations Commission's mission of equal service and treatment for all residents, they are eager to apply their professional expertise and longstanding commitment to public service to give back to the Oak Park community.

Environment & Energy Commission

Reappoint as Commissioner

Name: Tejas N Shah

Term: 2nd Term

Term Expiration Date: May 16, 2029

They are seeking reappointment to continue supporting the commission's work advancing sustainability, environmental stewardship, and energy efficiency initiatives within the community.

Farmers' Market Commission

Appoint as Commissioner

Name: Jay P Ranz

Term: 1st Term

Term Expiration Date: May 12, 2029

They value the Farmers' Market as an important community resource and gathering space and are interested in supporting its continued success through public service. Their professional experience with the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor's Office, focused on public access to government records and meetings, reflects a strong commitment to civic engagement and transparency.

Appoint as Commissioner

Name: Tamar Bobys

Term: 1st Term

Term Expiration Date: May 12, 2029

A resident of Oak Park for the past two years, they are interested in serving the community and helping preserve the qualities that make the village a special place to live. With a strong passion for healthy, local, and organic food, they value the Farmers' Market's commitment to food accessibility and supporting local growers.

Transportation Commission

Reappoint as Commissioner

Name: Jack Eskin

Term: 2nd Term

Term Expiration Date: May 16, 2029

They are seeking reappointment to continue contributing their experience and commitment to advancing safe, accessible, and sustainable transportation initiatives in Oak Park.