

**Minutes of the Cook County
Board of Ethics – Open Session
June 25, 2025 at 2:00 pm**

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Location: 69 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602
Conference Room F

Attendance:

Present: Marvis Barnes, Vice Chair Hon. Rachael Sinnen, Chair Seth Rau, DHRE Staff.

Absent: None.

Open Session

A. Call to Order

Chair Seth Rau called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

B. Agenda Approval

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Vice Chair Hon. Sinnen and seconded by Board Member Barnes. The motion was carried by the following vote:

- **Ayes:** Chair Seth Rau, Vice Chair Hon. Rachael Sinnen, Marvis Barnes.
- **Nays:** None.

C. Statements by the General Public

- No statements by the General Public.

D. April 24, 2025 Regular Meeting Open Minutes – Board Review and Approval

A motion to approve the April 24, 2025 regular meeting open minutes was made by Vice Chair Hon. Sinnen and seconded by Board Member Barnes. The motion was carried by the following vote:

- **Ayes:** Chair Seth Rau, Vice Chair Hon. Rachael Sinnen, Marvis Barnes.
- **Nays:** None.

E. Director's Report

- Director King provided updates on ethics activity for the last quarter (March 1, 2025 – May 30, 2025), which included the current number of open investigations, requests for investigations, advisory opinions provided, and inquiries submitted to DHRE staff. Director King noted there was an increase in the number of staff opinions issued and a decrease in the number of inquiries, which could be related to the recent completion of the Ethics Annual Training. Inquiries regarding disclosures comprised the majority of inquiries handled in the quarter. DHRE Policy Analyst provided updates on new guidance being drafted for social media usage by Elected Officials and Cook

County employees. Guidance will be ready for the Board review at the July meeting.

Closed Session

At 2:06 p.m., a motion to move into Closed Session was made by Vice Chair Hon. Rachel Sinnen and seconded by Board Member Marvis Barnes.

Open Session

At 4:39 p.m., the Board reconvened to Open Session.

I. Voting Regarding Executive Session Items, if any:

a. April 24, 2025, Regular Meeting Closed Minutes – Board Vote

A motion to approve the April 24, 2025 regular meeting closed minutes was made by Vice Chair Hon. Sinnen and seconded by Board Member Barnes. The motion was carried by the following vote:

- **Ayes:** Chair Seth Rau, Vice Chair Hon. Rachael Sinnen, Marvis Barnes.
- **Nays:** None.

b. Notices of Determination – Board Vote

- **2023I001** - A motion to approve the notice of determination as revised for 2023I001 was made by Vice Chair Hon. Sinnen and seconded by Board Member Barnes. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.
- **2024I001** - A motion to approve the notice of determination as revised for 2024I001 was made by Vice Chair Hon. Sinnen and seconded by Board Member Barnes. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.
- **2025I001** - A motion to approve the notice of determination for 2025I001 was made by Vice Chair Hon. Sinnen and seconded by Board Member Barnes. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

J. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 4:42 p.m. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Minutes submitted by DHRE Staff.

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