



### A Message from Carina



As a public developer, the PBC tracks project delivery with an eye toward continuous improvement. Since 2011, under the leadership of former Chairman Rahm Emanuel, the PBC has completed nearly 300 projects, including 90 municipal projects (police stations, firehouses, park district facilities and libraries) and 195 education projects (public schools). These projects represent nearly \$2.7 billion in investments across the city. For a full list of these accomplishments, please check out page 7.

We have been able to achieve this success because of the understanding that the PBC holds a unique role in shaping Chicago's environment. Our work reaches into every corner of this city: the facilities we build or renovate act as anchors for Chicago's diverse neighborhoods, and our work presents tremendous opportunities to transform the

spaces where residents of all ages play, learn and grow.

Our accomplishments under Mayor Emanuel are evident in the four Chicago Public School ribbon-cutting events (including Dore Elementary School, pictured above) and the groundbreaking of the second largest fire station in the city that we feature in this issue of *Constructive News You Can Use*.

As we welcome a new Chairman to the PBC, rest assured that our commitment to the city remains our top priority. We have a solid foundation, and we continue to move in the right direction, ensuring a sustainable future that is invested not only in the communities where we build but also in the people who live in those communities.

PBC projects embody our commitment to our clients and the communities we

serve. The PBC is about people—their lives, their families and their work. The staff of the PBC is dedicated to upholding our mission through the construction of public facilities that support business growth, lead to job creation, and present ongoing opportunities for recreation, education and public service.

As you read the 2019 Q2 newsletter, I hope the news that we share illustrates our excellent stewardship of the public fund and demonstrates how we are creating quality spaces that every Chicagoan can enjoy.

Sincerely,

Carina E. Sánchez  
PBC Executive Director



*Manufacturing Technology & Engineering Center at Richard J. Daley College*

## Daley College MTEC Project Wins CBC Merit Award

The Manufacturing Technology & Engineering Center (MTEC) at Richard J. Daley College has been named the winner of the Chicago Building Congress 2019 Merit Award in the category of New Construction: \$15M-\$55M.

Developed by the Public Building Commission on behalf of the City Colleges of Chicago, the 52,000-square-foot facility houses manufacturing high-bay space, classrooms, labs, and an administrative area.

The Design-Build team of Old Veteran Construction, JGMA and CannonDesign connected Daley College's new building to the legacy facility via a pedestrian bridge with spaces for students to network, study, or lounge. The new center expands Daley College's manufacturing space by 150%, enabling City Colleges of Chicago to serve 1,000 manufacturing students per year—a five-fold increase in enrollment.

“Engineering and advanced manufacturing employers are more inclined to locate and grow here in Chicago if we can guarantee them a strong talent pipeline. Daley College's MTEC will help ensure that people from across Chicago's communities are ready to compete for and

land increasingly skilled positions in these lucrative fields and help us create a more inclusive Chicago economy,” City Colleges of Chicago Chancellor Juan Salgado said.

The recognition from the Chicago Building Congress recognizes that the design of MTEC utilizes building transparency to showcase the machines, equipment, and products integral to the learning objectives of the college to provide a visual connection to the surrounding West Lawn community.

“From design through construction to completion, there was a high level of cooperation and collaboration with the partners on this project,” PBC Executive Director Carina E. Sánchez said. “We are delighted to accept this award and are proud of the work we have done to broaden the range of educational opportunities for Chicago residents.” ★

*“Daley College is on the forefront of job training in manufacturing technology and engineering ... The future is now shining even brighter for the students entering City Colleges of Chicago, who can be proud of the education they earn and confident that they are learning the skills they need to get good jobs in growing fields.”*

- Alderman Derrick Curtis, 18th Ward



*Engine Company 115*

## Ground Broken for State-of-the-Art \$30 Million Fire Station on Far South Side

As part of the City of Chicago's continued efforts to provide the latest tools, technology, and training for first responders, the PBC will manage the development of a new state-of-the-art fire station for Engine Company 115 in Chicago's West Pullman neighborhood.

The ground has been broken for what will be the second-largest fire station in the city, housing a Chicago Fire Department (CFD) District Office, an Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC) radio communication tower and three ambulances.

The 25,000-square-foot fire station will include indoor training spaces, full-size living quarters, and a workout

facility for approximately 20 firefighters/EMTs and eight officers. The single-story facility will also feature open office spaces, a watchtower, a state-of-the-art emergency communication hub, and a four-bay apparatus room with a hose drying tower.

