

**Minutes of the Cook County
Board of Ethics – Open Session
March 23, 2023, at 2:00pm**

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

Attendance:

Present: Chair Thomas Szromba, Dr. Susan Gaffney, Antara Nath Rivera, Marcus Salone, DHRE Staff

Absent: None

Virtual: Von Matthews

Open Session

A. Call to Order

Chair Thomas Szromba called the meeting to order at 2:02pm

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

A motion to allow Von Matthews to join the meeting via Microsoft Teams was made by Board Member Gaffney, seconded by Board Member Nath Rivera. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chair Thomas Szromba, Susan Gaffney, Marcus Salone, and Antara Nath Rivera

Nays: None

Absent: None

C. Agenda Approval

A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Board Member Gaffney, seconded by Board Member Nath Rivera. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

D. Statements by the General Public

No statements from the public.

E. February 2, 2023, Regular Meeting Open Minutes – Board Review and Approval

A motion to adopt the February 2, 2023, Regular Meeting Closed Minutes was made by Board Member Gaffney, seconded by Board Member Nath Rivera. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

F. Director's Report

G. Proposed Amendment to Ethics Procedural Rules, Sections 3.10 and 8.1 – Board Review and Vote

A motion to approve the amended rules, inclusive of the updated amendment, was made by Board Member Nath Rivera, seconded by Board Member Gaffney. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chair Thomas Szromba, Susan Gaffney, Marcus Salone, and Antara Nath Rivera

Nays: None

Absent: None

Closed Session

At 2:21 p.m., a motion to move into Closed Session to discuss DHRE Case Pending Report was made by Board Member Salone, seconded by Board Member Nath Rivera. 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 3:25 p.m., the Commission reconvened to Open Session.

L. February 2, 2023, Regular Meeting Closed Minutes – Board Approval

A motion to approve the February 2, 2023, Regular Meeting Closed Minutes was made by Board Member Salone, seconded by Board Member Nath Rivera. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

M. Voting Regarding Executive Session Items

A motion to close investigations 21 I 005-B and 22 I 002 was made by Board Member Nath Rivera, seconded by Board Member Gaffney. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

N. Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Commission staff.

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