



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

12:00 PM

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Silvestri, Fritchey, Boykin, Gainer, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (7)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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

1. Mr. George Blakemore, concerned citizen

17-2733

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 3/7/2017

A motion was made by Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, to approve 17-2733. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Fritchey, Boykin, Gainer, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (7)

17-2477

Presented by: CHAKA M. PATTERSON, Deputy State's Attorney, Chief, Civil Actions Bureau

CASE DISPOSITION SUMMARY REPORT

Civil Rights Section 3/8/2017 - 4/11/2017

Labor and Employment Section 2/21/2017 - 3/27/2017

A motion was made by Commissioner Boykin, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, to recommend for receiving and filing 17-2477. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Fritchey, Boykin, Gainer, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (7)

17-2476

Presented by: CHAKA M. PATTERSON, Deputy State's Attorney, Chief, Civil Actions Bureau

SPECIAL STATE'S ATTORNEY'S INVOICES FOR APPROVAL

Blanchard, Patrick v. Joseph Berrios

Case No: 13 CH 1430

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Alexander Polikoff and the
Business and Professional People for the Public Interest

Tab Item No. 1

In Re: Level Assessment Litigation

Case Nos. 2004 Tax Obj. No. 05 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 Puiszis and the
firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP

Tab Item No. 2

Chicago Tribune Company v. Cook County Assessor's Office

Case No: 16 CH 4992

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. 3

Amy Campanelli, Lester Finkle and Victor Erbring

Case No. 2016IN04569, 2016IN04570 and 2016in0457

At the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Mary Patricia Benz and the
Law Office of Mary Patricia Benz.

Tab Item No. 4

Stewart Title Guaranty Company v. Nicholas Grapsas
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. 5

United States of America v. Cook County, et al.

Case No: 10 C 2946

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Paul O'Grady and the
firm of Peterson Johnson & Murray Chicago, LLC

Tab Item No. 6

Grasso, Leonard v. Cook County Sheriff, et al.

Case No. 15 C 10510

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

Tab Item No. 7

Chatman v. City of Chicago, et al.

Case No: 14 C 2945

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney V. Brette Bensinger and the
firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP

Tab Item No. 8

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. 9

Lanahan v. Blanchard, et al.

Case No: 69 C 2145

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney V. Brette Bensinger and the
firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP

Tab Item No. 10

Avalos, Hector, et al. v. Robert Vais, et al.

Case No. 14 L 1734

In re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses
For Special State's Attorney William B. Oberts and
the Firm of Tribler, Orpett & Meyer, PC

Tab Item No. 11

A motion was made by Commissioner Boykin, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, to concur with the recommendation of the Special State's Attorney and authorize payments for the following invoices, which are in compliance with the County's Attorney-Fee Guidelines 17-2476. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Fritchey, Boykin, Gainer, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (7)

17-2325

Presented by: CHAKA M. PATTERSON, Deputy State's Attorney, Chief, Civil Actions Bureau

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: William Burruss v. Thomas Dart

Case Number: 17-0517

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Gainer, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 17-2325. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Fritchey, Boykin, Gainer, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (7)

17-2463

Presented by: CHAKA M. PATTERSON, Deputy State's Attorney, Chief, Civil Actions Bureau

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: Laura Kissel v. Cook County, et al.

Case Number: 16 C 6429

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Gainer, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 17-2463. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Fritchey, Boykin, Gainer, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (7)

17-2466

Presented by: CHAKA M. PATTERSON, Deputy State's Attorney, Chief, Civil Actions Bureau

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: Raytelle Buchanan v. Cook County, et al.

Case Number: 14 C 0027

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Gainer, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 17-2466. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Fritchey, Boykin, Gainer, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (7)

17-2483

Presented by: CHAKA M. PATTERSON, Deputy State's Attorney, Chief, Civil Actions Bureau

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: Czarobski, Gerald v. County of Cook

Case Number: 14 L 9597

A motion was made by Commissioner Boykin, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 17-2483. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Fritchey, Boykin, Gainer, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (7)

17-2484

Presented by: CHAKA M. PATTERSON, Deputy State's Attorney, Chief, Civil Actions Bureau

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, Bryan v. County of Cook

Case Number: 13 L 10318

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Gainer, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 17-2484. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Fritchey, Boykin, Gainer, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (7)

17-2489

Presented by: CHAKA M. PATTERSON, Deputy State's Attorney, Chief, Civil Actions Bureau

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, Michael Saunders, Vincent Thames, Terrill Swift v City of Chicago, et al.

Case Number: 12 C 9484, 12 C 9158, 12 C 9170, 12 L 12995

A motion was made by Commissioner Boykin, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 17-2489. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Fritchey, Boykin, Gainer, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (7)

17-2553

Presented by: CHAKA M. PATTERSON, Deputy State's Attorney, Chief, Civil Actions Bureau

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: Doe v. Cook County, et al.

Case Number: 14 C 8296

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 17-2553. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Fritchey, Boykin, Suffredin and Tobolski (5)

Nayes: Gainer and Schneider (2)

17-2583

Presented by: CHAKA M. PATTERSON, Deputy State's Attorney, Chief, Civil Actions Bureau

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: Edward Johnson v. Deputy DiPaolo, et al.

Case Number: 14 C 8189

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 17-2583. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Fritchey, Boykin, Gainer, Schneider and Suffredin (6)

Present: Tobolski (1)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Boykin, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Fritchey, Boykin, Gainer, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (7)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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