



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

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

1:00 PM

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There were no registered public speakers.

[19-1365](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 12/11/2018

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 19-1365. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-0018](#)

Presented by: VELISHA HADDOX, Chief, Bureau of Human Resources

REPORT

Department: Bureau of Human Resources

Report Title: Bureau of Human Resources Labor Division Settlement Report for the month ending 1/31/2019

Report Period: Labor Division Settlement Report for the month ending 1/31/2019

Summary: The Bureau of Human Resources submits for review the Bureau of Human Resources Labor Division Settlement Report for the month ending 1/31/2019.

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to receive and file 19-0018. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

CONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

The committee met in Executive Session

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to reconvene regular session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-1235](#)

Presented by: KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

SPECIAL STATE'S ATTORNEY'S INVOICES FOR APPROVAL

Conflict Cases:

Stewart Title Guaranty Company v. Nicholas Grapsas, et al.

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. 1

Brown, et al. v. Cook County, et al., 17 C 8085

Howard, et al. v. Cook County, et al., 17 C 8146

Diana Caloca v. Cook County, et al., 17 C 9056

Madeline Ramos Cook County, et al., 18 C 00274

Falguni Dave v. Cook County, et al., 18 C 2949

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Christina M. Egan and the firm of McGuire Woods, LLP.

Tab Item No. 2

Donald J. Pechous v. Cook County State's Attorney's Office

Thomas Cargie v. Cook County State's Attorney's Office

Margaret Jane Campos v. Cook County State's Attorney's Office

Margaret J. Campos v. Cook County State's Attorney's Office

Bronwyn Sears v. Cook County State's Attorney's Office

Case No. 18 L 2499

Case No. 2018CA1238, 2018CA1239, 2018CA1240, 2018CA1241

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Anthony L. Schumann and the firm of Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A.

Tab Item No. 3

Brown v. Cook County, et al.

Case No. 17 C 8085

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Michael W. Condon and the firm of Hervas, Condon & Bersani, P.C.

Tab Item No. 4

Armando Serrano v. City of Chicago, et al. and

Jose Montanez v. City of Chicago, et al.

Case No. 17 C 2869 and 17 C 4560

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Paula S. Quist and the firm of Jones Day.

Tab Item No. 5

Consolino v. Dart, et al.

Case No. 17 C 9011

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Justin L. Leinenweber and the firm of Leinenweber, Baroni & Daffada, LLC.

Tab Item No. 6

Tate v. Dart, et al.

Case No. 18 CH 2749

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Justin L. Leinenweber and the firm of Leinenweber, Baroni & Daffada, LLC.

Tab Item No. 7

Teamsters Local 700 v. Dart, et al.

Case No. L-CA-18-032

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Justin L. Leinenweber and the firm of Leinenweber, Baroni & Daffada, LLC.

Tab Item No. 8

Administration of the Electronic Monitoring Program, and Taphia Williams v. Cook County, et al.

Case No. 18 C 1456

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Richard Gleason and the firm of O'Mara Gleason O'Callaghan, LLC.

Tab Item No. 9

Consolino, et al. v. Cook County, et al.

Case No. 17 C 9011

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Michael A. Kuczwarra and the firm of Laner Muchin, LTD.

Tab Item No.10

Tate v. Cook County, et al.

Case No. 18 CH 2749

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Michael A. Kuczwarra and the firm of Laner Muchin, LTD.

Tab Item No.11

Teamsters Local 700 v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al.

Case No. L-CA-18-032

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Michael A. Kuczwarra and the firm of Laner Muchin, LTD.

Tab Item No.12

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. 13

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. 14

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 & Culbertson, LLP.

Tab Item No. 15

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 James M. Lydon and the
firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP.

Tab Item No. 16

Stephanie Zugschwert v. Cook County Sheriff's Office, et al.

Case No. 16 CH 4992

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

Tab Item No. 17

Ladarius Harris v. Village of Ford Heights, et al.

Case No. 17 C 4184

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

Tab Item No. 18

River Oaks Center, LLC, et al. v. Maria Pappas

Case No: 2016 COTO 2835

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. 19

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. 20

Hartison v. Sheriff of Cook County.

Case No. 18 L 3398

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. 21

Zaborowski, et al. v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al.

Case No. 08 C 6946

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. 22

Patricia Hicks v. Cook County Sheriff's Office, et al.

Jasmin McBride and Lorenzo Smith v. Cook County Sheriff's Office, et al.

Case No. 15 C 6852 and 17 C 4951

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. 23

Renee Young v. Dart, et al.

Case No. 18 C 1438

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. 24

Antonio Perry v. Starks, et al.

Case No. 16 C 4557

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. 25**Non-Conflict Cases**

Joel Vargas v. Dart, et al., 18 C 1598

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Re: Provide Legal Advice regarding Insurance

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In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Stephanie A. Scharf and the
firm of Scharf Banks Marmor, LLC.

