



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

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

10:00 AM

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

Issued on: 3/5/2026

ATTENDANCE

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

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to allow for remote participation in meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

1) George Blakemore - Concerned Citizen

2) Dennis White - Concerned Citizen

3) Jessica Jackson - Concerned Citizen

4) Zoe Leigh - Concerned Citizen

5) Tywon Simms - Concerned Citizen

[26-0970](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 2/4/2026

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to approve 26-0970. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[26-0691](#)

Presented by: TIRRELL PAXTON, Inspector General

REPORT

Department: Office of the Independent Inspector General

Report Title: Independent Inspector General Quarterly Report, 4th Quarter 2025

Report Period: October 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025

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 10/1/2025 through 12/31/2025. 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 Stamps, to recommend for deferral 26-0691. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[26-0954](#)

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: *Allen v. Dart, et al.*

Case Number: 21 C 545

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to approve 26-0954. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[26-0955](#)

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: *Nawara, John v. County of Cook, et al.*

Case Number: 17 C 2393

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to approve 26-0955. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[26-0956](#)

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: *De Pasillas, Martha Irene Garcia v. Cook County and Mark Godsel, DPM*

Case Number: 24 L 5763

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to approve 26-0956. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[26-0957](#)

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: *Hana Ocasio as Mother and Next Friend of Ezekiel Ocasio, a Minor v. Cook County*

Case Number: 24 L 7720

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to approve 26-0957. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[26-0958](#)

REPORT

Department: Civil Actions Bureau

Report Title: Outside Counsel Invoices

Report Period: 01/29/2026 - 03/04/2026

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 Trevor, to approve 26-0958. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[26-0960](#)

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: *Michael Bell and Michele Kidd v. Maria Pappas and Cook County*

Case Number: 22 C 7061

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 26-0960. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[26-0961](#)

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: *Tyrece Williams v. Reynaldo Guevara, et al.*

Case Number: 25 C 13620

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[26-0962](#)

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 Baba (Estate of Michael O'Connor) v. Cook County Sheriff Dart, et al.*

Case Number: 24 L 5777

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 26-0962. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[26-0963](#)

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 26-0963. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

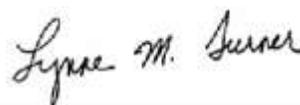
A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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