



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

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

11:00 AM

**Cook County Building, Board Room, Rm 569
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Silvestri, Vice Chair Fritchey, Commissioners Boykin, Gainer, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (7)

Absent: None

Also Present: Commissioners Daley, Garcia, Morrison, and Steele; Donald J. Pechous, Deputy State's Attorney, Chief, Civil Actions Bureau; Joyce Schoonover, Director of Risk Management, Cook County Health and Hospital System; Thomas Nowinski, Assistant State's Attorney, Deputy Supervisor, Tors/Civil Rights Litigation; Anthony Zecchin, Assistant State's Attorney

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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

1. George Blakemore, concerned citizen

16-6070

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 9/13/2016

A motion was made by Commissioner Tobolski, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, to approve 16-6070. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Silvestri, Vice Chair Fritchey, Commissioners Boykin, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (6)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer (1)

CASE DISPOSITION SUMMARY REPORTS

16-5878

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

▪ *Torts & Civil Rights* 9/ 13/2016 - 10/25/2016

A motion was made by Commissioner Boykin, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, to recommend for receiving and filing 16-5878. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Silvestri, Vice Chair Fritchey, Commissioners Boykin, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (6)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer (1)

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

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

CASES PENDING LITIGATION

14-0422

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

Case Number: 13L8577

A motion was made by Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 14-0422. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Silvestri, Vice Chair Fritchey, Commissioners Suffredin and Tobolski (4)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer (1)

Nay: Commissioners Boykin and Schneider (2)

16-5880

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: Sharp v. Smith, et al.

Case Number: 15 C 11510

A motion was made by Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 16-5880. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Silvestri, Vice Chair Fritchey, Commissioners Boykin, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (6)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer (1)

16-5886

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: Danny Romeo v. Thomas Dart

Case Number: 14 C 8703

A motion was made by Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 16-5886. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Silvestri, Vice Chair Fritchey, Commissioners Boykin, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (6)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer (1)

16-5894

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: Roland, Tyrese v Thomas Dart and Cook County

Case Number: 14 C 10661

A motion was made by Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 16-5894. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Silvestri, Vice Chair Fritchey, Commissioners Boykin, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (6)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer (1)

16-5898

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: Fincher, Dexter v. Cook County

Case Number: 15 L 6626

A motion was made by Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 16-5898. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Silvestri, Vice Chair Fritchey, Commissioners Boykin, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (6)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer (1)

16-5914

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: Pindak v. Public Building Commission, et al.

Case Number: 10 C 6237

A motion was made by Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 16-5914. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Silvestri, Vice Chair Fritchey, Commissioners Boykin, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (6)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer (1)

16-5915

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: Wilson-Hewitt v. Cook County, et al.

Case Number: 15 L 1443

A motion was made by Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 16-5915. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Silvestri, Vice Chair Fritchey, Commissioners Boykin, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (6)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer (1)

16-5916

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: Conwell v. Johnsen, et al.

Case Number: 12 C 10062

A motion was made by Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 16-5916. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Silvestri, Vice Chair Fritchey, Commissioners Boykin, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (6)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer (1)

SPECIAL STATE'S ATTORNEY'S INVOICES FOR APPROVAL

16-5777

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

1) *Chicago Tribune Company v Cook County Assessor's Office*

Case No:16 CH 4992

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Matthew R. Henderson and the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP

2) *Leonard Grasso v Cook County Sheriff, et al.*

Case No. 15 C 10510

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney John C. Coyne and the Law Office of John C. Coyne

3) *Percy, Taylor v Sheriff Dart, et.al.*

Case No. 13 C 1856, 13 C 6512, 15 C 5919

Case No. 14 L 661

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC

4) *Blanchard, Patrick v. Joseph Berrios*

Case No: 13 CH 1430

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Alexander Polikoff and the Business and Professional People for the Public Interest

5) *Jackson, Shirley E. v Cook County Health and Human Services*

Case No. 14 L 4343

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Jason A. Parson and the firm of Anderson, Rasor & Partners, LLP

6) *United States of America, et al. v Triad Isotopes Inc. et al.*

Case No. 11 C 8098

In 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

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC

8) *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

9) *Chicago Tribune Company v Cook County Assessor's Office*

Case No: 16 CH 4992

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Matthew R. Henderson and the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP

10) *Hudson v. Preckwinkle, et al.*

Case No: 13 C 8752

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

11) *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

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, 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 16-5777. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Silvestri, Vice Chair Fritchey, Commissioners Boykin, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (6)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer (1)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Chairman Silvestri, Vice Chair Fritchey, Commissioners Boykin, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (6)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer (1)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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