"I am pleased with the future addition of this 'super' firehouse, one of the largest neighborhood firehouses ever built in the City of Chicago," CFD Commissioner Richard C. Ford II said. "This brand-new firehouse will house three ambulances and a state-of-the-art radio tower that will enhance communications for the South and Southeast sides of the city."

The fire station will be built on vacant land at 119th Street and Morgan Street, replacing the existing Engine Company 115 station at 11940 South Peoria Street. The PBC is managing the construction of the new facility, which is being developed by the Design-Build team of UJAMAA/Trice Joint Venture. The new station is anticipated to open in summer 2020. ★

*"Ongoing public safety investments like this state-of-the-art facility would not be possible without the commitment and sacrifice from our local first responders who work to keep our community safe every day. The new Engine 115 firehouse will create the extra space and state-of-the-art training facilities necessary for our firefighters and EMTs."*

**- Alderman Carrie Austin, 34th Ward**



## Bowa Construction is Creating a Future Pipeline of Construction Managers and Professionals

Bowa Construction prides itself on its platform as an organization that introduces African American youth to the construction industry. Recently, through an educational partnership with Urban Prep High School, a group of teens spent the day at the Bowa office learning about the different occupations that are involved in building offices, medical centers, restaurants and other commercial buildings.

Based on their comments during the initial introduction, many of the students hadn't fully realized the amount of hard work and skill that goes into

construction. But if Bowa (which means 'rebuild' in Nigerian) has anything to say about it, their legacy is creating a future

pipeline of construction managers and professionals while introducing the concept of 'rebuilding' to the entire community.

"We are committed to the community and to developing our people, as well as our ability to hire new, talented people to grow the organization," Nosa

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**- Nosa Ehinwenman,  
President of Bowa Construction**

the construction industry while building capacity for the next generation of builders.”

Ehimwenman’s interest in construction began with his father, who rehabilitated and sold homes, but he truly found his passion while participating in an internship at Gilbane Construction. “I was really challenged during my first internship and fell in love with construction,” Ehimwenman said. “I was exposed to every facet of construction and just wanted to learn and do more.”

After working with Gilbane for a few years, Ehimwenman officially started Bowa Construction in 2012. He currently has 50 employees who are helping him move the organization to the next level.

“Every large corporation started with one employee,” Ehimwenman said. “I’ve been blessed to find a group of individuals who buy into my vision and are willing to work hard to see that vision come true.”

Bowa Construction is currently serving as the prime on PBC’s Brooks College Preparatory Academy Athletic Amenities project and formed joint ventures to complete the McDade Classical Elementary School Annex and Dirksen Elementary School Annex projects (inset photos at right).

“We are excited about this opportunity with the PBC,” Ehimwenman said. “It’s great when a client wants to see you be successful beyond the projects that you are working on with them. Their support is giving companies like Bowa a platform to succeed.

Ehimwenman went on to say, “Bowa is not defined by our race. We are a very nimble, small business who is cost



efficient to our clients without them sacrificing quality. Once the ‘African-American and small company’ stereotypes are erased from businesses like Bowa—and we are given an opportunity—we can show you that we are a good construction company that does great work.” ★

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facing page: Bowa staff meets with students from Urban Prep High School; this page: Nosa Ehimwenman, President of Bowa Construction, in the company’s South Shore office; Bowa is working the following PBC projects (inset photos): Brooks College Prep Athletic Amenities, McDade Classical School Annex and Dirksen Elementary School Annex

