



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

9:30 AM

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

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

ATTENDANCE

Present Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Moore Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor, Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: Commissioners: Gainer, McCaskill, Miller (3)

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

Ayes: Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Moore Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor, Vásquez (15)

Excused Absence: Commissioners: McCaskill, Miller (2)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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

1. Christal Beyer -Marham Public Library
2. Todd Miller -Niles-Maine District Library
3. Anne Slaughter- Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS)
4. Monica Harris -RAILS
5. Skye Lavin -Forest Park Public Library

25-2711

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 04/09/2025.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to approve 25-2711. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Moore Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor, Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: Commissioners: Gainer, McCaskill, Miller (3)

COURT ORDERS

25-2451

REPORT

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

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

Report Period: April 1, 2025 through April 30, 2025

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 Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to recommend for receiving and filing 25-2451. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Moore Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor, Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: Commissioners: Gainer, McCaskill, Miller (3)

SPECIAL COURT CASES

25-2708

Firm: (1) Lawrence Oliver II - Special Prosecutor (2) Sidley Austin - Deputy Special Prosecutor (3) FTI Consulting (4) Lawrence Rosen and (5) Wendy Muchman
Attorney(s): Lawrence Oliver II
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor
Case No.(s): 82 CR 1221 & 88 CR 7771
Date of This Order: 04/25/2025
Time period: 01/01/2025 - 02/28/2025
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$Lawrence Oliver II - \$4,212.50, FTI Consulting \$10,332.40
Paid to Date: \$841,739.00
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

25-2714

Firm: Garcia & DeCostanza, P.C.
Special State's Attorney(s): Angelica M. Felix
Case Name: In Re Estate of Ramiro Garcia
Case No.(s): 2025 P 0690
Time period: 02/03/2025 - 04/07/2025
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$2,145.00
Paid to Date: \$0.00
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve the SPECIAL COURT CASES. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Moore Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor, Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: Commissioners: Gainer, McCaskill, Miller (3)

PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS

25-1925

Case: John Fulton v. Robert Bartik, et al.,
Case No: 20-cv-3118
Settlement Amount: \$7,450,000.00
Fixed Charges Department: 1250 (Office of the State's Attorney)
Payable to: John Fulton and Loevy & Loevy
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 02/05/2025
Subject matter: Alleged violation of civil rights

25-1927

Case: Anthony Mitchell v. Robert Bartik, et al.,
Case No: 20-cv-3119
Settlement Amount: \$7,450,000.00
Fixed Charges Department: 1250 (Office of the State's Attorney)
Payable to: Anthony Mitchell and Loevy & Loevy
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 02/05/2025
Subject matter: Alleged violation of civil rights

25-2100

Case: Ostrow, et al. v. Dart, et al.
Case No: 24-cv-1877
Settlement Amount: \$70,000.00
Fixed Charges Department: 1210 Office of the Sheriff General Liability
Payable to: People's Law Office
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: alleged civil rights violation

25-2665

Case: Damien Crosby v. Cook County Health, et al
Case No: 2023L12072
Settlement Amount: \$300,000.00
Fixed Charges Department: 4897 - John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County - General Liability
Payable to: Damien Crosby and Thomas Law
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 01/12/2025
Subject matter: alleged tort on premises

25-2650

Case: Kirsten Sonntag v. Cook County, et al.
Case No: 2021-cv-4935
Settlement Amount: \$1,000,000.00
Fixed Charges Department: 1210-Office of the Sheriff
Payable to: Kirsten Sonntag and Hamilton & Hennessy, LLC
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: October 2022
Subject matter: Federal Civil Rights lawsuit filed by Plaintiff against Cook County for death/suicide while in custody of Cook County Jail

25-2660

Case: Jacob Morales v. Cook County, Illinois
Case No: 23-c-1334
Settlement Amount: \$15,000.00
Fixed Charges Department: 4240- Cermak Health Services of Cook County
Payable to: Jacob Morales and his appointed attorney, Justin K. Beyer, Saul Ewing, LLP
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: An allegation of a civil rights violation

25-2663

Case: Summerville, Natasha, Mother and next friend of Nasir Summerville v. Cook County
Case No: 23 L 5369
Settlement Amount: \$24,500,000.00
Fixed Charges Department: 899 (Health)
Payable to: Multiple - See Attachment A
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 04/09/2025
Subject matter: Settlement of a medical malpractice claim.

