



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

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

1:00 PM

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (6)

Absent: Suffredin (1)

Also Present: K. Morrison and Sims

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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

1. George Blakemore - Concern Citizen

[19-3029](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 3/19/2019

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 19-3029. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (6)

Absent: Suffredin (1)

[19-2862](#)

SPECIAL STATE'S ATTORNEY'S INVOICES FOR APPROVAL

Gray v. City of Chicago, et al. Case No. 18 C 2624 In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for

Special State's Attorney Kenneth M. Battle and the firm of O'Connor & Battle, LLP. Tab Item No. 1

Williams v. City of Chicago, et al. Case No. 17 C 5186 In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Kenneth M. Battle and the firm of O'Connor & Battle, LLP. Tab Item No. 2

Stewart Title Guaranty Company v. Nicholas Grapsas, et al. Case No. 2015 L 4520 and 2012 P 3203 In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney John H. Scheid, Jr. and the firm of Pretzel & Stouffer, Chartered. Tab Item No. 3

Brown v. Cook County, et al. Case No. 17 C 8085 In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Michael W. Condon and the firm of Hervas, Condon & Bersani, P.C. Tab Item No. 4

Brown, et al. v. Cook County, et al., 17 C 8085 Brown, et al. v. Cook County, et al., 17 C 8085 Howard, et al. v. Cook County, et al., 17 C 8146 Howard, et al. v. Cook County, et al., 17 C 8146 Diana Caloca v. Cook County, et al., 17 C 9056 Madeline Ramos Cook County, et al., 18 C 00274 Madeline Ramos Cook County, et al., 18 C 00274 Falguni Dave v. Cook County, et al., 18 C 2949 Falguni Dave v. Cook County, et al., 18 C 2949 In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Christina M. Egan and the firm of McGuire Woods, LLP. Tab Item No. 5

DeLeon-Reyes v. Rey Guevara, et al. DeLeon-Reyes v. Rey Guevara, et al. Case No. 18 C 1028 In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Daniel M. Noland and the firm of Reiter Burns, LLP. Tab Item No. 6

Tate v. Dart, et al. Case No. 18 CH 2749 In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Justin L. Leinenweber and the firm of Leinenweber, Baroni & Daffada, LLC. Tab Item No. 7

Reyes v. Dart, et al., 18112511 Brown v. Dart, et al., 181 12632 In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Justin L. Leinenweber and the firm of Leinenweber, Baroni & Daffada, LLC. Tab Item No. 8

Squeo, Anthony v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al. Case No. 18 CH 12385 In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Lisa M. McElroy and the firm of Johnson & Bell, LTD. Tab Item No. 9

Bridges v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al., 18 CH 15535 Garrett-Williams v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al., 19 CH 840 Jackson v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al., 18 CH 14378 Shaffe v. Sheriff of Cook County, et

al., 18 CH 15653 In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Lisa M. McElroy and the firm of Johnson & Bell, LTD. Tab Item No. 10

Administration of the Electronic Monitoring Program, and Taphia Williams v. Cook County, et al. Case No. 18 C 1456 In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Richard Gleason and the firm of O'Mara Gleason O'Callaghan, LLC. Tab Item No. 11

Darrick Williams v. Village of Calumet Park, et al. Case No.15 C 5198 In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Scott J. Frankel and the firm of Frankel & Cohen, LLP. Tab Item No. 12

Percy, Taylor v. Sheriff Dart, et al. Case No.13 C 1856, 15 C 5919 Case No.14 L 6617 In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney James M. Lydon and the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP. Tab Item No. 13

Stephanie Zugschwert v. Cook County Sheriffs Office, et al. Case No. 16 CH 4992 In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney James M. Lydon and the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP. Tab Item No. 14

Lanahan v. Blanchard, et al. Case No: 16C11723 In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Brette Bensinger and the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP. Tab Item No. 15

In Re: Level Assessment Litigation Case Nos. 2004 Tax Obj. No. OS COTO 3938 2005 Tax Obj. No. 07 COTO 1618 2006 Tax Obj. No. 07 COTO 0779 2007 Tax Obj. No. 08 COTO 5700 2008 Tax Obj. No. 09 COTO 6258 Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Steven M. Puiszis and the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP. Tab Item No. 16

A.F. Moore v. Joseph Berrios, et al. A.F. Moore v. Joseph Berrios, et al. A.F. Moore v. Joseph Berrios, et al. Case No. 18 C 4888 In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Steven M. Puiszis and the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP. Tab Item No. 17

County of Cook v. Wells Fargo & Co., et al. County of Cook v. Wells Fargo & Co., et al. Case No. 14 C 9548 In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Steven M. Puiszis and the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP. Tab Item No. 18