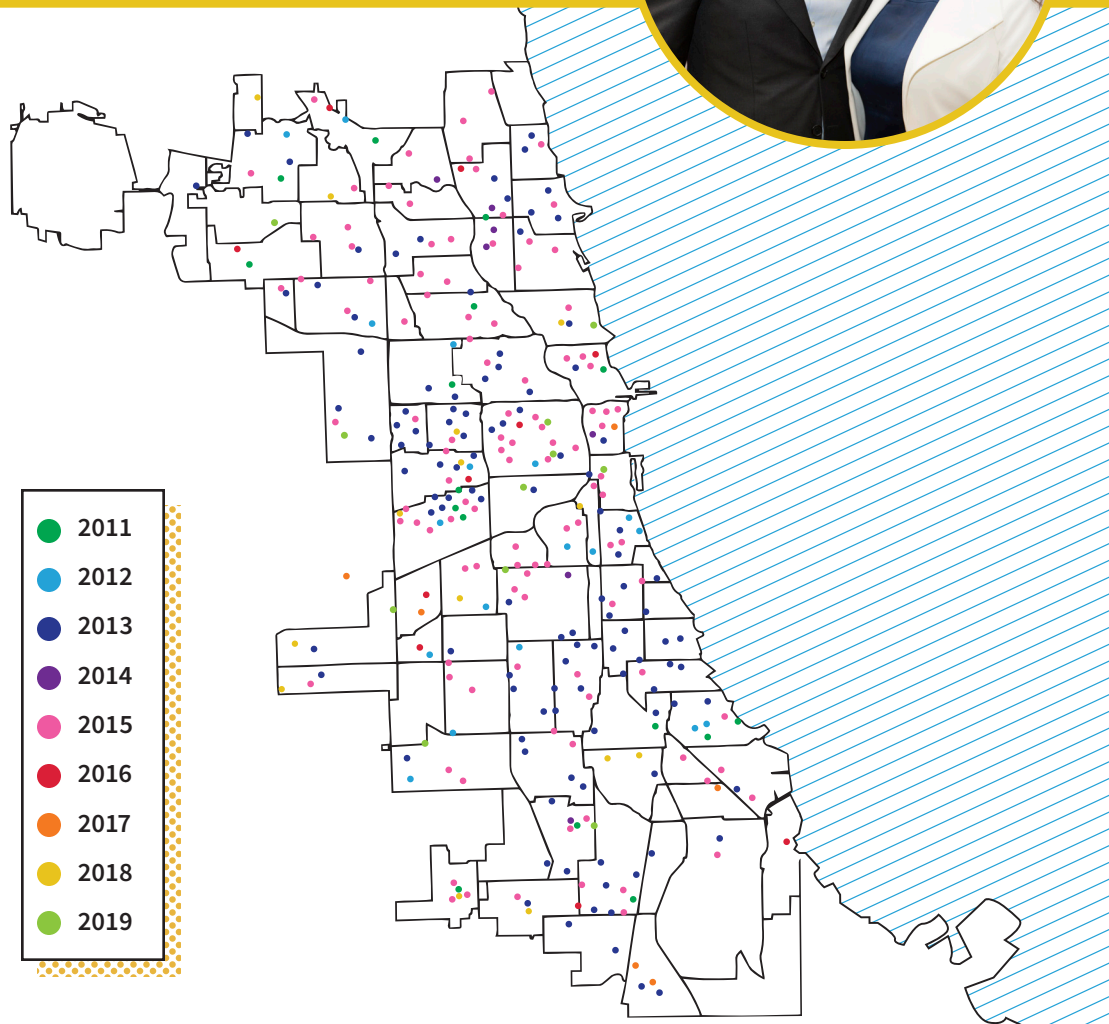


## Mayor Rahm Emanuel Presides Over His Last PBC Board Meeting



On May 7, 2019, Chairman Rahm Emanuel presided over his last Public Building Commission of Chicago Board Meeting. During the meeting, Chairman Emanuel was honored for his eight years of dedicated service with a personalized plaque and presented with resolution commending his work. [Click here](#) to read the entire resolution.

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# PBC'S COMPLETED CAPITAL PROJECTS: 2011-2019

## 2011

Brooks College Prep Academy Additions  
Collins High School Renovation  
Dunning Branch Library  
Engine Company 109 Firehouse\*  
Garvy Elementary School Addition  
Greater Grand Crossing Branch Library  
Haas Park Fieldhouse  
Little Village Branch Library  
Mt. Greenwood Elementary School Linked Annex  
The Ogden International School of Chicago  
Powell Academy  
Richard M. Daley Branch Library  
Sauganash Elementary School Addition  
South Shore International College Prep High School  
Sulzer Regional Library Renovation  
Woodson Regional Library Renovation

## 2012

12<sup>th</sup> District Police Station\*  
31<sup>st</sup> Street Harbor  
Air Force Academy Renovation  
Douglas Park Artificial Turf  
Durkin Park Elementary School Linked Annex  
Edgebrook Elementary School Addition  
Engine Company 16 Firehouse  
Henderson Elementary School Renovation  
Humboldt Park Branch Library Addition & Renovation  
Lloyd Elementary School Artificial Turf  
Michael Reese Hospital Demolition  
Onahan Elementary School Linked Annex  
Ortiz de Dominguez Elementary School Artificial Turf  
Peck Elementary School Renovation  
Ramova Theater Stabilization  
Rosenblum Park Redevelopment  
Sarah E. Goode STEM Academy  
Shields Middle School

## 2013

Back of the Yards College Prep High School & Branch Library  
CPS Kindergarten Modular Program (6 elementary schools)