25-2664

Case: Harrington, Shia and Shaundale, individually and parents of Shamir Tatum v. Cook County
Case No: 22 L 5912
Settlement Amount: \$4,000,000.00
Fixed Charges Department: 899 (Health)
Payable to: Multiple - See Attachment A
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 02/05/2025
Subject matter: Settlement of medical malpractice claim.

25-1730

Case: Colon, Gabriel v. Officer Krkobabic, et al.,
Case No: 23 C 1821
Settlement Amount: \$5,000.00
Fixed Charges Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections
Payable to: Gabriel Colon
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 05/14/2025
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

25-2202

Case: McNichols v. Dart, et al.
Case No: 22 cv 3435
Settlement Amount: \$2,000.00
Fixed Charges Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections
Payable to: Colin McNichols
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

25-2204

Case: Tillman v. Szul
Case No: 22 cv 6388
Settlement Amount: \$1,000.00
Fixed Charges Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections
Payable to: Kenneth Tillman
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: An allegation of a civil rights violation

25-2433

Case: Smith, Janiyah v. Dart, et al.
Case No: 24 M1 300967
Settlement Amount: \$6,000.00
Fixed Charges Department: 1210 - Office of the Sheriff
Payable to: Ambrose Butzen Law Group and Janiyah Smith
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of automobile negligence

25-2462

Case: Dixon, Marquita v. Murray, et al.
Case No: 25cv00355
Settlement Amount: \$80,000.00
Fixed Charges Department: 499 (Public Safety)
Payable to: The Law Offices of Jeffrey J Neslund
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

25-2603

Case: Diaz, Alex v. Physician Taiwo, et al
Case No: 23 C 2513
Settlement Amount: \$1,000.00
Fixed Charges Department: 4240 - Cermak Health Services of Cook County
Payable to: Alex Diaz
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve the PROPOSED SETTLEMENT CASES. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Moore Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor, Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: Commissioners: Gainer, McCaskill, Miller (3)

WORKERS' COMPENSATION SETTLEMENTS/DECISIONS REPORTS

25-2538

REPORT

Department: Civil Actions Bureau

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Payments Following Cook County State's Attorney's Office - Litigated Settlements & Awards

Report Period: April 9, 2025 - May 13, 2025

Summary: Authorization to Pay Workers' Compensation Settlements & Awards

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to recommend for approval 25-2538. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Moore Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor, Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: Commissioners: Gainer, McCaskill, Miller (3)

WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS PAYMENT REPORT

25-2627

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Claim Payments

Report Period: 03/01/2025 - 03/31/2025

Summary: The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month ending March 2025. Payments total \$1,210,464.43

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 25-2627. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Moore Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor, Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: Commissioners: Gainer, McCaskill, Miller (3)

25-1907

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Payments - Risk Management Settlements

Report Period: 04/01/2025 - 04/30/2025

Summary: Authority to pay Workers' Compensation Settlements

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 25-1907. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Moore Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor, Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: Commissioners: Gainer, McCaskill, Miller (3)

QUARTERLY LITIGATION DISBURSEMENT REPORT

25-1909

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: Quarterly Litigation Disbursements Report Q1 FY 2025

Report Period: 12/01/2024 - 02/28/2025

Summary: The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information paid proposed settlement for Q1 fiscal year 2025. Payments total \$9,420,008.98

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to recommend for approval 25-1909. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Moore Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor, Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: Commissioners: Gainer, McCaskill, Miller (3)

PATIENT/ARRESTEE CLAIMS REPORT

25-2642

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: Receive and File - Patient Arrestee Claims

Report Period: The month ending March 31, 2025

Summary: The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information a summary of Patient Arrestee Claims for the month ending 3/31/2025 - Total: \$ **40,172.87**

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to recommend for approval 25-2642. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Moore Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor, Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: Commissioners: Gainer, McCaskill, Miller (3)

