



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County  
Minutes of the Finance Committee**

**9:30 AM**

**Wednesday, September 21, 2022**

**Virtual Meeting**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo Jr., Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin (15)

**Absent** Vice Chairman Sims, and Commissioner Lowry (2) Excused

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

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

No public speakers

**22-5187**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 07/27/2022

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve 22-5187. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo Jr., Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Sims and Lowry (2)

## COURT ORDERS

**22-5032**

### REPORT

**Department:** Office of the Chief Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County

**Report Title:** Report of Legal and Expert Witness Fees and Expenses Processed for Payment

**Report Period:** July 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022

**Summary:** This report includes court orders for the payment of fees and associated expenses to attorneys and experts for legal services provided on behalf of indigent litigants. The orders have been processed by the Office of the Chief Judge and submitted to the Cook County Comptroller's Office for payment during the period.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to recommend for receiving and filing 22-5032. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo Jr., Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Sims and Lowry (2)

## SPECIAL COURT CASES

**22-5232**

Compliance/Complaint Administrator: Susan G. Feibus

Case Name: Shakman, et al. v. Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, et al.

Case No.(s): 69 C 2145

Date of This Order: 08/17/2022

Unopposed Petition Number: 42

This Court Ordered Amount of this petition: \$65,473.83

Paid to Date: \$1,290,227.89

**22-5233**

Compliance/Complaint Administrator: The Compliance Administrator for the Cook County Assessor

Case Name: Shakman, et al. v. Cook County Assessor, et al.

Case No.(s): 69 C 2145

Date of This Order: 08/17/2022

Unopposed Petition Number: 161

This Court Ordered Amount of this petition: \$66,802.30

Paid to Date: \$4,636,411.22

**Commissioner Anaya voted Present on the above Item -22-5233**

**22-5234**

Compliance/Complaint Administrator: Cardelle Spangler  
Case Name: Shakman, et al. v. Clerk of Cook County, et al.  
Case No.(s): 69 C 2145  
Date of This Order: 08/26/2022  
Unopposed Petition Number: 26-1  
This Court Ordered Amount of this petition: \$23,906.33  
Paid to Date: 1,019,002.38

**22-5230**

Firm: Rock Fusco & Connelly, LLC.  
Special State's Attorney(s): John J. Rock  
Case Name: Lukasik, et al. v. Thomas Nortman, et al. and Loveless v. Thomas Nortman, et al.  
Case No.(s): 18 L 10893 and 18 L 13585  
Time period: 11/01/2021 - 11-30/2021  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$167.00  
Paid to Date: \$53,520.37  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 01/11/2022

**22-5231**

Firm: O'Mara Gleason O'Callaghan, LLC.  
Special State's Attorney(s): Richard Gleason  
Case Name: LaShawn Ezell v. City of Chicago, et al., Charles Johnson v. City of Chicago, et al., Larod Styles v. Cassidy, et al., Troshawn McCoy v. Cassidy, et al.  
Case No.(s): 18 C 1049, 18 C 1062, 18 C 1053, 18 C 1068  
Time period: 10/01/2021 - 10/30/2021  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$3,441.00  
Paid to Date: \$9,657.00  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 12/14/2021

**22-5235**

Firm: Locke, Lord, Bissell & Liddell, LLP.  
Attorney(s): Roger R. Fross  
Case Name: Shakman, et al. v. Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, et al  
Case No.(s): 69 C 2145  
Date of This Order: 08/26/2022  
Time period: 01/01/2022 - 06/30/2022  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$14,430.00  
Paid to Date: \$532,873.50  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**22-5236**

Firm: Locke, Lord, Bissell & Liddell, LLP.  
Attorney(s): Roger R. Fross  
Case Name: Shakman, et al. v. Cook County Assessor, et al  
Case No.(s): 69 C 2145  
Date of This Order: 08/26/2022  
Time period: 01/01/2022 - 06/30/2022  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$47,059.60  
Paid to Date: \$1,647,285.93  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**22-5237**

Firm: Office of the Special Prosecutor  
Attorney(s): Michael J. O'Rourke  
Case Name: Appointment of Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 95 CR 27600  
Date of This Order: 08/23/2022  
Time period: 08/01/2021 - 03/15/2022  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$63,428.13  
Paid to Date: \$7,655,281.38  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**22-5238**

Firm: Office of the Special Prosecutor  
Attorney(s): Michael J. O'Rourke  
Case Name: Appointment of Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 83-C-0093266-01  
Date of This Order: 08/09/2022  
Time period: 07/01/2021 - 06/09/2022  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$20,755.00  
Paid to Date: \$7,655,281.38  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**22-5239**

Firm: Office of the Special Prosecutor  
Attorney(s): Michael J. O'Rourke  
Case Name: Appointment of Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 88-CR-18817-01  
Date of This Order: 08/23/2022  
Time period: 03/01/2022 - 07-31-2022  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$42,685.85  
Paid to Date: \$7,655,281.38  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**22-5240**

Firm: Law Office of Karla Fiaoni  
Attorney(s): Karla M. Fiaoni  
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 99 CR 602001 & 99 CR 2602002  
Date of This Order: 08/24/2022  
Time period: 05/19/2022 - 08/24/2022  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$31,171.31  
Paid to Date: \$6,893.00  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**22-5241**

Firm: McCarthy & Valentini, LLC.  
Attorney(s): Maria McCarthy  
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 96 CR 0938501  
Date of This Order: 08/09/2022  
Time period: 07/12/2022 - 08/08/2022  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$3,308.00  
Paid to Date: \$0.00  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**22-5242**

