



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

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

**11:00 AM Cook County Building, Board Room, Rm 569
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Silvestri, Commissioners Boykin, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (5)

Absent: Vice Chair Fritchey Commissioner Gainer (2)

Also Present: Commissioners Arroyo, Morrison, and Steele; Donald J. Pechous, Deputy State's Attorney, Chief, Civil Actions Bureau; Megan Inskeep, Assistant State's Attorney; Colleen Cavanaugh, Assistant State's Attorney; Scott Golden, Assistant State's Attorney; William Ragen, Assistant State's Attorney, Supervisor, Medical Litigation Section

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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

There were no public speakers

16-5210

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 7/13/2016

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, to approve 16-5210. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Silvestri, Commissioners Boykin, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (5)

Absent: Vice Chair Fritchey Commissioner Gainer (2)

CASE DISPOSITION SUMMARY REPORTS

16-4830

Presented by: DONALD J. PECHOUS, Deputy State's Attorney, Deputy Chief, Civil Actions Bureau

- *Complex Litigation Section, 4/2/2016 - 8/19/2016*
- *Conflicts Counsel Unit, 6/27/2016 - 8/19/2016*
- *Labor and Employment Section, 4/2/2016 - 8/19/2016*
- *Medical Litigation Section, 6/1/2016 - 6/30/2016*

A motion was made by Commissioner Boykin, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, to recommend for receiving and filing 16-4830. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Silvestri, Commissioners Boykin, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (5)

Absent: Vice Chair Fritchey Commissioner Gainer (2)

Commissioner Tolbolski, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, moved to convene in *Executive Session*. The motion carried.

Commissioner Tolbolski, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, moved to return in *Regular Session*. The motion carried.

CASES PENDING LITIGATION

14-1134

Presented by: DONALD J. PECHOUS, Deputy State's Attorney, Deputy Chief, Civil Actions Bureau

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: Justin Washington v. Cook County

Case Number: 13 C 7715

A motion was made by Commissioner Tobolski, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, to withdraw 14-1134. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Silvestri, Commissioners Boykin, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (5)

Absent: Vice Chair Fritchey Commissioner Gainer (2)

16-2961

Presented by: DONALD J. PECHOUS, Deputy State's Attorney, Deputy Chief, Civil Actions Bureau

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: Denise Bass for Donail Weems v County of Cook d/b/a Provident Hospital

Case Number: 15 L 5879

A motion was made by Commissioner Tobolski, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 16-2961. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Silvestri, Commissioners Boykin, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (5)

Absent: Vice Chair Fritchey Commissioner Gainer (2)

16-4471

Presented by: DONALD J. PECHOUS, Deputy State's Attorney, Chief, Civil Actions Bureau

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: County of Cook v Anthony Brucci, et al.

Case Number: 16 CH 160

A motion was made by Commissioner Tobolski, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 16-4471. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Silvestri, Commissioners Boykin, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (5)

Absent: Vice Chair Fritchey Commissioner Gainer (2)

16-5109

Presented by: DONALD J. PECHOUS, Deputy State's Attorney, Deputy Chief, Civil Actions Bureau

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: Cook County Sheriff's Office v Cook County on Human Rights and Cynthia Walker

Case Number: 13 CH 17663, 1-15-0718

A motion was made by Commissioner Tobolski, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 16-5109. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Silvestri, Commissioners Boykin, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (5)

Absent: Vice Chair Fritchey Commissioner Gainer (2)

16-5125

Presented by: DONALD J. PECHOUS, Deputy State's Attorney, Deputy Chief, Civil Actions Bureau

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: Adams, Rico v. Cook County

Case Number: 13 L 11844

A motion was made by Commissioner Tobolski, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 16-5125. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Silvestri, Commissioners Boykin, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (5)

Absent: Vice Chair Fritchey Commissioner Gainer (2)

CASES PRESENTED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

14-0422

Presented by: DONALD J. PECHOUS, Deputy State's Attorney, Deputy Chief, Civil Actions Bureau

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: Wajih Tadros (Estate of Mary Tadros) v. County of Cook

Case Number: 13L8577

A motion was made by Commissioner Boykin, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to recommend for receiving and filing 14-0422. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Silvestri, Commissioners Boykin, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (5)

Absent: Vice Chair Fritchey Commissioner Gainer (2)

16-5126

Presented by: DONALD J. PECHOUS, Deputy State's Attorney, Deputy Chief, Civil Actions Bureau

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: Redmond, Ida v. County of Cook

Case Number: 13 L 10318

A motion was made by Commissioner Boykin, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to recommend for receiving and filing 16-5126. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Silvestri, Commissioners Boykin, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (5)

Absent: Vice Chair Fritchey Commissioner Gainer (2)

SPECIAL STATE'S ATTORNEY'S INVOICES FOR APPROVAL

16-4528

Presented by: DONALD J. PECHOUS, Deputy State's Attorney, Deputy Chief, Civil Actions Bureau