SELF-INSURANCE CLAIMS REPORT

25-1903

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: Receive and File - Self Insurance Claims

Report Period: Month ending March 31, 2025

Summary: The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information Self Insurance Claims for the month ending March 31, 2025. Payments total: \$ **6,111.36**

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to recommend for approval 25-1903. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Moore Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor, Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: Commissioners: Gainer, McCaskill, Miller (3)

CLAIMS RECOVERY SETTLEMENTS

25-2285

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: Receive and File - Subrogation Claim Recoveries

Report Period: Month ending April 30, 2025

Summary: Submitting for your information a summary of Claim Recoveries for the month ending April 30, 2025, Total Recoveries: \$13,024.08 - Number of Recoveries: 6

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to recommend for approval 25-2285. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Moore Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor, Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: Commissioners: Gainer, McCaskill, Miller (3)

COMPTROLLERS

25-2679

REPORT

Department: Comptroller

Report Title: Analysis of Revenues and Expenses Report

Report Period: Report for Four-month period ended March 31, 2025

Summary: Analysis of Revenues and Expenses Report for the four-month period ended March 31, 2025, for the Corporate, Public Safety, Health, Grants and Special Purpose funds of Cook County. The report presents estimates of revenues and expenses expected to occur during the fiscal period compared to actual revenues and expenses recorded

A motion was made by Commissioner S. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to recommend for receiving and filing 25-2679. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Moore Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor, Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: Commissioners: Gainer, McCaskill, Miller (3)

HEALTH & HOSPITAL

25-1169

REPORT

Department: Cook County Health

Report Title: CCH Monthly Report

Report Period: May 2025

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 S. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to recommend for receiving and filing 25-1169. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Moore Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor, Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: Commissioners: Gainer, McCaskill, Miller (3)

25-1754

Presented by: XOCHITL FLORES, Chief, Bureau of Economic Development

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Bureau of Economic Development

Vendor: Women's Business Development Center, Chicago Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to renew and increase contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Grant Administrator for Cook County Cannabis Development Fund

Original Contract Period: 3/1/2024 - 5/31/2025, [with two (2), one (1) year renewal options

Proposed Amendment Type: Renewal and Increase

Proposed Contract Period: 6/1/2025 - 5/31/2026

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$4,000,000.00

Original Approval (Board or Procurement): Board, 3/14/2024, \$338,757.46

Increase Requested: \$1,500,000

Previous Board Increase(s): 6/13/24, 3,661,242.54

Previous Chief Procurement Officer Increase(s): N/A

Previous Board Renewals: N/A

Previous Chief Procurement Officer Renewals: N/A

Previous Board Extension(s): N/A

Previous Chief Procurement Officer Extension(s): N/A

Contract Utilization: The Contract Specific goal set on this Contract is Zero.

Potential Fiscal Impact: FY 2025 \$1,300,000, FY 2026 \$200,000

Accounts: 11287.1027.39007.520830.00000.00000

Contract Number(s): 2419-01041

Summary: This increase and first of two (2), one (1) year renewal options will allow the Bureau of Economic Development to continue to receive services from the Grant Administrator for Cook County Cannabis Development Fund.

Exhibit 1, item G in the original contract states "If additional funding is allocated to the CBD Fund in future years, WBDC's services agreement with Cook County may be renewed. The scope of work for the renewal will build off of this scope of work for the pilot round of CBD Fund grants and be scaled according to the specific parameters of the new round of grants to be awarded."

The fund received \$1.5M in additional funds from the Cook County Equity Fund for FY25. There are two elements of the revised scope. The majority of funds will be awarded as grants to businesses who were deemed eligible in the FY24 grant application cycle but were not awarded due to priority scoring factors. The second will be to offer technical assistance to social equity cannabis companies

This is a Sole Source Procurement pursuant to Section 34-139 of the Cook County Procurement Code.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Aguilar, to accept as substituted 25-1754. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Moore Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor, Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: Commissioners: Gainer, McCaskill, Miller (3)

25-1754

Presented by: XOCHITL FLORES, Chief, Bureau of Economic Development

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO FILE 25-1754 -

Presented by: XOCHITL FLORES, Chief, Bureau of Economic Development

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Bureau of Economic Development

