



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County  
Minutes of the Finance Committee**

**9:30 AM**

**Wednesday, January 24, 2024**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (15)

**Absent:** S. Morrison and Deer (2) excused

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

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

1. Todd Thielmann -Palos Heights

**24-1047**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 12/13/2023

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 24-1047. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (15)

**Absent:** S. Morrison and Deer (2) excused

## COURT ORDERS

**24-0832**

**Sponsored by:** Chief Judge, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

### REPORT

**Department:** Office of the Chief Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County

**Report Title:** Report of Legal and Expert Witness Fees and Expenses Processed for Payment

**Report Period:** December 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023

**Summary:** This report includes court orders for the payment of fees and associated expenses to attorneys and experts for legal services provided on behalf of indigent litigants. The orders have been processed by the Office of the Chief Judge and submitted to the Cook County Comptroller's Office for payment during the period.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to recommend for receiving and filing 24-0832. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (15)

**Absent:** S. Morrison and Deer (2)

## SPECIAL COURT CASES

**24-0943**

**Firm:** Law Office of Karla Fiaoni

**Attorney(s):** Karla M. Fiaoni

**Case Name:** In re Special Prosecutor

**Case No.(s):** 99 CR 2602001 & 99 CR 2602002

**Date of This Order:** 12/18/2023

**Time period:** 11/09/2023 - 12/18/2023

**This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses:** \$8,743.47

**Paid to Date:** \$137,516.95

**Litigation Subcommittee Approval:** N/A

**24-0945**

Firm: Law Office of Karla Fiaoni  
Attorney(s): Karla M. Fiaoni  
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 93 CR 2647704  
Date of This Order: 12/18/2023  
Time period: 11/09/2023 - 12/18/2023  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$4,948.75  
Paid to Date: \$76,368.00  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**24-0946**

Firm: Office of the Special Prosecutor  
Attorney(s): Michael J. O'Rourke  
Case Name: Appointment of Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 88 CR 18817-01  
Date of This Order: 12/21/2023  
Time period: 05/03/2023 - 11/15/2023  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$22,570.00  
Paid to Date: \$8,413,504.50  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**24-0947**

Firm: 1) Lawrence Oliver II - Special Prosecutor (2) Sidley Austin - Deputy Special Prosecutor (3) FTI Consulting (4) Lawrence Rosen and (5) Wendy Muchman  
Attorney(s): Lawrence Oliver II  
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 82 CR 1221 & 88 CR 7771  
Date of This Order: 01/02/2024  
Time period: 11/01/2023 - 11/30/2023  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$Lawrence Oliver II - \$14,560.85, FTI Consulting \$16,229.00 & Wendy Muchman - \$2,840.00  
Paid to Date: \$627,848.11  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to approve the SPECIAL COURT CASES. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (15)

**Absent:** S. Morrison and Deer (2)

## **SPECIAL CRIMINAL COURT CASES**

NOTE: There are no cases of the above item type to be approved for this meeting.

### **PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS**

#### **23-2409**

Case: Smith v. Cook County Sheriff's Office, et al.  
Case No: 2019 L 2660  
Settlement Amount: \$13,000.00  
Department: 1210- Office of the Sheriff  
Payable to: Lasandra Smith and Benjamin & Shapiro, Ltd.  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: Settlement of an alleged civil rights complaint

#### **24-0865**

Case: Vinson, Dwayne v. County et al.  
Case No: 23 C 2730  
Settlement Amount: \$12,500.00  
Department: 1210 - Office of the Sheriff  
Payable to: Ed Fox & Associates, Ltd.  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

#### **24-0727**

Case: Dombeck, Nora v. Cook County State's Attorney's Office  
Case No: 2022 L 9583  
Settlement Amount: \$50,000.00  
Department: 1250- State's Attorney  
Payable to: Nora Dombeck; Jared M. Schneider, Schneider Law P.C.  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: an allegation of employment discrimination

#### **24-0813**

Case: Harris, Camille v. Iris Martinez, Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Case No: 22 C 373  
Settlement Amount: \$9,000.00  
Department: 1335 - Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Payable to: Camille Harris  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: an allegation of employment discrimination

**24-0867**

Case: Kennedy, Paxton (Est. Grant Bahr) v. Cook County  
Formerly Grant, Elizabeth (Est. Grant Bahr) v. Cook County and Bahr, Grant v. Cook County  
Case No: 20 L 5308  
Settlement Amount: \$4,000,000.00  
Department: 4897 - John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County  
Payable to: Clifford Law Offices in trust of the Estate of Grant Bahr  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 12/13/2023  
Subject matter: Settlement of a medical malpractice claim.