CPS School Investment Program (98 schools)  
Edgewater Branch Library  
Edison Park Elementary School Linked Annex  
Hale Elementary School Linked Annex  
Higgins Community Academy Renovation  
Jones College Prep High School  
Lake View High School Renovation  
Leonard Louie Fieldhouse\*  
Stevenson Elementary School Linked Annex

## 2014

Albany Park Branch Library  
Bell Elementary School Addition\*  
Coonley Elementary School Addition  
Jones College Prep High School Renovation  
Stock Yards National Bank Building Stabilization

## 2015

Chicago Children's Advocacy Center Expansion\*  
Chicago Vocational Career Academy (CVCA) Renovation  
Chinatown Branch Library  
CPL YOUmedia Renovations (3 libraries)  
CPS Air Conditioning Program (35 schools)  
Dunne STEM Academy Modernization  
Lincoln Elementary School Annex  
Lindblom Math & Science Academy Parking Lot  
Mt. Greenwood Elementary School Modular  
Oriole Park Elementary School Annex  
Retrofit One (60 public buildings)  
Tonti Elementary School Modular  
Turf Field at National Teachers Academy  
Wildwood World Magnet School Annex  
Woodson Regional Library Renovation

## 2016

Canty Elementary School Annex  
CPL Early Learning Educational Investments (2 libraries)  
Edwards Elementary School Annex  
Jamieson Elementary School Annex  
Malcolm X College Demolition

Richardson Middle School  
Southeast Area Elementary School  
Walter Payton College Prep High School Annex\*  
Wildwood School Renovation

## 2017

125<sup>th</sup> Street Pumping Station  
CVCA: Exterior Lighting & Anthony Wing Decommissioning  
Edwards Elementary School Renovation  
MWRD Energy Conservation Project (2 water reclamation plants)  
Thomas Hughes Children's Library Renovation\*

## 2018

Byrne Elementary School Annex  
Columbia Explorers Academy Modular  
CTA Infrastructure Improvements (2 bus garages)  
Dore Elementary School  
Douglas Park Facility Rehabilitation\*  
Ebinger Elementary School Annex  
Esmond Elementary School Annex  
Lincoln Park High School Renovation  
Mt. Greenwood Elementary School Annex  
Prussing Elementary School Annex  
Sheridan Math & Science Academy Annex  
Whitney Young Branch Library Expansion & Renovation  
Zapata Academy Annex

## 2019

Archer Park Facility Rehabilitation  
Columbus Park Facility Rehabilitation  
Daley College Manufacturing Technology & Engineering Center\*  
Fosco Park Facility Rehabilitation  
Harrison Park Facility Rehabilitation  
Lincoln Park Cultural Center Rehabilitation  
McKinley Park Facility Rehabilitation  
Read Dunning Salt Storage Facility  
Robichaux Park Facility Rehabilitation  
Skinner West Elementary School Annex  
South Loop Elementary School

*\*pictured below*





*New Elementary Schools at Dore & South Loop; New Annexes at Prussing & Ebinger Elementary*

## From the Northwest to the Southeast Side of Chicago—PBC Cuts the Ribbon at Chicago Public Schools Projects Across the City

The PBC was excited to officially open new school buildings at South Loop Elementary School and Dore Elementary School as well as annexes at Prussing and Ebinger Elementary Schools. These new facilities will contribute to the fabric of the community and provide students with the facilities to learn and succeed.

The new South Loop Elementary School building is a 120,000-square-foot, four-story facility with computer labs, science labs, art rooms, a gymnasium with stage, a student services center, a multipurpose room, and a rooftop play area. The site also includes a playlot, parking lot and landscaping.

“The new South Loop Elementary School is a sound investment in current and future students, and in our growing community,” 3rd Ward Alderman Pat Dowell said. “Our students are achieving record academic gains and I look forward to seeing this growth continue in the new building.”

The new building will accommodate Grades 4-8, and the existing facility will house Grades K-3. South Loop Elementary School now has the capacity to serve approximately 1,770 students.

According to a CPS statement, Dore Elementary School in Garfield Ridge was among the top most crowded Chicago



schools based on its utilization rate. Dore’s new three-story, 114,500-square-foot, located at 65th Street and Nottingham Avenue, is home to computer and science labs, art and music rooms, a library and a gymnasium to accommodate more than 1,100 students. The new campus also includes a parking lot, play lot, landscaping and right-of way improvements.