Firm: McCarthy & Valentini, LLC.  
Attorney(s): Maria McCarthy  
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 88 CR 230902  
Date of This Order: 08/09/2022  
Time period: 07/05/2022 - 08/08/2022  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$21,705.00  
Paid to Date: \$46,698.34  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**22-5243**

Firm: McCarthy & Valentini, LLC.  
Attorney(s): Maria McCarthy  
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 96 CR 2563801  
Date of This Order: 08/09/2022  
Time period: 07/05/2022 - 08/07/2022  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$28,475.50  
Paid to Date: \$53,545.50  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**22-5244**

Firm: Ekl, Williams & Provenzale, LLC.  
Attorney(s): Nemura Pencyla  
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 97 CR 511002  
Date of This Order: 08/25/2022  
Time period: 03/22/2022 - 05/01/2022  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$3,231.25  
Paid to Date: \$0.00  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**22-5245**

Firm: Reimer, Dobrovolny & LaBardi PC.  
Attorney(s): Nemura Pencyla  
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 97 CR 511002  
Date of This Order: 08/25/2022  
Time period: 05/01/2022 - 08/16/2022  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$2,268.75  
Paid to Date: \$0.00  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**22-5246**

Firm: Ekl, Williams & Provenzale, LLC.  
Attorney(s): Nemura Pencyla  
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 97 CR 2956002  
Date of This Order: 08/25/2022  
Time period: 03/22/2022 - 05/01/2022  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$2,268.75  
Paid to Date: \$0.00  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**22-5247**

Firm: Reimer, Dobrovolny & LaBardi PC.  
Attorney(s): Nemura Pencyla  
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 97 CR 2956002  
Date of This Order: 08/25/2022  
Time period: 05/01/2022 - 08/16/2022  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$5,912.50  
Paid to Date: \$0.00  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**22-5165**

Firm: Garcia & DeCostanza  
Special State's Attorney(s): Ruben M. Garcia  
Case Name: In Re Estate of Rene Hernandez  
Case No.(s): 2020 P 2660  
Time period: 06/05/2020 - 11/29/2020  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$2,723.75  
Paid to Date: \$0.00  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**22-5166**

Firm: Monahan Law Group  
Special State's Attorney(s): Carla D. Fiessinger  
Case Name: In Re Estate of Oscar Colon  
Case No.(s): 2020 P 4443  
Time period: 10/05/2020 - 04/26/2021  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$3,986.58  
Paid to Date: \$0.00  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Special Court Cases. The motion carried by the following vote:**

- Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo Jr., Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin (15)
- Absent:** Commissioners Sims and Lowry (2)
- Present:** Commissioner Anaya (1) 22-5233

**SPECIAL CRIMINAL COURT CASES**

**NOTE: There are no cases of the above item type to be approved for this meeting.**

**PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS**

**22-5141**

Case: Mulcahy v. Cook County Sheriff's Office  
Case No: 17-cv-8235  
Settlement Amount: \$30,000.00  
Department: Department of Corrections, 1239

Payable to: Colleen Mulcahy (\$20,000.00); Kevin O'Connor (\$10,000.00)

Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

Subject matter: Allegation of a Civil Rights Violation

**22-4913**

Case: Briggs, Earl v. County et al.

Case No: 22 CH 4515

Settlement Amount: \$37,500.00

Department: 1259 - Medical Examiner

Payable to: Earl Briggs and Asher, Gittler & D'Alba

Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

Subject matter: an allegation of violation of the wage payment & collection act

**22-5022**

Case: Salazar, Judith v. Dart, et al.

Case No: 19 C 8057

Settlement Amount: \$63,000.00

Department: 1210- Office of the Sheriff

Payable to: Judith Salazar and the Law Office of Julie O. Herrera

Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 06/14/2022

Subject matter: an allegation of employment discrimination

**22-5030**

Case: AFSCME Council 31, Local 3315 v. Cook County

Case No: 2020 CH 7431; BHR #19.03.14

Settlement Amount: \$24,524.30

Department: 1260- Public Defender

Payable to: Ingrid Gill-Richards

Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 03/15/2022

Subject matter: an allegation of employment discrimination

**22-5133**

Case: Miller, Helen v. Office of the Chief Judge

Case No: 19 C 4216

Settlement Amount: \$1,268,247.20

Department: 1310 - Office of the Chief Judge

Payable to: \$500,000 to Roeser Tanner & Graham LLC; \$768,247.20 to Helen Miller

Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 06/14/2022

Subject matter: an allegation of employment discrimination

**22-5288**

Case: Howard, Sdahrie et al. v. County et al.

Case No: 17 C 8146

Settlement Amount: \$2,332,946.80

Department: 1210- Office of the Sheriff



Payable to: Howard v. Cook County Settlement c/o Settlement Services Inc.  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 06/14/2022  
Subject matter: an allegation of employment discrimination  
**22-5155**

Case: Kumcheva, Radka v. Cook County  
Case No: 19 L 4193  
Settlement Amount: \$1,360,000.00  
Department: 4897 - John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County  
Payable to: Sheila Griffin, Ind. Admin. with Will Annexed, Est. Ivaylo Ivano, and her attys Hurst Boleky LLC  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 07/20/2022  
Subject matter: Settlement of a medical litigation claim.  
**22-5157**

Case: Sandra Taylor v. Cook County  
Case No: 21 L 4850  
Settlement Amount: \$185,000.00  
Department: 4897 - John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County  
Payable to: Sandra Taylor and her attorneys Rubens Kress & Mulholland  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 07/20/2022  
Subject matter: Settlement of a premises liability claim.  
**22-5161**