**24-0881**

Case: Christopher Hair v. Cook County Assessor's Office  
Case No: 2021 CH 04362  
Settlement Amount: \$34,171.35  
Department: 1040 - County Assessor  
Payable to: Loevy & Loevy Attorneys at Law  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: An allegation of a FOIA violation.

**24-0882**

Case: Matt Chapman v. Cook County State's Attorney's Office  
Case No: 2022 CH 10148  
Settlement Amount: \$5,500.00  
Department: 1250 - State's Attorney  
Payable to: Loevy & Loevy Attorneys at Law  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: An allegation of a FOIA violation.

**24-0982**

Case: John Velez v. City of Chicago, et al.  
Case No: 18 C 08144  
Settlement Amount: \$2,400,000.00  
Department: 1250-Office of the State's Attorney  
Payable to: John Velez and Loevy & Loevy  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 12/13/2023  
Subject matter: Alleged violation of civil rights

**23-5933**

Case: Waller, William et al. v. County et al.  
Case No: 22 L 9616  
Settlement Amount: \$33,000.00  
Department: 1231 - Police Department  
Payable to: William Waller and Sklare Law Group, Ltd.  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: an allegation of automobile negligence

**23-5937**

Case: Waller, William et al. v. County et al.  
Case No: 22 L 9616  
Settlement Amount: \$17,000.00  
Department: 1231 - Police Department  
Payable to: Paul Burton and Sklare Law Group, Ltd.  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: an allegation of automobile negligence

**24-0558**

Case: Morton, Andrew v. Dart, et al.  
Case No: 21 C 5463  
Settlement Amount: \$7,250.00  
Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections  
Payable to: Andrew James Morton  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

**24-0652**

Case: Westmoreland, Eugene v. Dart et al.  
Case No: 21 C 4330  
Settlement Amount: \$1,850,000.00  
Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections  
Payable to: Eugene Westmoreland  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 12/13/2023  
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

**24-0681**

Case: Goods, Thadieus v. Dart et al.  
Case No: 23 C 4116  
Settlement Amount: \$10,000.00  
Department: 1160 - Building and Zoning  
Payable to: Thomas G. Morrissey, Ltd. and Thadieus Goods  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to approve the PROPOSED SETTLEMENT CASES. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (15)

**Absent:** S. Morrison and Deer (2)

~~SAO OUTSIDE COUNSEL EXPENSE REPORT~~  
**WORKERS' COMPENSATION SETTLEMENTS/DECISIONS REPORT**

**24-0842**

**REPORT**

**Department:** Civil Actions Bureau

**Report Title:** Workers' Compensation Payments Following Cook County State's Attorney's Office - Litigated Settlements & Awards

**Report Period:** January 1, 2024 - January 30, 2024

**Summary:** Authority to Pay Workers' Compensation Settlements & Awards

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to recommend for approval as amended in the errata 24-0842. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (15)

**Absent:** S. Morrison and Deer (2)

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS**

**24-0877**

**REPORT**

**Department:** Risk Management

**Report Title:** Receive and File - Workers' Compensation Claim Payments

**Report Period:** 11/01/2023 - 11/30/2023

**Summary:** The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month ending November 2023. Payments total \$1,424,715.72

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to recommend for approval 24-0877. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (15)

**Absent:** S. Morrison and Deer (2)

**24-0879**

**REPORT**

**Department:** Risk Management

**Report Title:** Workers' Compensation Payments - Risk Management Settlements

**Report Period:** 12/01/2023 - 12/31/2023

**Summary:** Authority to pay Workers' Compensation Settlements

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to recommend for approval 24-0879. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (15)

