



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

**Tuesday, September 21, 2021**

**11:05 AM**

**Virtual Meeting**

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**Absent:** Britton (1) - Excused

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

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

No Public Speakers

[21-5267](#)

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 7/27/2021

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 21-5267. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Britton (1)

[21-4355](#)

**Presented by:** PATRICK M. BLANCHARD, Inspector General

**REPORT**

**Department:** Office of the Independent Inspector General

**Report Title:** Independent Inspector General Quarterly Report, 2nd Quarter 2021

**Report Period:** April 1, 2021 - June 30, 2021

**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 October 1, 2020 through December 31, 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 Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 21-4355. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Britton (1)

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

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

**Absent:** Britton (1)

**Committee met in Executive Session**

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

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

**Absent:** Britton (1)

[21-5152](#)

**SPECIAL STATE'S ATTORNEY'S INVOICES FOR APPROVAL**

*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. 1**

*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. 2**

*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. 3**

*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. 4**

*Percy Taylor v. Sheriff Dart, et al.*

Case No. 13 C 1856, 13 C 6512, 15 C 5919

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. 5**

*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. 6**

*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. 7**

*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. 8**

*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. 9**

*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. 10**

*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. 11**

*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. 12**

*In Re: Level Assessment Litigation*

Case Nos. 2004 Tax Obj. No. 05 COTO 3938, et al.

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**

*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. 14**

*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. 15**

*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. 16**

*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. 17**

*Sasho Belyanov v. John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital*

Case No. 20 L 5407

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Mark J. Lura and the firm of Anderson, Rasor & Partners, LLP.

**Tab Item No. 18**

*Johnson v. Cade, et al.*

Case No. 16 C 144

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney John C. Coyne and the firm of Law Offices of John C. Coyne.

**Tab Item No.19**

*Brown, Arthur v. City of Chicago, et al.*

Case No. 18 C 7064

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney John C. Coyne and the firm of Law Offices of John C. Coyne.

**Tab Item No. 20**

*Wilson v. Horvat, et al.*

Case No. 21 C 3487

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Jason Terry Ekl and the firm of Law Offices of Ekl Williams & Provenzale, LLC.

**Tab Item No. 21**

*Bless v. Cook County, et al.*

Case No. 13 C 4271

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Burton S. Odelson and the firm of Odelson Sterk, LTD.

**Tab Item No. 22**

*Vaughn, et al. v. Cook County, et al.*

Case No. 20 L 10094

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Moses Suarez and the firm of Smith Amundsen, LLC.

**Tab Item No. 23**

*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. 24**

*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, et al., 18 C 1068*

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. 25**

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 21-5152. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Britton (1)

[21-5194](#)

**CASE DISPOSITION SUMMARY REPORT**

Civil Rights Section

July 13, 2021 - September 3, 2021

Labor and Employment Section

July 13, 2021 - September 3, 2021

Medical Litigation Section

June 7, 2021 - September 3, 2021

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 21-5194. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Britton (1)

[21-5198](#)

**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 Fraternal Order of Police and County of Cook and Sheriff of Cook County, and Sheppard v. Dart, et al.*

**Case Number:** L-CA-18-041 and 14 L 3435

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 21-5198. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Britton (1)

[21-5200](#)

**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:** *Partee, Willie v. Thomas Dart, et al.*

**Case Number:** 19 CH9259

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 21-5200. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Britton (1)



[21-5201](#)

**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:** *People v. Jackie Wilson (In re Appt of Special Prosecutor)*

**Case Number:** 82-1211 - 88 CR 7771

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to approve 21-5201. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Britton (1)

[21-5202](#)

**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:** *Maysonet v. Guevara, et al.*

**Case Number:** 18 C 2342

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to approve 21-5202. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Britton (1)

[21-5206](#)

**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:** *Marquette park 4 v. Guevara, et al.*

**Case Number:** 18 C 1049, 18 C 1053 & 18 C 1062

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to approve 21-5206. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Britton (1)

[21-5210](#)

**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:** *Medicare Disproportionate Share (DSH) Cases*

**Case Number:** N/A

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to approve 21-5210. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Britton (1)

[21-5211](#)

**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:** *Percy Taylor v. Sheriff Dart, et al.*

**Case Number:** 13 C 1856, 13 C 6512 & 15 C 5919

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to receive and file 21-5211. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Britton (1)

[21-5212](#)

**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:** *Moore v. Cook County, et al.*

**Case Number:** 18 L 13098

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to receive and file 21-5212. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Britton (1)

[21-5216](#)

**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 Morrison, to receive and file 21-5216. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Britton (1)

[21-5220](#)

**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 21-5220. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Britton (1)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Britton (1)

Respectfully submitted,



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Chairman

LYNNE M. TURNER

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Interim Secretary

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