Case: Flowers, Clarrisha (Ests. Shania Williams and Baby Girl Williams) v. Cook County  
Case No: 20 L 1317  
Settlement Amount: \$9,750,000.00  
Department: 4897 John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County  
Payable to: Clarrisha Flowers as Ind. Adm Ests. Shania Williams and Baby Girl Williams & her attys McNabola & Associates, LLC  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 07/20/22  
Subject matter: settlement of a medical malpractice claim.  
**22-5138**

Case: Robert Ross v. Cook County Assessor  
Case No: 2021 CH 04358  
Settlement Amount: \$7,500.00  
Department: 1040 - County Assessor  
Payable to: Loevy & Loevy Attorneys at Law  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: An allegation of a FOIA violation  
**22-5139**

Case: Mark D. Krause, M.D. and Sally Krause v. County of Cook  
Case No: 2015 L 5985  
Settlement Amount: \$300,000.00  
Department: 4891 - Provident Hospital  
Payable to: Mark Krause and Sally Krause

Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 07/20/2022  
Subject matter: An allegation of breach of contract

**22-4324**

Case: Hughes v. Wordlaw  
Case No: 20 C 4049  
Settlement Amount: \$4,000.00  
Department: 1239-Department of Corrections  
Payable to: Myles Hughes  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

**22-4771**

Case: Davenport, Jonathan v. Dart et al.  
Case No: 19 C 5949  
Settlement Amount: \$6,000.00  
Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections  
Payable to: Jonathan Davenport  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

**22-5027**

Case: Hughes, Timothy v. Preusser  
Case No: 20 C 1497  
Settlement Amount: \$6,000.00  
Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections  
Payable to: Timothy Hughes  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

**22-5031**

Case: Estate of Lukasik, et al. v Nortman, et al.  
Case No: 18 L 10893  
Settlement Amount: \$8,500,000.00  
Department: 1231 - Police Department  
Payable to: O'Hagan Meyer, LLC IOLTA Client Trust  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: July 20, 2022  
Subject matter: an allegation of automobile negligence

**22-5035**

Case: Ron Brown v Dart, et al.  
Case No: 20 C 4193  
Settlement Amount: \$5,500.00  
Department: 1239-Department of Corrections  
Payable to: Thomas G. Morrissey, Ltd. and Ron Brown

Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

**22-5055**

Case: Garcia, Armando v Officer Nawara  
Case No: 21 L 4811  
Settlement Amount: \$18,500.00  
Department: 1231-Police Department  
Payable to: Goldstein, Bender & Romanoff and Armando Garcia  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: an allegation of automobile negligence

**22-5142**

Case: Ortiz-Perez, Jose v. Pasquel, et al.  
Case No: 20 C 3083  
Settlement Amount: \$2,500.00  
Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections  
Payable to: W.B. Slaughter & Associates and Jose Ortiz-Perez  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: an allegation of civil rights violation

**A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve Proposed Settlements. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo Jr., Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Sims and Lowry (2)

**QUARTERLY LITIGATION DISBURSEMENT REPORT**

**22-5329**

**REPORT**

**Department:** Risk Management

**Report Title:** Quarterly Litigation Disbursement Report - Q3 FY 2022

**Report Period:** 06/01/2022 - 08/31/2022

**Summary:** The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information paid proposed settlements during Q3 of fiscal year 2022. Payments total \$8,157,540.32

**A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to recommend for receiving and filing 22-5329. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo Jr., Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Sims and Lowry (2)

**PATIENT/ARRESTEE CLAIMS REPORT**

**22-5298**

**REPORT**

**Department:** Risk Management

**Report Title:** File and Receive Patient Arrestees

**Report Period:** Months ending July 31, 2022, and August 31, 2022

**Summary:** The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information Patient Arrestees Claims for the months ending July 31, 2022, and August 31, 2022. Payments total: **\$10,815.21**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to recommend for receiving and filing 22-5298. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo Jr., Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Sims and Lowry (2)

**SELF-INSURANCE CLAIMS REPORT**

**22-5307**

**REPORT**

**Department:** Risk Management

**Report Title:** Receive and File - Self Insurance Claims

**Report Period:** Months Ending July 31, 2022, and August 31, 2022

**Summary:** The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information Self Insurance Claims for the months ending July 31, 2022, and August 31, 2022. Payments total **\$7,285.77**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to recommend for receiving and filing 22-5307. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo Jr., Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Sims and Lowry (2)

**CLAIMS RECOVERY SETTLEMENTS**

**22-4736**

**REPORT**

**Department:** Risk Management

**Report Title:** Receive and File - Subrogation Claim Recoveries

**Report Period:** Month ending 08/31/2022

**Summary:** Submitting for your information, a summary of Claim Recoveries for the month ending 08/31/2021 - Total Recovery: **\$4,268.58** - Number of Recoveries: 3

**A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to recommend for receiving and filing 22-4736. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo Jr., Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Sims and Lowry (2)

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS**

**22-5057**

Employee: Ron Avelino

Job Title: Correctional Officer

Department: Corrections

Date of Incident: 02/02/2021

Incident/Activity: Petitioner injured his right shoulder performing a training exercise while at work.

Accidental Injuries: Right Shoulder

Petition and Order No: 21 WC 05250

Claim Amount: \$50,644.80

Attorney: Cuda Law Offices, Ltd.

Date of Subcommittee Approval: 07/27/2022

Prior/pending claims: N/A

**22-5059**

Employee: Jose Chavez

Job Title: Correctional Officer

Department: Corrections

Date of Incident: 02/11/2022

Incident/Activity: Petitioner injured his left hand restraining a detainee while at work.

