

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

#### 10:00 AM

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

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

# **ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison, Trevor, and Stamps (7)

# **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

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

- 1. Todd Thielmann -Citizen
- 2. George Blakemore -Citizen
- 3. Jessica Jackson Citizen

# 23-5336

# **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 9/20/2023

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to approve 23-5336. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison, Trevor, and Stamps (7)

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

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison, Trevor, and Stamps (7)

The Committee entered into executive session pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the

Illinois Open Meetings Act

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

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison, Trevor, and Stamps (7)

#### 23-4117

Presented by: STEVEN CYRANOSKI, Acting Inspector General

#### **REPORT**

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

Report Title: Independent Inspector General Quarterly Report, 2nd Quarter 2023

**Report Period**: April 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023

**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 April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023. It is being placed on the County Board meeting agenda for receipt and file or referral to the Litigation Committee pursuant to Section 2-287 of the OIIG Ordinance.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to recommend for receiving and filing 23-4117. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison, Trevor, and Stamps (7)

23-5308

# CASE DISPOSITION SUMMARY REPORT

Civil Rights/Torts Section

June 13, 2023 - October 2, 2023

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 23-5308. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison, Trevor, and Stamps (7)

23-5309

# 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: Carolyn Davis (Est. Taft Simmons) v. County of Cook

Case Number: 20 L 5407

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to receive and file 23-5309. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison, Trevor, and Stamps (7)

# 23-5310

#### 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: Sebastian Marin, a Minor, by and through his Mother and Next Friend, Victoria Marin and Victoria Marin, Individually v. St. Anthony Hospital and Cook County Health and Hospitals System d/b/a

Cook County Health

Case Number: 19 L 4821

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to receive and file 23-5310. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison, Trevor, and Stamps (7)

# 23-5311

# 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: Polk v. Cook County

Case Number: 22 L 9900

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to receive and file 23-5311. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison, Trevor, and Stamps (7)

#### 23-5312

#### 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:** Nicholas Morfin v. Scott Cassidy, et al.

Case Number: 21 C 5225

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to receive and file 23-5312. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison, Trevor, and Stamps (7)

23-5313

#### **REPORT**

**Department:** Civil Actions Bureau **Report Title:** Outside Counsel Invoices **Report Period:** 09-13-2023 - 10-11-2023

Summary: Special State's Attorneys' and Special Assistant State's Attorneys' Invoices for Approval

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to recommend for receiving and filing 23-5313. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison, Trevor, and Stamps (7)

23-5314

# 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: Latonya Miles, (Est. Dorothy Singleton) v. County of Cook, et al.

Case Number: 22 L 2753

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 23-5314. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison, Trevor, and Stamps (7)

# 23-5315

# 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 Degnen, to receive and file 23-5315. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison, Trevor, and Stamps (7)

# **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Lyre M. Surer

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison, Trevor, and Stamps (7)

Respectfully submitted,

CAR Settles

Chairman Secretary

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