**Absent:** S. Morrison and Deer (2)

**PATIENT/ARRESTEE CLAIMS REPORT**

**24-0870**

**REPORT**

**Department:** Risk Management

**Report Title:** Receive and File - Patient Arrestee Claims

**Report Period:** Month ending December 31, 2023

**Summary:** The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information Patient Arrestees Claims for the month ending December 31, 2023. Payments total: **\$36,627.16**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to recommend for receiving and filing 24-0870. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (15)

**Absent:** S. Morrison and Deer (2)



## SELF-INSURANCE CLAIMS REPORT

24-0869

### REPORT

**Department:** Risk Management

**Report Title:** Receive and File Self Insurance Claims

**Report Period:** Month Ending December 31, 2023

**Summary:** The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information Self Insurance Claims for the month ending December 31, 2023. Payments total: \$32,108.40

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to recommend for receiving and filing 24-0869. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (15)

**Absent:** S. Morrison and Deer (2)

## CLAIMS RECOVERY SETTLEMENTS

**NOTE:** There are no cases of the above item type to be approved for this meeting.

## COMPTROLLERS

24-0907

### REPORT

**Department:** Office of the Comptroller

**Report Title:** Analysis of Revenues and Expenses Report

**Report Period:** Twelve-month period ended November 30,2023

**Summary:** Preliminary Analysis of Revenues and Expenses Report for the twelve-month period ended November 30,2023, for the Corporate, Public Safety, Health, Grants, and Special Purpose funds of Cook County.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Aguilar, to recommend for receiving and filing 24-0907. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (15)

**Absent:** S. Morrison and Deer (2)

**HEALTH & HOSPITAL  
24-0761**

**REPORT**

**Department:** Cook County Health

**Report Title:** CCH Monthly Report

**Report Period:** January 2024

**Summary:**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Aguilar, to recommend for receiving and filing 24-0761. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (15)

**Absent:** S. Morrison and Deer (2)

**24-0404**

**Presented by:** XOCHITL FLORES, Chief, Bureau of Economic Development

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**REQUESTING A MEETING OF THE COOK COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION OF THE CEDA NEEDS ASSESSMENT OF SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, The Finance Committee of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County Board meets to review a presentation of the Community and Economic Development Association's (CEDA) Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment, which incorporates information collected by CEDA over the past three years, including surveys gathered from customers and other residents of low-income communities and from community stakeholders, and presents key findings of factors which impact household economic stability for residents of the North, South and West regions Cook County.; and

**WHEREAS**, the findings of the Community and Economic Development Association's (CEDA) Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment include COVID-19 impact on critical industries,

unemployment rates, crime rates, impact on communities of color, housing insecurity, childcare availability, mental and emotional health, and integration of new community programs and reports changes in demographic information of Suburban Cook County Residents following the COVID-19 pandemic.; and

**WHEREAS**, the findings of the Community and Economic Development Association's (CEDA) Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment are intended to inform the members of the Finance Committee of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County Board and require no vote.; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Finance Committee convene a meeting to hear a presentation of the most recent CEDA Community Needs Assessment of Suburban Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, following the meeting of the Finance Committee of the Board of Cook County, CEDA shall provide copies of the presentation given and of the text of the Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment upon request.

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to recommend for receiving and filing 24-0404. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (15)

**Absent:** S. Morrison and Deer (2)

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

**Ayes** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (15)

**Absent:** S. Morrison and Deer (2)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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

**FINANCE MEETING OF JANUARY 24, 2024  
TOTALS FISCAL YEAR 2024 TO PRESENT AND TO BE APPROVED FOR THIS MEETING**

**SPECIAL COURT CASES**

**SPECIAL COURT CASES APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2024 TO PRESENT:                   \$243,360.66**

**SPECIAL COURT CASES TO BE APPROVED:   \$69,892.07**

**PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS**

**PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2024 TO PRESENT:   \$4,546,250.00**

**PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS TO BE APPROVED:   \$8,441,421.35**