- 1) In Re: Level Assessment Litigation
Case Nos. 2004 Tax Obj. No. 05 COTO 3938
2005 Tax Obj. No. 07 COTO 1618
2006 Tax Obj. No. 07 COTO 0779
2007 Tax Obj. No. 08 COTO 5700
2008 Tax Obj. No. 09 COTO 6258
Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Steven Puiszis and the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP
- 2) Alberto Martinez, et al. v. City of Chicago, et al.
Case No: 09 C 5938
Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Matthew R. Henderson and the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP

- 3) Alberto Martinez, et al. v. City of Chicago, et al.
Case No: 09 C 5938
Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Matthew R. Henderson and the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP
- 4) Jackson, Shirley E. v Cook County Health and Human Services
Case No. 14 L 4343
Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Jason A. Parson and the firm of Anderson, Rasor & Partners, LLP
- 5) Chicago Tribune Company v Cook County Assessor's Office
Case No: 16 CH 4992
Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Matthew R. Henderson and the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP
- 6) United States of America, et al. v
Trial Isotopes Inc. et al.
Case No. 11 C 8098
Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC
- 7) Percy, Taylor v Sheriff Dart, et.al.
Case No. 13 C 1856, 13 C 6512, 15 C 5919
Case No. 14 L 6617
Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC
- 8) Hector Avalos, et al. v Robert Vais, et al.
Case No. 14 L 1734
Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney William Oberts and the Firm of Tribler, Orpett & Meyer, PC
- 9) Hector Avalos, et al. v Robert Vais, et al.
Case No. 14 L 1734
Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney William Oberts and the Firm of Tribler, Orpett & Meyer, PC
- 10) Joshua Sharp v Smith, Michael, et al
Case No: 15 C 11510
Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney William B. Oberts and the Firm of Tribler Orpett & Meyer, P.C.
- 11) Joshua Sharp v Smith, Michael, et al
Case No: 15 C 11510
Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney William B. Oberts and the Firm of Tribler Orpett & Meyer, P.C.

- 12) Joshua Sharp v Smith, Michael, et al
Case No: 15 C 11510
Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney William B. Oberts and the Firm of Tribler Orpett & Meyer, P.C
- 13) Hudson v. Preckwinkle, et al.
Case No: 13 C 8752
Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Paul O'Grady and the Firm of Peterson Johnson & Murray Chicago, LLC
- 14) Hudson v. Preckwinkle, et al.
Case No: 13 C 8752
Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Paul O'Grady and the firm of Peterson Johnson & Murray Chicago, LLC
- 15) United States of America v. Cook County, et al.
Case No: 10 C 2946
In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Paul O'Grady and the firm of Peterson Johnson & Murray Chicago, LLC
- 16) United States of America v. Cook County, et al.
Case No: 10 C 2946
Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Paul O'Grady and the firm of Peterson Johnson & Murray Chicago, LLC
- 17) United States of America, et al. v Trial Isotopes Inc. et al.
Case No. 11 C 8098
Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC
- 18) Percy, Taylor v Sheriff Dart, et.al.
Case No. 13 C 1856, 13 C 6512, 15 C 5919
Case No. 14 L 6617
Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC
- 19) Edwards, Madeline etc. v County of Cook
Case No. 15 L 6800
Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Anne Stalder Nelson and the firm of Anderson, Rasor & Partners, LLP

- 20) Taylor v Cook County Sheriff's Office, et al
Court No. 13 C 1856
Taylor v Cook County Sheriff's Office, et al
Court No. 15 C 5919
Taylor, et al. v Cook County Sheriff Thomas Dart et al.
Court No. 14 L 6617
Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney James M. Lydon and the Firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP
- 21) Hernandez v. Cook County Sheriff's Department, et al.
Case No: 07 C 855
Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Terrence F. Guolee and the Firm of Querrey & Harrow, Ltd.
- 22) Re: Level Assessment Litigation
Case Nos. 2004 Tax Obj. No. 05 COTO 3938
2005 Tax Obj. No. 07 COTO 1618
2006 Tax Obj. No. 07 COTO 0779
2007 Tax Obj. No. 08 COTO 5700
2008 Tax Obj. No. 09 COTO 6258
Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Steven Puiszis and the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP
- 23) Cook County Board of Ethics v Joseph Berrios
Case No. 14 CH 4951
Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Steven M. Puiszis and the Firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP
- 24) Chicago Tribune Company v Cook County Assessor's
Case No. 16 CH 4992
In re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Steven M. Puiszis and the Firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP
- 25) Terrill Swift v. City of Chicago, et al.
Case No: 12 L 12995
Michael Saunders v. City of Chicago, et al.
Case No: 12 CV 09158
Vincent Thames v. City of Chicago, et al.
Case No: 12 CV 09170
Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Patricia C. Bobb and the Law Offices of Patricia C. Bobb & Associates, P.C.

- 26) Holliman v Cook County et al.
Case No. 15 C 9050
In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney John C. Coyne and the
Law Office of John C. Coyne

A motion was made by Commissioner Tobolski, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, to concur with the recommendation of the Special State's Attorney and authorize payments for the invoices listed above, which are in compliance with the County's Attorney-Fee Guidelines. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Silvestri, Commissioners Boykin, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (5)
Absent: Vice Chair Fritchey Commissioner Gainer (2)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Boykin, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Silvestri, Commissioners Boykin, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (5)
Absent: Vice Chair Fritchey Commissioner Gainer (2)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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