Vendor: Women's Business Development Center, Chicago Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to renew and increase contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Grant Administrator for Cook County Cannabis Development Grant Program_

Original Contract Period: 3/1/2024 - 5/31/2025, with two (2), one (1) year renewal options

Proposed Amendment Type: Renewal and Increase

Proposed Contract Period: 6/1/2025 - 5/31/2026

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$4,000,000.00

Original Approval (Board or Procurement): Board, 3/14/2024, \$338,757.46

Increase Requested: \$459,381.13

Previous Board Increase(s): 6/13/24, 3,661,242.54

Previous Chief Procurement Officer Increase(s): N/A

Previous Board Renewals: N/A

Previous Chief Procurement Officer Renewals: N/A

Previous Board Extension(s): N/A

Previous Chief Procurement Officer Extension(s): N/A

Contract Utilization: The Contract Specific goal set on this Contract is Zero.

Potential Fiscal Impact: FY 2025 \$350,000.00, FY 2026 \$109,381.13

Accounts: 11287.1027.39007.520830.00000.00000

Contract Number(s): 2419-01041

Summary: This item reflects a budget increase and first of two (2), one (1) year renewal options to allow the Bureau of Economic Development to continue to receive services from the Grant Administrator for Cook County Cannabis Development Fund.

Exhibit 1, item G in the original contract states "If additional funding is allocated to the CBD Fund in future years, WBDC's services agreement with Cook County may be renewed. The scope of work for the renewal will build off of this scope of work for the pilot round of CBD Fund grants and be scaled according to the specific parameters of the new round of grants to be awarded."

The program received an additional \$1,500,000 in Equity Funds in the FY25 Budget as adopted by the Board of Commissioners. This renewal will allow the WBDC to continue launch and deliver a new technical assistance program to cannabis businesses, measure program impact via survey and follow up with 2024 and 2025 grantees, and verify eligibility for up to 12 previously eligible (but not awarded) applicants. BED will distribute up to \$900,000 in grant funds to recipients.

This is a Sole Source Procurement pursuant to Section 34-139 of the Cook County Procurement Code.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Scott, to recommend for approval as substituted 25-1754. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Moore Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor, Vásquez (12)

Present: Commissioners: Degnen (1)

Excused Absence: Commissioners: Britton, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller (4)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), JOHN P. DALEY, BILL LOWRY, SCOTT R. BRITTON, KEVIN B. MORRISON, FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR and JESSICA VÁSQUEZ, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE EQUITY FUND GRANT AWARD TO REACHING ACROSS ILLINOIS LIBRARY SYSTEM (RAILS)

WHEREAS, in November 2021, the Cook County Board of Commissioners passed Resolution No. 21-5542 creating a special purpose fund for Equity and Inclusion (“Equity Fund”) dedicated to addressing historical disparities and disinvestment communities that are marginalized or have experienced other social and economic disparities; and

WHEREAS, through the Equity Fund, intentional investments from government resources are allocated to address historical and continued disparities and disinvestment, (as defined in the Equity Report) and to bring advocates, service providers, and other partners to the table as thought partners and decision-makers; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 24-5299 provided for the Office of the Cook County Board President (“President’s Office”) to receive an allocation of \$850,000 in Equity Funds to support the utilization of digital navigators as part of its broader Digital Equity Action plan; and

WHEREAS, public libraries serve as digital hubs in communities, often providing the only access to computing devices and the internet in Cook County households and are ideally positioned to address gaps in digital access and knowledge disparities through public wi-fi and computing centers, device lending programs, digital skills classes, workforce development and learning resources and one-on-one help; and

WHEREAS, the President’s Office seeks an Implementation Partner to lead the design and implementation of a Digital Navigator Network for suburban Cook County libraries; and

WHEREAS, Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS) is a Regional Library System, a government agency established by state law (75 ILCS 10/, the Illinois Library System Act) and funded by the Secretary of State through the Illinois State Library to “encourage cooperation among all types of libraries in promoting the sharing of library resources, including digital resources;” and

