



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

**10:00 AM**

**Wednesday, June 28, 2023**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Britton, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison and Trevor (5)

**Absent:** Lowry (1) Excused

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

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

1. George Blakemore - Concerned citizen
2. Mark Armstrong - Chicago Urban Fine Arts Commonwealth

**Present:** Britton, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison and Trevor (5)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

**23-3532**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 5/24/2023

**A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to approve 23-3532. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison and Trevor (5)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

**23-2464**

**Presented by:** STEVEN CYRANOSKI, Acting Inspector General

**REPORT**

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

**Report Title:** Independent Inspector General Quarterly Report, 1st Quarter 2023

**Report Period:** January 1, 2023-March 31, 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 January 1, 2023 through March 31, 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 Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to recommend for receiving and filing 23-2464. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison and Trevor (5)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

**23-3633**

**CASE DISPOSITION SUMMARY REPORT**

Affirmative & Complex Litigation

June 1, 2023 - June 28, 2023

Civil Rights/Torts Section

April 11, 2023 - June 12, 2023

**A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to approve 23-3633. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison and Trevor (5)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

23-3637

**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:** *Northwestern Memorial Hospital v. Cook County Health and Hospitals System*

**Case Number:** 01-22-0003-0519

**A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to approve 23-3637. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Morita and S. Morrison (4)

**Present:** Trevor (1)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

23-3641

**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:** *Alejandro Sarmiento, et al. v. County of Cook et al.*

**Case Number:** 21 L 1015

**A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to approve 23-3641. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison and Trevor (5)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

23-3645

**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 in Excess of \$290.00

**Case Number:** N/A

**A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to approve 23-3645. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison and Trevor (5)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

**23-3646**

**REPORT**

**Department:** Civil Actions Bureau

**Report Title:** Does report have a title?

**Report Period:** 05/18/2023 - 06/21/2023

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to approve 23-3646. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison and Trevor (5)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

**23-3650**

**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:** *Sasho Belyanov, et al. v. County of Cook et al.*

**Case Number:** 20 L 5407

**A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 23-3650. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison and Trevor (5)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

**23-3654**

**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:** *Sonia Del Real (Est. Rebecca Alvarez) v. Cook County*

**Case Number:** 21 L 1666

**A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 23-3654. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison and Trevor (5)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

**23-3658**

**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:** *London Vaughn, minor, by her mother and next friend Tika Clark v. Cook County*

**Case Number:** 20 L 10094

**A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 23-3658. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison and Trevor (5)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

**23-3662**

**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:** *Gray, Adam v. City of Chicago, et. al.*

**Case Number:** 18 C 2624

**A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 23-3662. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison and Trevor (5)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

**23-3666**

**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 Road & Transportation Builders Ass'n v. Cook County*

**Case Number:** 18 CH 2992

**A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 23-3666. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison and Trevor (5)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

**23-3670**

**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 Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 23-3670. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison and Trevor (5)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morita, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison and Trevor (5)

**Absent:** Lowry (1)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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