



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

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

11:05 AM

Virtual Meeting

ATTENDANCE

Present: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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

No Public Speakers

[21-2610](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 3/16/2021

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to approve 21-2610. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[20-5462](#)

Presented by: PATRICK M. BLANCHARD, Inspector General

REPORT

Department: Office of the Independent Inspector General

Report Title: Independent Inspector General Quarterly Report, 3rd Quarter 2020

Report Period: 7/1/2020 - 9/30/2020

Summary: This report was written in accordance with Section 2-287 of the Independent Inspector General Ordinance, Cook County, Ill., Ordinances 07-O-52 (2007) (“OIIG Ordinance”), to apprise the President and the County Board of the activities of this office during the time period beginning 7/1/2020 through 9/30/2020. It is being placed on the County Board meeting agenda for receipt and file or referral to the Litigation Committee pursuant to a recent amendment to Section 2-287 of the OIIG Ordinance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to receive and file 20-5462. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[21-1673](#)

Presented by: VELISHA HADDOX, Chief, Bureau of Human Resources

REPORT

Department: Bureau of Human Resources

Report Title: Bureau of Human Resources Labor Division Settlement Report for the month ending 3/31/2021

Report Period: Labor Division Settlement Report for the month ending 3/31/2021

Summary: The Bureau of Human Resources respectfully submit for your review the Bureau of Human Resources Labor Division Settlement report for the month ending 3/31/2021.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to receive and file 21-1673. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[21-2552](#)

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

SPECIAL STATE’S ATTORNEY’S INVOICES FOR APPROVAL

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 Elizabeth A. Ekl and

the firm of Reiter Burns, LLP.

Tab Item No. 1

Maysonet v. Guevara, et al.

Case No. 18 C 2342

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. 2

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 Katherine G. Schnake and
the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP.

Tab Item No. 3

Mays v. Dart, et al.

Case No. 20 C 2134

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. 4

Sopron v. Cassidy, et al.

Case No. 19 C 8254

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. 5

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. 6

Stephanie Zugschwert v. Cook County Sheriff's Office, et al.

Case No. 17 L 10368

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. 7

Jones v. Dart, et al.

Case No. 18 CH 3589

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Kevin W. Frey and the firm of Laner Muchin, LTD.

Tab Item No. 8

Chari Hunt v. Raymond Hall

Case No: 19 L 7185

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Darin M. Williams and the firm of Laner Muchin, LTD.

Tab Item No. 9

Castro, et al. v. Dart, et al.

Case No: 19 C 0471

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. 10

Fields v. Dart, et al.

Case No. 19 C 2680

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. 11

Patricia Hicks v. Cook County Sheriff's Office, et al.

Jasmin McBride and Lorenzo Smith v. Cook County Sheriff's 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. 12

Johnson v. Brown, et al., 17 C 6249

Johnson v. Taylor, et al., 18 C 5263

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. 13

Lukasik, et al. v. Thomas Nortman, et al., 18 L 10893

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. 14

Strickland v. Dart, et al.

Case No: 19 C 2621

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. 15

People v. Marcus Floyd

Case No. 10 CR 12502

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Sean J. O'Callaghan and
the firm of O'Mara Gleason O'Callaghan, LLC

Tab Item No. 16

People v. Heggie Carr

Case No. 11 CR 1455701

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Peter O'Mara and
the firm of O'Mara Gleason O'Callaghan, LLC

Tab Item No. 17

LaShawn Ezell v. City of Chicago, et al., 18 C 1049

Charles Johnson v. City of Chicago, et al., 18 C 1062

Larod Styles v. Cassidy, et al., 18 C 1053

Troshawn McCoy v. Cassidy., 18 C 1068

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Peter O'Mara and
the firm of O'Mara Gleason O'Callaghan, LLC

Tab Item No. 18

Brown v. Dart, et al., 18 L 12632

Reyes v. Dart, et al., 18 L 12511

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. 19

Consolino v. Dart, et al.

Case No. 17 C 9011

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. 20

Policemen's Benevolent Labor Committee v. Dart, et al.

Case No. L-CA-18-037

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. 21

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. 22

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. 23

Prince v. City of Chicago, et al.

Case No. 18 C 2952

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. 24

Velez v. City of Chicago, et al.

Case No. 18 C 8144

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. 25

Joshua Washington v. Abishi Cunningham, et al.

Case No. 20 M6 009069

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Philip J. Fowler and the firm of Karlin, Fleisher & Falkenberg, LLC.

Tab Item No. 26

Shania Becker v. Maria Pappas, et al.

Case No. 2017 COIN 21

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Steven Kandelman and the firm of Rieff, Schramm Kanter & Guttman, LLC.

Tab Item No. 27

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve 21-2552. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[21-2561](#)

CASE DISPOSITION SUMMARY REPORT

Conflicts Counsel Unit

August 30, 2020 - February 28, 2021

Civil Rights Section

March 3, 2021 - March 29, 2021

Labor and Employment Section

January 19, 2021 - March 29, 2021

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to receive and file 21-2561. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

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

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

The Committee met in executive session.

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

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[21-2562](#)

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: *Whitney v. Khan, et al., Curtis v. Cook County, et al., Cullom v. Thomas Dart, et al., Hayes v. Cook County, et al., Johnson v. Cook County, et al., Perez v. Khan, et al., Jackson v. Thomas Dart, et al.*

Case Number: 18 C 4475, 18 C 5783, 18 C 5559, 18 C 5648, 18 C 5782, 19 C 919, 19 C 1907

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to approve 21-2562. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[21-2563](#)

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: *Maria Castaneda for the Estate of Andres Munoz, deceased v. Cook County, et al.*

Case Number: 20 L 5560

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to receive and file 21-2563. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[21-2567](#)

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: *Caroline J. Smith v. Dorothy A. Brown*

Case Number: 19 C 5238

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to receive and file 21-2567. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[21-2568](#)

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 Suffredin, to receive and file 21-2568. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[21-2572](#)

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 Suffredin, to approve 21-2572. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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