Tab Item No. 1

Martenia Shyne, et al. v. Cook County, et al., 18 C 1231

Miguel Lopez v. Thomas J. Dart, et al., 17-0733

Miguel Lopez v. Thomas J. Dart, et al., 17-0733

Steven Cruz v. Thomas J. Dart, et al., 17-0915

Steven Cruz v. Thomas J. Dart, et al., 17-0915

Latoya Ruffin Stanford v. Cook County, et al., 15 CH 5722

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Stephanie A. Scharf and the
firm of Scharf Banks Marmor, LLC.

Tab Item No. 2

Acevedo v. Dart, et al., 18 C 1128

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In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Stephanie A. Scharf and the
firm of Scharf Banks Marmor, LLC.

Tab Item No. 3

Goral, et al. v. Dart, et al., 18-1646

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Geral Schmidt v. Cook County Sheriff, et al.

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In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Stephanie A. Scharf and the

firm of Scharf Banks Marmor, LLC.

Tab Item No. 4

Thomas J. Dart v. Karyn Williams

Case No: 18 CH 8624

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Stephanie A. Scharf and the firm of Scharf Banks Marmor, LLC.

Tab Item No. 5

Michno v. Cook County Sheriff's Office, et al.

Hernandez v. Cook County Sheriff's Office, et al.

Case No: 07 C 855

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Terrence F. Guolee and the Firm of Querrey & Harrow, LTD.

Tab Item No. 6

Mercado v. Rosado

Case No: 07 C 855

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Kenneth Ulrich and the firm of Goldberg Kohn, LTD.

Tab Item No. 7

Re: Provide Legal Advice Regarding Insurance Coverage

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In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State's Attorney Kenneth Ulrich and the firm of Goldberg Kohn, LTD.

Tab Item No. 8

Appellate Project

Austin v. Dart, et al., 17 CH 15362

Bolton v. Dart, et al., 16 CH 14809

Brooks v. Dart, et al., 18 CH 02579

Cintron v. Dart, et al., 17 CH 5547

Cruz v. Dart, et al., 17 CH 15283

Dennis-Brown v. Dart, et al., 18 CH 01508

Kavroulakis v. Dart, et al., 18 CH 2928

Pietryla v. Dart, et al., 17 CH 15753

Pryzbyla v. Dart, et al., 17 CH 15644

Servant v. Dart, et al., 18 CH 2892

Sorrentino v. Dart, et al., 17 CH 16657

Springer v. Dart, et al., 18 CH 00684

Vukmarkaj v. Dart, et al., 17 CH 12793

Zuniga v. Dart, et al., 16 CH 02820

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

Tab Item No. 9

Monae v. Dart, et al., and Simpson v. Dart, et al.

Case No: 18 C 0424 and 18 C 0553

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for Special State’s Attorney Robert T. Shannon and the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP.

Tab Item No. 10

Carr, et al. v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al., 18 C 4475

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McFields, et al. v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al., 17 C 7135

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Whitney v. Khan, et al., 18 C 4475

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In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for Special State’s Attorney Monica Gutowski and the firm of Johnson & Bell, Ltd.

Tab Item No. 11

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 19-1235. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-1248](#)

Presented by: KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

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: Discussion of Privilege and Other Issues

Case Number: N/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-1248. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-1252](#)

Presented by: KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

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: *Juan Mercado (Est. Gizzell Ford) and Sandra Mercado v. Norell Rosado, M.D.*

Case Number: 14 L 7337

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-1252. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (5)

Present: Lowry and Suffredin (2)

[19-1256](#)

Presented by: KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

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: *Crystal Brown, et al. v. Cook County, et al., Sdahrie Howard, et al. v. Cook*

County, et al. Diana Caloca v. Cook County, et al., Madeline Ramos v. Cook County, et al., Falguni Dave v. Cook County, et al.,

Case Number: 17 C 8085, 17 C 8146, 17 C 9056, 18 C 2949, 18 C 274

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to defer 19-1256. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-1306](#)

Presented by: KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

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: Budgets for Conflict Cases

Case Number: N/A

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to receive and file 19-1306. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-1260](#)

Presented by: KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

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: Michael Baker v. Cook County

Case Number: 15 L 10115

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to receive and file 19-1260. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Present: Britton (1)

[19-1264](#)

Presented by: KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

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: *Jariah Richardson, a minor by her Guardian, Devon Bank, et al., v. County of Cook, et al.*

Case Number: 17 L 3439

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to receive and file 19-1264. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-1268](#)

Presented by: KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

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: *Cases related to Percy Taylor v. Dart*

Case Number: 2017 IL App (1st) 143684-B

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 19-1268. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-1272](#)

Presented by: KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

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: *Harold Richardson v. City of Chicago, et al. Vincent Thames v. City of Chicago, et al., Michael Saunders v. City of Chicago, et al.*

Case Number: 12 C 9158, 12 C 9184, 12 C 9170

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 19-1272. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-1276](#)

Presented by: KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

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 Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 19-1276. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-1310](#)

Presented by: KIMBERLY M. FOXX, Cook County State's Attorney

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: Budgets for Non-Conflict Cases

Case Number: N/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 19-1310. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (7)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman

Secretary

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