



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

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

10:00 AM

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

Issued on: 12/11/2025

ATTENDANCE

Present: Britton, Degnen, Morita, Morrison, Trevor and Stamps (6)

Absent: Lowry (1)

A motion was made by Commissioner Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to allow for remote participation in meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Morita, Trevor and Stamps (5)

Absent: Lowry and Morrison (2)

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

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

1) Zoe Leigh - Concerned Citizen

2) George Blakemore - Concerned Citizen

3) Dennis White - Concerned Citizen

[26-0387](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 11/19/2025

A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to approve 26-0387. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Morrison, Trevor and Stamps (5)

Absent: Lowry and Morita (2)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, that this was convene executive session.. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Morrison, Trevor and Stamps (5)

Absent: Lowry and Morita (2)

A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to reconvene regular session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Morita, Morrison, Trevor and Stamps (6)

Absent: Lowry (1)

[25-4147](#)

Presented by: TIRRELL PAXTON, Inspector General

REPORT

Department: Office of the Independent Inspector General

Report Title: Independent Inspector General Quarterly Report, 3rd Quarter 2025

Report Period: July 1, 2025 - September 30, 2025

Summary: This report was written in accordance with Section 2-287 of the Independent Inspector General Ordinance, Cook County, Ill., Ordinances 07-O-52 (2007) (“OIIG Ordinance”), to apprise the President and the County Board of the activities of this office during the time period beginning July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025. It is being placed on the County Board meeting agenda for receipt and file or referral to the Litigation Committee pursuant to Section 2-287 of the OIIG Ordinance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Stamps, to receive and file 25-4147. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Morita, Morrison, Trevor and Stamps (6)

Absent: Lowry (1)

[26-0368](#)

CASE DISPOSITION SUMMARY REPORT

Civil Rights/Torts Section

October 1, 2025 - November 30, 2025

Labor & Employment Section

October 1, 2025 - November 30, 2025

Medical Litigation Section

November 1, 2025 - November 30, 2025

Municipal Litigation Section

October 1, 2025 - November 30, 2025

A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Stamps, to receive and file 26-0368. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Morita, Morrison, Trevor and Stamps (6)

Absent: Lowry (1)

[26-0369](#)

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: *Al Abadi, Umniat v. County of Cook et al., Ayyash, Emad, individually, and as father of Sam Ayyash, A minor child v. County of Cook, et al.*

Case Number: 23 L 8410 and 23 L 8547

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to approve 26-0369. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Morita, Morrison, Trevor and Stamps (6)

Absent: Lowry (1)

[26-0373](#)

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: *Caples, Bernadette v. County of Cook*

Case Number: 25 L 2258

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to approve 26-0373. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Morita, Morrison, Trevor and Stamps (6)

Absent: Lowry (1)

[26-0374](#)

REPORT

Department: Civil Actions Bureau

Report Title: Outside Counsel Invoices

Report Period: 11/13/2025 - 12/17/2025

Summary: Special State's Attorneys and Special Assistant State's Attorneys' Invoices for Approval

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to approve 26-0374. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Morita, Morrison, Trevor and Stamps (6)

Absent: Lowry (1)

[26-0375](#)

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: *Krystyna Szuwart (Est. of Zdzislaw Szuwart) v. Cook County*

Case Number: 24 L 14096

A motion was made by Commissioner Morita, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 26-0375. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Morita, Morrison, Trevor and Stamps (6)

Absent: Lowry (1)

[26-0376](#)

PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING

Department: State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

Request: Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Case Name: Appointment of Outside Counsel

Case Number: N/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Morita, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 26-0376. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Morita, Morrison, Trevor and Stamps (6)

Absent: Lowry (1)

ADJOURNMENT

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

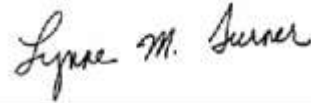
Ayes: Britton, Degnen, Morita, Morrison, Trevor and Stamps (6)

Absent: Lowry (1)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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