



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County  
Minutes of the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation**

**Wednesday, February 4, 2026**

**10:00 AM**

**Cook County Building, Board Room,  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**Issued on: 1/29/2026**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, Trevor and Stamps (6)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

**Chairman Britton asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code.**

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

1) Sherry Wilson Scott - Concerned Citizen

2) Zoe Leigh - Concerned Citizen

[26-0760](#)

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 1/14/2026

**A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to approve 26-0760. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, Trevor and Stamps (6)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to convene executive session. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, Trevor and Stamps (6)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to reconvene regular session. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Morita, Trevor and Stamps (5)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

[26-0744](#)

#### CASE DISPOSITION SUMMARY REPORT

Civil Rights/Torts Section

January 1, 2026 - January 20, 2026

Labor & Employment Section

January 1, 2026 - January 31, 2026

A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to approve 26-0744. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Morita, Trevor and Stamps (5)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

[26-0745](#)

#### PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *Krystyna Szuwart (Est. of Zdzislaw Szuwart) v. Cook County*

Case Number: 24 L 14096

**A motion was made by Commissioner Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to approve 26-0745. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Morita, Trevor and Stamps (5)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

[26-0746](#)

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *Garibay, Adam v. Cook County*

**Case Number:** 25 L 5626

**A motion was made by Commissioner Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to approve 26-0746. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Morita, Trevor and Stamps (5)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

[26-0747](#)

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *Michael Bell and Michele Kidd v. Maria Pappas and Cook County*

**Case Number:** 22 C 7061

A motion was made by Commissioner Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to approve 26-0747. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Morita, Trevor and Stamps (5)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

[26-0749](#)

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *Jose Cruz v. Reynaldo Guevara, et al.*

**Case Number:** 23 C 04268

A motion was made by Commissioner Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to approve 26-0749. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Morita, Trevor and Stamps (5)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

[26-0750](#)

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *Carl Reed v. Richard Zuley, et al.*

**Case Number:** 23 C 17186

A motion was made by Commissioner Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to approve

**26-0750. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Morita, Trevor and Stamps (5)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

[26-0751](#)

**REPORT**

**Department:** Civil Actions Bureau

**Report Title:** Outside Counsel Invoices

**Report Period:** 01/08/2026 - 01/28/2026

**Summary:** Special State's Attorneys and Special Assistant State's Attorneys' Invoices for Approval

**A motion was made by Commissioner Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to approve 26-0751. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Morita, Trevor and Stamps (5)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

[26-0752](#)

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *Lovelace v. Cook County Jail*

**Case Number:** 20251301529

**A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to receive and file 26-0752. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Morita, Trevor and Stamps (5)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

[26-0753](#)

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *Hana Ocasio as Mother and Next Friend of Ezekiel Ocasio, a Minor v. Cook County*

**Case Number:** 24 L 14096

**A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to receive and file 26-0753. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Morita, Trevor and Stamps (5)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

[26-0754](#)

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *John Boch, et al. v. Cook County, et al.*

**Case Number:** 21 CH 05485

**A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to receive and file 26-0754. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Morita, Trevor and Stamps (5)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

[26-0755](#)

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *Donald Todd Vandermyde, et al. v. Cook County Treasurer, et al.*

**Case Number:** 22 CH 05563

**A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to receive and file 26-0755. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Morita, Trevor and Stamps (5)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

[26-0756](#)

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *Alexander Villa v. Anthony Noradin, et al.*

**Case Number:** 25 C 1968

**A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to receive and file 26-0756. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Morita, Trevor and Stamps (5)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

[26-0757](#)

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**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** Appointment of Outside Counsel

**Case Number:** N/A

**A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to receive and file 26-0757. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Morita, Trevor and Stamps (5)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

[26-0772](#)

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *Illinois Road & Transportation Builders Ass'n v. Cook County*

**Case Number:** 18 CH 02992

**A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Stamps, to receive and file 26-0772. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Morita, Trevor and Stamps (5)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Morita, Trevor and Stamps (5)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

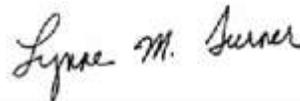
**Excused Absence:** S. Morrison (1)

Respectfully submitted,



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Chairman



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Secretary

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