

**Minutes of the Cook County
Board of Ethics – Open Session
February 2, 2023, at 2:00pm**

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Location: 69 W. Washington St., and Microsoft Teams

Attendance:

Present: Thomas Szromba, Dr. Susan Gaffney, Von Matthews, Antara Nath Rivera, DHRE Staff

Absent: Hon. Marcus Salone

Open Session

A. Call to Order

Chair Szromba called the meeting to order at 2:05pm

B. Approval to allow Board Member to join meeting virtually.

A motion to allow Hon. Marcus Salone to join the meeting via Microsoft Teams was made by Board Member Susan Gaffney, seconded by Board Member Antara Nath Rivera. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chair Szromba, Susan Gaffney, Von Matthews, and Antara Nath Rivera

Nays: None

Absent: Hon. Marcus Salone

C. Agenda Approval

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Board Member Von Matthews, seconded by Board Member Susan Gaffney. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chair Szromba, Susan Gaffney, Von Matthews, and Antara Nath Rivera

Nays: None

Absent: Hon. Marcus Salone

D. Statements by the General Public

Todd Theilmann

E. December 15, 2022, Regular Meeting Closed Minutes – Board Review

A motion to adopt the December 15, 2022, Regular Meeting Closed Minutes as amended was made by Board Member Matthews, seconded by Board Member Gaffney. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chair Szromba, Susan Gaffney, Von Matthews, and Antara Nath Rivera

Nays: None

Absent: Hon. Marcus Salone

F. Director's Report

Closed Session

A motion to move into Executive Session to discuss DHRE Case Pending Report was made by Board Member Rivera, seconded by Board Member Gaffney. The purpose of entering closed session was for the following reasons: to hear evidence in investigations in the Board's quasi-adjudicatory capacity, for discussions of probable, imminent, or pending investigations/litigation, attorney-client communications, and pre-decisional deliberative process. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Open Session

At 3:36 p.m., the Commission reconvened to Open Session.

I. December 15, 2022, Regular Meeting Closed Minutes – Approval

A motion to approve the December 15, 2022, Regular Closed Minutes was made by Board Member Gaffney, seconded by Board Member Rivera. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chair Szromba, Susan Gaffney, Von Matthews, and Antara Nath Rivera

Nays: None

Absent: Hon. Marcus Salone

J. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Gaffney, seconded by Board Member Rivera. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Commission staff.

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