Accidental Injuries: Left Hand

Petition and Order No: 22 WC 05927

Claim Amount: \$4,001.43  
Attorney: Argionis & Associates, LLC  
Date of Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Prior/pending claims: N/A

**22-5060**

Employee: Anthony Ciabattari  
Job Title: Road Equipment Operator  
Department: Highway  
Date of Incident: 07/07/2021  
Incident/Activity: Petitioner injured his right foot when an asphalt roller landed on it while at work.  
Accidental Injuries: Right Foot  
Petition and Order No: 21 WC 34397  
Claim Amount: \$4,694.92  
Attorney: N/A  
Date of Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Prior/pending claims: N/A

**22-5061**

Employee: Kimberly Crawford-Alexander Moreci  
Job Title: Correctional Officer  
Department: Corrections  
Date of Incident: 09/01/2021  
Incident/Activity: Petitioner injured her head, left hand, left knee, and right knee in an altercation with a detainee while at work.  
Accidental Injuries: Head; Left Hand; Left Knee; Right Knee  
Petition and Order No: 21 WC 09576  
Claim Amount: \$14,859.60  
Attorney: Ankin Law Office, LLC  
Date of Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Prior/pending claims: N/A

**22-5062**

Employee: Cory Greenbaum  
Job Title: Correctional Officer  
Department: Corrections  
Date of Incident: 03/24/2022  
Incident/Activity: Petitioner injured his head, neck, right knee, and left knee in an altercation with a detainee while at work.  
Accidental Injuries: Head; Neck; Right Knee; Left Knee  
Petition and Order No: 22 WC 08596  
Claim Amount: \$11,302.80

Attorney: Argionis & Associates, LLC  
Date of Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Prior/pending claims: N/A

**22-5064**

Employee: Yolanda Lopez  
Job Title: Deputy Sheriff II  
Department: Sheriff's Office  
Date of Incident: 03/18/2021  
Incident/Activity: Petitioner injured her right foot walking down the stairs while at work.  
Accidental Injuries: Right Foot  
Petition and Order No: 21 WC 09576  
Claim Amount: \$24,748.81  
Attorney: Larry J. Coven  
Date of Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Prior/pending claims: N/A

**22-5065**

Employee: Denise Reed  
Job Title: Correctional Officer  
Department: Corrections  
Date of Incident: 09/01/2020  
Incident/Activity: Petitioner injured her right shoulder when she tripped over a property bag while at work.  
Accidental Injuries: Right Shoulder  
Petition and Order No: 21 WC 07729  
Claim Amount: \$55,483.12  
Attorney: Randolph C. Greune  
Date of Subcommittee Approval: 07/27/2022  
Prior/pending claims: N/A

**22-5066**

Employee: Jason Strong  
Job Title: Police Officer  
Department: Police Department  
Date of Incident: 12/13/2020  
Incident/Activity: Petitioner injured his back, right shoulder, and right leg when he was struck by another vehicle while at work.  
Accidental Injuries: Back; Right Shoulder; Right Leg  
Petition and Order No: 21 WC 00543  
Claim Amount: \$30,331.22

Attorney: Gordon & Centracchio, LLC  
Date of Subcommittee Approval: 07/27/2022  
Prior/pending claims: N/A

**22-5073**

Employee: Jacqueline Morton  
Job Title: Social Worker  
Department: Social Work Services  
Date of Incident: 10/17/2019  
Incident/Activity: Petitioner injured her left shoulder and left leg when she tripped over an electrical outlet.  
Accidental Injuries: Left shoulder, Left leg  
Petition and Order No: 19 WC 31777  
Claim Amount: \$43,975.89  
Attorney: Gordon & Centracchio, LLC  
Date of Subcommittee Approval: 07/27/2022  
Prior/pending claims: n/a

**22-5076**

Employee: Sean Killeen  
Job Title: Correctional Officer  
Department: Department of Corrections  
Date of Incident: 04/16/2017  
Incident/Activity: Petitioner injured his back while responding to a fight between detainees.  
Accidental Injuries: Back with permanent restrictions  
Petition and Order No: 17 WC 21463  
Claim Amount: \$63,211.89  
Attorney: Cullen, Haskins, Nicholson & Menchetti  
Date of Subcommittee Approval: 07/27/2022  
Prior/pending claims: n/a

**22-5077**

Employee: Anthony Buscemi  
Job Title: Correctional Officer  
Department: Department of Corrections  
Date of Incident: 10/14/2021  
Incident/Activity: Petitioner injured his chest, lower and middle back while restraining a detainee.  
Accidental Injuries: Chest, back  
Petition and Order No: 21 WC 29618  
Claim Amount: \$10,206.00  
Attorney: Argionis & Associates



Date of Subcommittee Approval: n/a  
Prior/pending claims: 09/04/2018 (\$58,050.00)

**22-5078**

Employee: Luis Guadarrama

Job Title: Correctional Officer

Department: Department of Corrections

Date of Incident: 11/04/2021; 07/08/2022

Incident/Activity: On November 4, 2021, Petitioner injured his right middle and ring fingers, and right hand while restraining a detainee. On July 8, 2022, Petitioner injured his right middle and ring fingers while restraining a detainee.

Accidental Injuries: Right middle and ring fingers, right hand.

