



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

11:00 AM

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

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

ATTENDANCE

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

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

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Johnson, Morita, S. Morrison and Trevor (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. George Blakemore - Concerned citizen
2. Tyrone Muhammad- ECCSC

23-1774

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 01/24/2023

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to approve 23-1774. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

23-1770

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 02/07/2023

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to approve 23-1770. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

23-0015

Presented by: STEVEN CYRANOSKI, Acting Inspector General

REPORT

Department: Office of the Independent Inspector General

Report Title: Independent Inspector General Quarterly Report, 3rd Quarter 2022

Report Period: July 1, 2022 - September 30, 2022

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 July 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022. It is being placed on the County Board meeting agenda for receipt and file or referral to the Litigation Committee pursuant to an amendment to Section 2-287 of the OIIG Ordinance.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to recommend for receiving and filing 23-0015. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

23-0843

Presented by: STEVEN CYRANOSKI, Acting Inspector General

REPORT

Department: Office of the Independent Inspector General

Report Title: Independent Inspector General Quarterly Report, 4th Quarter 2022

Report Period: October 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022

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 October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. 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 Trevor, to recommend for receiving and filing 23-0843. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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, Johnson, Morita, S. Morrison and Trevor (7)

23-1783

CASE DISPOSITION SUMMARY REPORT

Affirmative & Complex Litigation Section
January 1, 2023 - February 28, 2023

Civil Rights/Torts Section
January 11, 2023 - February 27, 2023

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to receive and file 23-1783. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

23-1789

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: *Prelitigation Settlement for Services Furnished by Lutheran Social Services of Illinois*

Case Number: N/A

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to receive and file 23-1789. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

23-1793

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: *Solis, Nicholas v. Cook County Sheriff's Office, et al.*

Case Number: 20 C 1467

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to receive and file 23-1793. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

23-1797

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: *Johnson, et al. v. Cook County, et al.*

Case Number: 16 C 0144

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to receive and file 23-1797. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

23-1801

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: *Mario Reyes v. Cook County Sheriff's Office et al.*

Case Number: 18 L 12511

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to receive and file 23-1801. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

23-1805

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: *International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 700 (Walker) v. Office of the Chief Judge of Cook County*

Case Number: 21 CH 4245

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to receive and file 23-1805. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

23-1810

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: *Rivera, David v. Cook County*

Case Number: 22 L 6947

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to receive and file 23-1810. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

23-1814

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: *Thurston, Tasha et al. v. Cook County*

Case Number: 21 L 6192

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to receive and file 23-1814. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

23-1815

REPORT

Department: Civil Actions Bureau

Report Title: Outside Counsel Invoices

Report Period: 01/31/2023 - 03/07/2023

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 Morita, to approve 23-1815. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

23-1819

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: *Solis, Cynthia v. Cook County*

Case Number: 23 PS 001

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve 23-1819. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

23-1823

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: *Cusano, et. al, v. Cook County, et. al.*

Case Number: 22 C 7196

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve 23-1823. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

23-1828

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 Johnson, to approve 23-1828. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

23-1832

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: 2023 1st Quarter Outside Counsel Spend Report

Case Number: N/A

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve 23-1832. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Johnson, Morita, S. Morrison and Trevor (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:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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