WHEREAS, RAILS is headquartered in Cook County and serves approximately 1250 private, public, school, and university library agencies in the northern and west-central areas of the state of Illinois, including all public libraries in Suburban Cook County; and

WHEREAS, RAILS' core services include interlibrary delivery, continuing education and consulting resources for library employees and trustees, shared catalog and cataloging support, e-content services, networking opportunities for library employees, and targeted grant funding; and

WHEREAS, as a trusted partner to our member libraries, and in collaboration with Cook County and other stakeholders, RAILS will facilitate the design and implementation of a model for a Digital Navigator Network that serves Cook County residents through their public libraries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the issuance of an Equity Fund Grant Award to RAILS in the amount of \$850,000 for the design and implementation of a County-supported, library-led Digital Navigator Network that will improve library services and create stronger connections among public libraries and County government.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to recommend for approval 25-2339. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Degnen, Moore Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor, Vásquez (13)

Excused Absence: Commissioners: Britton, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller (4)

25-2405

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CREATION OF SPECIAL PURPOSE FUND FOR FRAUD CASE SETTLEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office ("SAO") has received settlement funds stemming from insurance fraud and other types of civil and criminal lawsuits; and

WHEREAS, certain insurance fraud settlement collections were accounted within the General Fund in FY24, prior to the creation of this special purpose fund; and

WHEREAS, under the Insurance Claims and Fraud Prevention Act (the "ICFPA") when the SAO has proceeded with an action, a portion of settlement funds shall be used to investigate, prosecute and prevent additional or future insurance fraud claims by augmenting existing budgets rather than replacing them, 740

ILCS 92/25(f); and

WHEREAS, under the ICFPA when the SAO or the Attorney General decline to intervene in an action, the settlement funds allocated to the SAO shall be used to investigate, prosecute and prevent crime by augmenting existing budgets rather than replacing them, 740 ILCS 92/25(h); and

WHEREAS, under the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act (the “ICFDBA”) funds collected pursuant to court order or settlement are payable to victims in restitution, and may also be applied to civil penalties and costs, 815 ILCS 505/7 and 10; and

WHEREAS, because an existing fund for these sources of funds currently does not exist within Cook County, a special purpose fund shall be created to separately account for such funds and shall be used pursuant to applicable state law, court orders and settlement agreements.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Budget Director and Comptroller are authorized to create and implement a Special Purpose Fund (the “State’s Attorney Fraud Case Settlements Fund”) for monies issued pursuant to governing statute from the investigation, prosecution and settlements of insurance fraud and other fraud cases.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funds directed to the SAO or to Cook County will only be placed in the State's Attorney Fraud Case Settlement Fund if directed by and in accordance with governing law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Budget Director and Comptroller shall be authorized to transfer \$602,607.49 from the General Fund into the State’s Attorney Fraud Case Settlements Fund and such other funds as appropriate to comply with laws, court orders and settlement agreements related to funds received by the SAO.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Budget Director and Comptroller, in conjunction with the SAO shall identify the State’s Attorney Fraud Case Settlements Fund and associated programming in financial documents, as well as issue reports on a regular basis regarding the sources, uses and purposes of the funds.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to recommend for approval 25-2405. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Degnen, Moore Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor, Vásquez (13)

Excused Absence: Commissioners: Britton, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller (4)

25-2781

PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Department: President's Office

Summary: In accordance with Resolution 24-5299, the President's Office will provide a presentation on the annual progress of the Equity Fund...end

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Vásquez, to recommend for receiving and filing 25-2781. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Degnen, Moore Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor, Vásquez (13)

Excused Absence: Commissioners: Britton, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller (4)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Degnen, Moore Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor, Vásquez (13)

Excused Absence: Commissioners: Britton, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller (4)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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

FINANCE MEETING OF MAY 14, 2025

TOTALS FISCAL YEAR 2025 TO PRESENT AND TO BE APPROVED FOR THIS MEETING

SPECIAL COURT CASES APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2025 TO PRESENT: \$510,078.45

SPECIAL COURT CASES TO BE APPROVED: \$16,689.90

PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS

PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2025 TO PRESENT: \$12,452,126.51

PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS TO BE APPROVED: \$44,880,000.00