Petition and Order No: 21 WC 34515

Claim Amount: \$3,620.50

Attorney: Argionis & Associates

Date of Subcommittee Approval: n/a

Prior/pending claims: 01/02/2020; 05/29/2020 (\$24,900.00)

**22-5079**

Employee: Briseida Medina

Job Title: Correctional Officer

Department: Department of Corrections

Date of Incident: 08/12/2021

Incident/Activity: Petitioner injured her bilateral knees and right wrist during a 'takedown' of a combative detainee

Accidental Injuries: Bilateral knees and right wrist

Petition and Order No: 21 WC 24864

Claim Amount: \$6,415.25

Attorney: Argionis & Associates

Date of Subcommittee Approval: n/a

Prior/pending claims: 08/22/2020 (\$16,550.48)

**22-5080**

Employee: James Harris, Jr.

Job Title: Police Officer

Department: County Police Department

Date of Incident: 12/23/2020

Incident/Activity: Petitioner injured his back in a motor vehicle accident.

Accidental Injuries: Back

Petition and Order No: 21 WC 09471

Claim Amount: \$17,434.60

Attorney: Saks, Robinson & Rittenberg, Ltd.  
Date of Subcommittee Approval: n/a  
Prior/pending claims: n/a

**22-5082**

Employee: Patricia Rodriguez  
Job Title: Translator  
Department: Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Date of Incident: 11/13/12; 12/09/2015  
Incident/Activity: On November 13, 2012, Petitioner injured her back and head when she fell out of a broken chair. On December 9, 2015, Petitioner injured her head when she tripped and fell.  
Accidental Injuries: Back, head  
Petition and Order No: 12 WC 42206; 15 WC 40999  
Claim Amount: \$13,075.20  
Attorney: Seidman, Margulis & Fairman, LLP  
Date of Subcommittee Approval: n/a  
Prior/pending claims: 10/19/2004 (\$7,668.00)

**22-5085**

Employee: Christian Hawkonsen  
Job Title: Deputy Sheriff  
Department: Court Services Division  
Date of Incident: 03/28/2020  
Incident/Activity: Petitioner contracted COVID-19 at the workplace.  
Accidental Injuries: Respiratory  
Petition and Order No: 20 WC 010173  
Claim Amount: \$8,366.90  
Attorney: Aleksy Belcher LLC  
Date of Subcommittee Approval: n/a  
Prior/pending claims: 08/06/2012 (\$11,489.87); 02/02/2021 (\$6,535.53); 01/07/2022 (pending)

**22-5092**

Employee: Samuel Sandoval  
Job Title: Trainee Correctional Officer  
Department: Department of Corrections  
Date of Incident: 10/13/2020  
Incident/Activity: Petitioner injured his back during physical training.  
Accidental Injuries: Back  
Petition and Order No: 22 WC 03046  
Claim Amount: \$4,392.00

Attorney: Whiteside & Goldberg, Ltd.  
Date of Subcommittee Approval: n/a  
Prior/pending claims: n/a

**22-5094**

Employee: Ezequiel Velazquez  
Job Title: Correctional Officer  
Department: Department of Corrections  
Date of Incident: 12/11/2018  
Incident/Activity: Petitioner injured his right wrist and right elbow while swinging a baton.  
Accidental Injuries: Right hand, right elbow  
Petition and Order No: 19 WC 1308  
Claim Amount: \$89,281.54  
Attorney: Gordon & Centracchio, LLC  
Date of Subcommittee Approval: 07/27/2022  
Prior/pending claims: 01/06/2006 (\$5,000.00); 01/14/2006 (dismissed); 11/01/2017 (\$8,945.60);  
01/20/2022  
(pending)

**22-5095**

Employee: Darrell Spencer  
Job Title: Correctional Officer  
Department: Department of Corrections  
Date of Incident: 03/27/2020  
Incident/Activity: Petitioner contracted COVID-19 at the workplace.  
Accidental Injuries: Respiratory  
Petition and Order No: 20 WC 10261  
Claim Amount: \$10,000.00  
Attorney: Vitell & Spitz, Ltd.  
Date of Subcommittee Approval: n/a  
Prior/pending claims: 05/04/2018 (\$41,508.60); 06/18/2022 (pending)

**22-5096**

Employee: David McDaniel  
Job Title: Youth Development Specialist  
Department: Juvenile Temporary Detention Center  
Date of Incident: 02/10/2020; 01/03/2022; 01/24/2022  
Incident/Activity: On February 10, 2020, Petitioner injured his right hand and right leg while breaking up a fight between residents. On January 3, 2022, Petitioner injured his lower back while restraining a resident.

On January 24, 2022, Petitioner injured his right leg while restraining a resident.

Accidental Injuries: Right hand, right leg, back

Petition and Order No: 20 WC 17047

Claim Amount: \$15,730.80

Attorney: Saks, Robinson & Rittenberg, Ltd.

Date of Subcommittee Approval: n/a

Prior/pending claims: n/a

**22-5097**

Employee: Darryl Anthony

Job Title: Police Officer

Department: Police

Date of Incident: 12/9/2021

Incident/Activity: Petitioner injured his head, neck, lower back, and right shoulder in a motor vehicle accident.

Accidental Injuries: Head; Neck; Lower Back; and Right Shoulder

Petition and Order No: 21 WC 33988

Claim Amount: \$23,427.75

Attorney: Gerald Connor

Date of Subcommittee Approval: N/A

Prior/pending claims: N/A

**22-5098**

Employee: Coamo Cartagena

Job Title: Correctional Officer

Department: Corrections

Date of Incident: 4/22/2021, 6/29/2021 and 10/21/2021; Unfiled Claims 2/1/2021, 2/19/20, and

1/2/202221 Incident/Activity: On February 1, 2021, Petitioner was injured while trying to subdue a detainee. On February 19, 2021, Petitioner was injured during emergency takedown of a detainee. On April 22, 2021, Petitioner injured his left knee and right elbow while breaking up a fight between detainees. On June 29, 2021, Petitioner's right hand was crushed while handcuffing a detainee. On October 21, 2021, Petitioner injured his right hand and right elbow while trying to restrain and handcuff a detainee. On January 2, 2022, Petitioner was injured during altercation with detainee.

