



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

**10:00 AM**

**Wednesday, April 15, 2026**

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

**Issued on: 4/9/2026**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, S. 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) Tiwon Sims - Concerned Citizen**

**26-1185**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 3/11/2026

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to approve  
26-1185. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

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

**Ayes:** Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison, Trevor and Stamps (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, Morita, S. 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 receive and file 26-0691. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**26-1155**

## **CASE DISPOSITION SUMMARY REPORT**

Advice, Transactions, and Complex Litigation Section

Civil Rights/Torts Section

February 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026

Labor & Employment Section

March 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026

Medical Litigation Section  
March 11, 2025 - April 15, 2026

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 26-1155. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**26-1156**

**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~~ 24 L 003693

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to approve as amended in the errata 26-1156. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**26-1169**

**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, Douglas v. Dart, et al.*

**Case Number:** 22 C 3718

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to approve 26-1169. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**26-1170**

**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:** *Kellum v. Dart, et al.*

**Case Number:** 20 C 3795 and 22 C 5184 (consolidated)

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to approve 26-1170. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**26-1171**

**REPORT**

**Department:** Civil Actions Bureau

**Report Title:** Outside Counsel Invoice

**Report Period:** 03/05/2026 - 04/08/2026

**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 Morita, to approve 26-1171. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**26-1172**

**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 26-1172. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**26-1178**

**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 26-1178. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

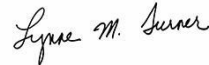
**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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