River Oaks Center, LLC, et al. v. Maria Pappas River Oaks Center, LLC, et al. v. Maria Pappas Case No: 2016 COTO 2835 In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Steven

M. Puiszis and the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP. Tab Item No. 19

Hartison v. Sheriff of Cook County. Case No. 18 L 3398 In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney john). Rock and the firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC. Tab Item No. 20

Zaborowski, et al. v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al. Case No. 08 C 6946 In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney john J. Rock and the firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC. Tab Item No. 21

Percy Taylor v. Sheriff Dart, et al. Case No. 13 C 1856, 13 C 6512, 15 C 5919 Case No. 14 L 6617 In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney John j. Rock and the firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC. Tab Item No. 22

Patricia Hicks v. Cook County Sheriffs Office, et al. Jasmin McBride and Lorenzo Smith v. Cook County Sheriffs Office, et al. Case No.15 C 6852 and 17 C 4951 In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney john j. Rock and the firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC. Tab Item No. 23

Antonio Perry v. Starks, et al. Case No. 16 C 4557 In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney john J. Rock and the firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC. Tab Item No. 24

Sorrentino-Berger v. Murphy, et al. Case No: 18L1927 In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney john j. Rock and the firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC. Tab Item No. 25

Gonsalves v. Dart, et al. Case No: 18 C 5564 In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney john j. Rock and the firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC. Tab Item No. 26

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to approve 19-2862. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (6)

Absent: Suffredin (1)

[19-2943](#)

Presented by: KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

CASE DISPOSITION SUMMARY REPORT

Civil Rights Section

March 2, 2019 - March 31, 2019

Labor and Employment Section
February 22, 2019 - April 16, 2019

Municipal Litigation Section
March 25, 2019 - April 16, 2019

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 19-2943. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (6)

Absent: Suffredin (1)

[19-2949](#)

Presented by: KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

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: *Reyes v. Thomas Dart, et al.*

Case Number: 17 C 9223

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 19-2949. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (6)

Absent: Suffredin (1)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that this was convene executive session.. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (6)

Absent: Suffredin (1)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to reconvene regular session [FILE_NR]. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (6)

Absent: Suffredin (1)

[19-2953](#)

Presented by: KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

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: *Cook County v. Opioid Manufacturers*

Case Number: 17 L 13180

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to approve 19-2953. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (6)

Absent: Suffredin (1)

[19-2954](#)

Presented by: KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

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: *Hacker, Gerald v. Cook County*

Case Number: 17 C 4282

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to receive and file 19-2954. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (6)

Absent: Suffredin (1)

[19-2958](#)

Presented by: KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

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: *Alcorn v. City of Chicago, et al.*

Case Number: 17 C 5859

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to receive and file 19-2958. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (6)

Absent: Suffredin (1)

[19-2963](#)

Presented by: KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

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: *Lopez v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al.*

Case Number: 16 C 10931

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to receive and file 19-2963. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (6)

Absent: Suffredin (1)

[19-2967](#)

Presented by: KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

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: *Thomas v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al.*

Case Number: 16 C 4832

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to receive and file 19-2967. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (6)

Absent: Suffredin (1)

[19-2971](#)

Presented by: KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

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: *Harold Richardson v. City of Chicago, et al. Michael Saunders v. City of Chicago, et al. Vincent Thames v. City of Chicago, et al.,*

Case Number: 12 C 9158, 12 C 9170, 12 C 9184

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to receive and file 19-2971. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (6)

Absent: Suffredin (1)

[19-2976](#)

Presented by: KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

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: *Crystal Brown, et al. v. Cook County, et al., Sdahrie Howard, et al. v. Cook County, et al. Diana Caloca v. Cook County, et al., Madeline Ramos v. Cook County, et al., Falguni Dave v. Cook County, et al.*

Case Number: 17 C 8085, 17 C 8146, 17 C 9056, 18 C 2949, 18 C 274

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to receive and file 19-2976. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (6)

Absent: Suffredin (1)

[19-2980](#)

Presented by: KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

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: *Cases related to Percy Taylor v. Dart*

Case Number: 2017 IL App (1st) 143684-B

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to receive and file 19-2980. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (6)

Absent: Suffredin (1)

[19-2985](#)

Presented by: KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

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: Report on Outside Counsel Invoices

Case Number: N/A

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 19-2985. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (6)

Absent: Suffredin (1)

[19-2986](#)

Presented by: KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

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 Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to receive and file 19-2986. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (6)

Absent: Suffredin (1)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to adjourn the meeting [FILE_NR]. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (6)

Absent: Suffredin (1)

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman



Secretary

A video recording of this meeting is available at <https://cook-county.legistar.com>.