Accidental Injuries: Left Knee; Right Elbow; and Right Hand

Petition and Order No: 21 WC 11556; 21 WC 32056; 21 WC 32058

Claim Amount: \$24,990.20

Attorney: Al Koritsaris and Law Offices of Argionis & Associates, LLC  
Date of Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Prior/pending claims: N/A

**22-5099**

Employee: Thomas James  
Job Title: Custodial II  
Department: Facilities Management  
Date of Incident: 10/22/2014/14/2015  
Incident/Activity: On October 22, 2014, Petitioner injured his lumbar spine when he tripped on a floor mat. On October 14, 2015, Petitioner felt pain in his lumbar spine after lifting a box.  
Accidental Injuries: Lumbar Spine  
Petition and Order No: 15 WC 36136  
Claim Amount: \$24,595.20  
Attorney: Michael Casey and Vrdolyak Law Group LLC  
Date of Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Prior/pending claims: N/A

**22-5100**

Employee: Sofia Kanel  
Job Title: Licensed Practical Nurse II  
Department: Cermak Hospital  
Date of Incident: 3/11/2014  
Incident/Activity: Petitioner injured her bilateral knees, right hip and right buttocks when she tripped and fell in front of a doorway.  
Accidental Injuries: Bilateral Knees; Right Hip; and Right Buttocks  
Petition and Order No: 14 WC 13779  
Claim Amount: \$56,324.52  
Attorney: Joseph Vitell and Vitell and Spitz, Ltd.  
Date of Subcommittee Approval: 7/27/2022  
Prior/pending claims: 7/24/2000 and 2/5/2001 (\$9,950.00)

**22-5101**

Employee: Keith Nunnally  
Job Title: Road Maintenance Supervisor  
Department: Highway  
Date of Incident: 4/1/2019  
Incident/Activity: Petitioner was injured while removing two tires from the side of the road and

loading them into the truck.

Accidental Injuries: Left Shoulder

Petition and Order No: 19 WC 027444

Claim Amount: \$101,733.75

Attorney: Benjamin Good and Goldstein, Aiossa & Good, LLC

Date of Subcommittee Approval: 7/27/2022

Prior/pending claims: N/A

**22-5102**

Employee: Jonathan Smith

Job Title: Correctional Officer

Department: Corrections

Date of Incident: 4/16/2020

Incident/Activity: Petitioner alleged he was injured through exposure to Covid-19.

Accidental Injuries: Whole Body

Petition and Order No: 20 WC 10485

Claim Amount: \$4,183.00

Attorney: Jill Wagner and Disparti Law Group

Date of Subcommittee Approval: N/A

Prior/pending claims: N/A

**22-5106**

Employee: Jessica Los

Job Title: Correctional Officer

Department: Department of Corrections

Date of Incident: 04/22/2012

Incident/Activity: Petitioner injured her right shoulder, right hip, right knee, right arm, and right hand restraining a detainee.

Accidental Injuries: Right shoulder, right hip, right knee, right arm, right hand

Petition and Order No: 13 WC 00983

Claim Amount: \$109,727.75

Attorney: Michael A. Higgins

Date of Subcommittee Approval: 07/27/2022

Prior/pending claims: n/a

**22-5111**

Employee: Michelle Mentz

Job Title: Deputy Sheriff

Department: Court Services Division

Date of Incident: 08/14/2019

Incident/Activity: Petitioner injured her back during a motor vehicle accident.

Accidental Injuries: Back

Petition and Order No: 19 WC 31463

Claim Amount: \$13,402.22

Attorney: Ridge & Downes

Date of Subcommittee Approval: n/a

Prior/pending claims: 09/25/2012 (\$10,000.00)

**22-5143**

Employee: Andre Roman

Job Title: Correctional Officer

Department: Department of Corrections

Date of Incident: 06/17/2020

Incident/Activity: Petitioner injured his left arm when he slipped and fell in water on the floor.

Accidental Injuries: Left arm

Petition and Order No: 20 WC 22853

Claim Amount: \$24,675.00

Attorney: Cuda Law Offices, LTD.

Date of Subcommittee Approval: n/a

Prior/pending claims: 05/24/2016; 09/17/2016; 07/12/2017; 06/14/2018; 10/13/2018 (\$34,389.62)

**22-5144**

Employee: Raymond Farmer

Job Title: Operating Engineer

Department: Provident Hospital

Date of Incident: 08/30/2021

Incident/Activity: Petitioner injured his left knee when he tripped and fell.

Accidental Injuries: Left leg

Petition and Order No: 21 WC 26351

Claim Amount: \$19,140.47

Attorney: The Law Offices of Scott B. Shapiro, P.C.

Date of Subcommittee Approval: n/a

Prior/pending claims: 03/08/2018 (dismissed)

**22-5145**

Employee: Martha Lira

Job Title: Clerk

Department: Cook County Clerk's Office

Date of Incident: 08/03/2020

Incident/Activity: Petitioner injured her back when she slipped and fell in water.

