

# **Board of Commissioners of Cook County**

# Minutes of the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

### 12:00 PM

**Tuesday, July 18, 2017** 

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

# **ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Silvestri, Fritchey, Boykin, Gainer, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (7)

#### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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

1. George Blakemore

17-3675

### **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 6/6/2017

A motion was made by Commissioner Boykin, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to approve 17-3675. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Fritchey, Boykin, Gainer, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (7)

# 17-3875

Presented by: CHAKA M. PATTERSON, Deputy State's Attorney, Chief, Civil Actions Bureau

# SPECIAL STATE'S ATTORNEY'S INVOICES FOR APPROVAL

Chicago Tribune Company v. Cook County Assessor's Office

Case No: 16 CH 4992

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Steven M. Puiszis and the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP

Tab Item No. 1

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In Re: Level Assessment Litigation

Case Nos. 2004 Tax Obj. No. 05 COTO 3938

2005 Tax Obj. No. 07 COTO 1618

2006 Tax Obj. No. 07 COTO 0779

2007 Tax Obj. No. 08 COTO 5700

2008 Tax Obj. No. 09 COTO 6258

Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Steven M. Puiszis and the

firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP

### Tab Item No. 2

United States of America, et al. v. Triad Isotopes Inc. et al.

Case No. 11 C 8098

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC

### Tab Item No. 3

Percy, Taylor v. Sheriff Dart, et al.

Case No. 13 C 1856, 13 C 6512, 15 C 5919

Case No. 14 L 6617

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm

of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC

# Tab Item No. 4

Shakman, et al. v. Cook County Recorder of Deeds

Case No. 69 C 2145

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Dana L. Kurtz and

the firm of Law Office of Kutz, LTD

### Tab Item No. 5

United States of America v. Cook County, et al.

Case No: 10 C 2946

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Paul O'Grady and the firm of Peterson Johnson & Murray Chicago, LLC

Tab Item No. 6

Stewart Title Guaranty Company v. Nicholas Grapsas

Case No. 2015 L 4520 and 2012 P 3203

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney John H. Scheid, Jr. and the

firm of Pretzel & Stouffer, Chartered

Tab Item No. 7

Chatman v. City of Chicago, et al.

Case No: 14 C 2945

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney V. Brette Bensinger and the

firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP

Tab Item No. 8

----- Percy, Taylor v. Sheriff Dart, et al.

Case No. 13 C 1856, 15 C 5919

Case No. 14 L 6617

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney James M. Lydon and the firm of Hinshaw & Culberton, LLP

Tab Item No. 9

Lanahan v. Blanchard, et al.

Case No: 69 C 2145

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney V. Brette Bensinger and the

firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP

Tab Item No. 10

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, to recommend for approval 17-3875. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Fritchey, Boykin, Gainer, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (7)

### **Convene Exec Session**

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Boykin to convene executive session.

# **Reconvene to Regular Session**

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Boykin to reconvene regular session..

#### 17-3876

Presented by: CHAKA M. PATTERSON, Deputy State's Attorney, Chief, Civil Actions Bureau

### CASE DISPOSITION SUMMARY REPORT

Civil Rights Section 6/7/2017 - 7/5/2017 Conflict Counsel Unit 5/26/2017 - 6/30/2017

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, to recommend for approval 17-3876. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Fritchey, Boykin, Gainer, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (7)

17-4194

Presented by: CHAKA M. PATTERSON, Deputy State's Attorney, Chief, Civil Actions Bureau

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:** Stotler, Helen v. Cook County

**Case Number:** 14 L 7980

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 17-4194. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Fritchey, Boykin, Gainer, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (7)

17-4197

Presented by: CHAKA M. PATTERSON, Deputy State's Attorney, Chief, Civil Actions Bureau

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: Ginez, Omar (Est. Xochitl Flores) v. Cook County

**Case Number:** 13 L 4651

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 17-4197. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Fritchey, Boykin, Gainer, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (7)

#### 17-4198

Presented by: CHAKA M. PATTERSON, Deputy State's Attorney, Chief, Civil Actions Bureau

# 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: Liu, Shugui (Est. Shujuan Chen) v. Cook County

**Case Number:** 15 L 3699

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 17-4198. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Fritchey, Boykin, Gainer, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (7)

#### 17-4199

Presented by: CHAKA M. PATTERSON, Deputy State's Attorney, Chief, Civil Actions Bureau

# 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: Jackson, Shirley v. Cook County

**Case Number:** 14 L 4343

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 17-4199. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Fritchey, Boykin, Gainer, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (7)

### 17-4270

Presented by: CHAKA M. PATTERSON, Deputy State's Attorney, Chief, Civil Actions Bureau

#### 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:** Percy Taylor v. Sheriff Dart, et al.

**Case Number:** 13 C 1856, 13 C 6512, 15 C 5919, 14 L 6617, 16 CH 4127

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, to recommend for receiving and filing 17-4270. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Fritchey, Boykin, Gainer, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (7)

17-4196

Presented by: CHAKA M. PATTERSON, Deputy State's Attorney, Chief, Civil Actions Bureau

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: Jones, Kayla et al. v. Women for Women Healthcare, Cook County, et al.

**Case Number:** 14 L 8178

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, to recommend for receiving and filing 17-4196. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aves:** Silvestri, Fritchey, Boykin, Gainer, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (7)

17-4273

Presented by: CHAKA M. PATTERSON, Deputy State's Attorney, Chief, Civil Actions Bureau

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:** United States v. Cook County, et al.

Case Number: 10 C 2946

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, to recommend for receiving and filing 17-4273. The motion carried by the following vote: Ayes:

Silvestri, Fritchey, Boykin, Gainer, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (7)

#### 17-4212

Presented by: CHAKA M. PATTERSON, Deputy State's Attorney, Chief, Civil Actions Bureau

# 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: Smentek v. Dart, et al.

Case Number: 09 C 529

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Boykin, to recommend for receiving and filing 17-4212. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Fritchey, Boykin, Gainer, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (7)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Ayes: Silvestri, Fritchey, Boykin, Gainer, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (7)

Respectfully submitted,

Peter N. Silvetu.

Chairman Secretary

A video recording of this meeting is available at https://cook-county.legistar.com.