



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO**

**LORI E. LIGHTFOOT**  
MAYOR

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2023-9**

**WHEREAS**, building the next generation of civic leaders through education, reflection, and policy development is of vital importance to the future of the City of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the City to build a setting where young people from across Chicago can come together to share their common goals and better understand their differences; and

**WHEREAS**, Chicago's teenagers deserve a forum to develop and share their concerns, hopes, and ideas with City leadership to improve the economic, social, and political quality of life for all young Chicagoans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Youth Commission will be a voice for all young people who aim to propose and implement solutions to citywide problems from the neighborhood level to the highest levels of municipal government; and

**WHEREAS**, the Youth Commission encourages youth to participate in the continued socio-economic development of Chicago into a more peaceful, prosperous and sustainable society; now, therefore,

**I, LORI E. LIGHTFOOT, Mayor of the City of Chicago, do hereby order as follows:**

**SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION.**

There is hereby established a commission to be known as the "Youth Commission". The commission shall consist of 32 Commissioners. The Commissioners shall be selected and

appointed by the Mayor through an application process. Commissioners must be 14 to 19 years of age at the time of application.

Commissioners shall serve a one-year term with a new term starting each September. Provided they are younger than 20 at the start of the new term, a Commissioner may elect to serve a second consecutive term without reappointment. Except as otherwise provided in this section, no Commissioner may serve for more than two terms.

The Mayor may remove a Commissioner at any time. Vacancies shall be filled on a rolling basis. Commissioners appointed to fill vacancies shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. A Commissioner appointed to fill an unexpired term may still serve two additional full terms, provided they are under 20 years of age at the start of the term.

Commissioners may receive a yearly stipend, transportation expenses, and refreshments at meetings, as provided in the annual appropriation ordinance.

## **SECTION 2. POWERS AND DUTIES.**

It shall be the duty of the Youth Commission to be well informed regarding matters affecting the youth of Chicago. It shall advise the Mayor and relevant departments on issues affecting the health, education, safety, and welfare of the young people of Chicago.

## **SECTION 3. MEETINGS AND ORGANIZATION.**

The Youth Commission is authorized to adopt procedures for its meetings and to develop protocols governing the issuance of recommendations. Youth Commission meetings shall not be conducted at a time when any Commissioner's school is in session.

## **SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Executive Order shall take effect upon its execution and filing with the City Clerk.

*Luis E. Suarez*  
Mayor

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*Andrea M. Valencia*

City Clerk

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