Accidental Injuries: Back

Petition and Order No: 20 WC 19115  
Claim Amount: \$79,607.66  
Attorney: Brian J. McManus & Associates, Ltd.  
Date of Subcommittee Approval: 07/27/2022  
Prior/pending claims: n/a

**22-5324**

Employee: Lukas, Todd S  
Job Title: County Police Officer  
Department: Police Department  
Date of Incident: 10/02/2019  
Incident/Activity: Driver struck EE vehicle in a head on collision. (Neck, Lower Back, Left Calf, Headache)

Accidental Injuries: Multiple Body Parts (Including Body Systems and Body Parts)

Petition and Order No: 19 WC 029919

Claim Amount: \$4,183.45

Attorney: Raymond P Garza

Date of Subcommittee Approval: 09/01/2022

Prior/pending claims: The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information the attached claims summary with all prior and pending claims.

**A motion was made by Commissioner S. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve the Workers' Compensation Claim Cases. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo Jr., Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Sims and Lowry (2)

## **WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS PAYMENT REPORT**

**22-5314**

### **REPORT**

**Department:** Risk Management

**Report Title:** Receive and File - Workers' Compensation Claim Payments

**Report Period:** 7/1/2022-7/31/2022

**Summary:** The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month ending July 2022. Payments total \$1,577,523.32

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to recommend for receiving and filing 22-5314. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo Jr., Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin (15)



**Absent:** Commissioners Sims and Lowry (2)

**22-5316**

**REPORT**

**Department:** Risk Management

**Report Title:** Receive and File - Workers' Compensation Claim Payments

**Report Period:** 8/1/2022-8/31/2022

**Summary:** The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month ending August 2022. Payments total \$1,355,866.22

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to recommend for receiving and filing 22-5316. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo Jr., Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Sims and Lowry (2)

**COMPTROLLERS**

**22-5041**

**REPORT**

**Department:** Comptroller

**Report Title:** Analysis of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ending 7/31/2022

**Report Period:** 7/31/2022

**Summary:** Submitting for your information, an Analysis of Revenues and Expenses for the period ending 7/31/2022 for the Corporate, Safety and Health Funds, as presented by the Bureau of Finance.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to recommend for receiving and filing 22-5041. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo Jr., Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Sims and Lowry (2)

**22-5038**

**REPORT**

**Department:** Comptroller

**Report Title:** Analysis of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ending 6/30/2022

**Report Period:** 6/30/2022

**Summary:** Submitting for your information, an Analysis of Revenues and Expenses for the period ending 6/30/2022 for the Corporate, Safety and Health Funds, as presented by the Bureau of Finance.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to recommend for receiving and filing 22-5038. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo Jr., Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Sims and Lowry (2)

**HEALTH & HOSPITAL**

**22-3224**

**REPORT**

**Department:** CCH

**Report Title:** CCH Monthly Report

**Report Period:** August 2022

**Summary:** This report is provided in accordance with Resolution 14-4311 approved by the County Board on 7/23/14

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to recommend for receiving and filing 22-3224. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo Jr., Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Sims and Lowry (2)

**22-3931**

**Sponsored by:** JOHN P. DALEY, STANLEY MOORE, PETER N. SILVESTRI and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**ELECTED OFFICIAL COMPENSATION REVIEW ORDINANCE**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 2 - ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE I. - IN GENERAL, Section \_\_\_\_\_ of the Cook County Code is hereby enacted as Follows:

**Sec. x-x. Compensation Review of Elected Officials.**

(a) The Cook County Bureau of Human Resources shall commission an independent Compensation and Market Survey to determine if the current compensation of the following elected officials is in line with similarly situated positions nationwide or if increases are warranted:

- (1) President of the Cook County Board
- (2) Finance Chairman of the Cook County Board
- (3) Each Elected Commissioner of the Cook County Board
- (4) Cook County Assessor
- (5) Cook County Clerk
- (6) Cook County Sheriff
- (7) Cook County Treasurer
- (8) Members of the Board of Review
- (9) Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County

The Compensation and Market Survey shall be filed with the Finance Committee of the Cook County Board of Commissioners by December 31, 2024 and every four years thereafter.

(b) After the Bureau of Human Resources presents the Compensation and Market Survey, the Finance Committee of the Cook County Board of Commissioners shall act on any recommendations no later than March 31, 2025 and every four years thereafter.

**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to recommend for approval 22-3931. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo Jr., Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Sims and Lowry (2)

**Sponsored by:** KEVIN B. MORRISON, ALMA E. ANAYA, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**REQUESTING A MEETING OF THE COOK COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES TO ADDRESS ACCESS TO CAPITAL CHALLENGES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IN COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the *Cook County Policy Roadmap*, presented by President Preckwinkle in 2018, emphasizes creating Vital Communities through a goal of pursuing inclusive economic and community growth by supporting residents, growing businesses, attracting investment, and nurturing talent; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Policy Roadmap section on Vital Communities contains the objective to support expanded opportunities for local businesses, women or Black, Brown, Indigenous Nations, and Asian American-owned businesses and firms owned by people living with disabilities and a goal to expand Cook County’s toolbox of available resources for small- and medium-sized businesses and entrepreneurs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners supports that goal and seeks to see greater opportunity for small businesses and entrepreneurs to thrive in their districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Equity Fund Report released in 2022 includes a policy recommendation to develop the small business and entrepreneurship ecosystem, especially for Black and Latine residents, to reduce the racial wealth gap; and

**WHEREAS**, the Equity Fund Report further states, “Black and Latine business owners and entrepreneurs face significant disparities in access to capital at every stage, from early business development to expansion to emergency needs. This limits the survival and growth rate of these companies and limits wealth building in Black and Latine communities. Cook County should strategically target this support to suburban Cook County communities, which lack the existing private and nonprofit assistance available in the City of Chicago”; and