The new annex at Ebinger Elementary School is a 32,000-square-foot, two-story facility with three special needs classrooms and seven standard academic classrooms. The annex also houses a science room, computer room, art room, and a multipurpose room with a kitchen and dining area.

“The new annex brings to life a community vision for the future of our Ebinger students, who are achieving record academic success,” 41st Ward Alderman Anthony Napolitano said. “This important investment will help set the foundation for our students to thrive for generations to come.”

Also at Ebinger, the existing modular classrooms were removed, and a new parking lot, playground and landscaping were added to the site. The kitchen and lunchroom in the legacy building were converted into two classrooms.

The new annex at Prussing Elementary School is a 23,000-square-foot addition with two standard classrooms, a computer lab, science room, art room, music room and kitchen and dining area. Prussing’s existing modular buildings were removed, and a new parking lot, turf field and landscaping were added to the site.

“The Prussing annex brings the extra space and modern facilities necessary for students and students to focus on their education,” 45th Ward Alderman John Arena said. “Prussing students now have a space that matches the first-rate education they are earning.”

Improvements to the existing Prussing building included roof replacement, masonry repair, and the conversion of the kitchen and lunchroom into kindergarten classrooms. ★



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facing page: students in the hallway of the new Dore Elementary School; this page, from top: the new South Loop Elementary School, Dore’s new building, the new annexes at Ebinger and Prussing Elementary School



*Hancock College Prep High School*

## PBC Breaks Ground at the Site of the New Hancock College Prep Building

The PBC joined elected city officials and the Hancock College Prep community to break ground for the new Hancock College Prep building at 64th Place and Long Avenue.

The three-story replacement school will be home to typical classroom spaces as well as additional specialty spaces. In addition, the school will have a gymnasium with stage, a dedicated black box theater, and multipurpose rooms to

support CTE, STEM and STEAM programming. The campus will feature a landscaped plaza area and parking lot.

During the groundbreaking event, Hancock Principal Devon Herrick said, “This celebration today is the result of a process, a process that started with an idea, an idea that grew and developed with the support of the people here today. The idea, the vision itself is simple—our students deserve the resources and opportunities necessary for them to reach their full potential as scholars and people.”

The PBC is managing the construction of this project, which is being developed by the Design-Build team of K.R.M./ALL Joint Venture. The building is scheduled to open in the fall of 2021. ★



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from top: breaking ground at the future site of Hancock College Prep; a rendering of the new high school



*Welcome, Avis LaVelle!*

## Chicago Park District President Joins PBC's Board of Commissioners

Avis Lavelle has been sworn in as the newest member of the Public Building Commission of Chicago's Board of Commissioners.

As the President of the Chicago Park District, LaVelle oversees one of the oldest and largest park districts in the United States. With her PBC Board appointment, she becomes a part of a governing body that advises the PBC on the construction and renovation of municipal buildings, facilities and infrastructure in Chicago.

LaVelle is the former Vice President of Corporate Affairs for NorthStar Lottery Group, which manages the Illinois Lottery. Her responsibilities included external affairs activities: Media Relations, Corporate Social Responsibility and Employee Volunteer Engagement. She founded her firm, A. LaVelle Consulting Services, in 2003, and she continues to

provide a select number of clients with the benefit of her extensive experience in the public and private sectors.

Carina E. Sánchez, PBC Executive Director, welcomed LaVelle to the Board, saying, "We are honored that Ms. LaVelle has agreed to serve on the PBC's Board of Commissioners and to join the nine other business and civic leaders whose dedication to the city and its communities has led them to volunteer their time to shape Chicago's built environment and its future." ★

*"I am grateful for this appointment and look forward to continuing the important and excellent work of the PBC as they deliver valuable public amenities in a way that illustrates excellent stewardship of the public funds, all while affording every Chicagoan an opportunity to enjoy these facilities and the services they provide."*

**- Avis LaVelle, President of the Chicago Park District**



## Whitney M. Young, Jr. Branch Library has achieved LEED Gold Certification!

The renovated & expanded branch at 415 East 79th Street is the PBC's 87th LEED Certified project.

## Doing Business with the PBC

The PBC frequently offers contracting and professional service opportunities to local businesses. We make certain there are competitive business opportunities for Minority and Women Business Enterprises (MBE/WBE) in both construction and professional services in our delivery of projects.

If you're interested in working with the PBC, visit our website to register for PBC Alerts, your direct connection to upcoming contracting opportunities with the PBC. This free service notifies you by email each time a contracting or prequalification opportunity becomes available. Upcoming opportunities are listed here.

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