**WHEREAS**, the most requested service from small businesses to the Cook County Small Business Source is help with access to capital; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2020, Cook County Small Business Source has supported over 2700 small businesses with direct assistance. The businesses that have been served have been 55% women-owned businesses, 67% Black, Brown, Indigenous Nations, and Asian American-owned businesses, and 46% have 0-5 employees; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Small Business Source data shows that businesses requesting financing support tend to be smaller and more diverse; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County’s Bureau of Economic Development and the Economic Development Advisory Committee’s Small Business Sub- Committee have considered both local and national data documenting the specific challenges for woman and BIPOC owned small business in accessing traditional financing options; and

**WHEREAS**, there are additional tools that Cook County could explore to leverage a spectrum of program models and resources to expand access to small business debt and equity financing and influence local financial institution; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Government is committed to supporting inclusive economic development and small businesses for all parts of Cook County and pursuing an Access to Capital initiative will further this work; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we request the Cook County Finance Committee to hold a meeting to discuss data surrounding Access to Capital and potential opportunities for Cook County to implement an Access to Capital program including hearing from industry experts, the Bureau of Economic Development, Cook County’s partner Next Street, and any other relevant speakers on this issue.

**A motion was made by Commissioner K. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, to accept as substituted 22-4706. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo Jr., Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Sims and Lowry (2)

**22-4706**

**Sponsored by:** KEVIN B. MORRISON, ALMA E. ANAYA, FRANK J. AGUILAR, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), PETER N. SILVESTRI and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE TO FILE 22-4706**

**Sponsored by:** KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION REQUESTING A MEETING OF THE COOK COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES TO ADDRESS ACCESS TO CAPITAL CHALLENGES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IN COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Policy Roadmap, presented by President Preckwinkle in 2018, emphasizes creating Vital Communities through a goal of pursuing inclusive economic and community growth by supporting residents, growing businesses, attracting investment, and nurturing talent; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Policy Roadmap section on Vital Communities contains the objective to, support expanded opportunities for local businesses, women or Black, Brown, Indigenous Nations, and Asian American-owned businesses and firms owned by people living with disabilities and a goal to expand Cook County’s toolbox of available resources for small- and medium-sized businesses and entrepreneurs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners supports that goal and seeks to see greater opportunity for small businesses and entrepreneurs to thrive in their districts; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, the Board of Commissioners passed a resolution calling for an outside evaluation of the suburban Cook County small business ecosystem and the needs of those small businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County retained Next Street to conduct this evaluation and present the findings to the Cook County Economic Development Advisory Committee’s Small Business sub-committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the resulting report and data from Next Street’s evaluation led to recommendation and launch of several programs including small business grant programs, manufacturing grant programs, and the Cook County Small Business Source; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Equity Fund Report released in 2022 includes a policy recommendation to develop the small business and entrepreneurship ecosystem, especially for Black and Latine residents, to reduce the racial wealth gap and further states; and

**WHEREAS**, the Equity Fund Report further states, “Black and Latine business owners and entrepreneurs face significant disparities in access to capital at every stage, from early business development to expansion to emergency needs. This limits the survival and growth rate of these companies and limits wealth building in Black and Latine communities. Cook County should strategically target this support to suburban Cook County communities, which lack the existing private and nonprofit assistance available in the City of Chicago”; and

**WHEREAS**, the most requested service from small businesses to the Cook County Small Business Source is help with access to capital; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2020, Cook County Small Business Source has supported over 2700 small businesses with direct assistance. The businesses that have been served have been 55% women-owned businesses, 67% Black, Brown, Indigenous Nations, and Asian American-owned businesses, and 46% have 0-5 employees; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Small Business Source data shows that businesses requesting financing support tend to be smaller and more diverse; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County's Bureau of Economic Development and the Economic Development Advisory Committee's Small Business Sub- Committee have considered both local and national data documenting the specific challenges for woman and BIPOC owned small business in accessing traditional financing options; and

**WHEREAS**, there are additional tools that Cook County could explore to leverage a spectrum of program models and resources to expand access to small business debt and equity financing and influence local financial institution; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Government is committed to supporting inclusive economic development and small businesses for all parts of Cook County and pursuing an Access to Capital initiative will further this work; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we request the Cook County Finance Committee to hold a meeting to discuss data surrounding Access to Capital and potential opportunities for Cook County to implement an Access to Capital program including hearing from the Bureau of Economic Development and Cook County's partner Next Street.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Bureau of Economic Development report back to the Cook County Finance Committee in nine months on the role of Cook County can be with Access to Capital programs and potential funding options.

**A motion was made by Commissioner K. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, to recommend for approval as substituted 22-4706. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo Jr., Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Sims and Lowry (2)

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

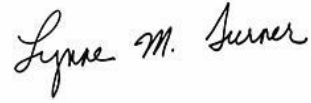
**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo Jr., Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Sims and Lowry (2)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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

**FINANCE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2022  
TOTALS FISCAL YEAR 2022 TO PRESENT AND TO BE APPROVED FOR THIS MEETING**

**SPECIAL COURT CASES**

**SPECIAL COURT CASES APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2022 TO PRESENT: \$3,872,158.17**

**SPECIAL COURT CASES TO BE APPROVED: \$453,200.43**

**PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS**

**PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2022 TO PRESENT: \$45,165,319.87**

**PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS TO BE APPROVED: \$23,901,218.30**

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS**

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2022 TO PRESENT: \$7,182,188.21**

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS TO BE APPROVED: \$967,768.24**