



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

Monday, May 10, 2021

11:05 AM

Virtual Meeting

ATTENDANCE

Present: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, S. Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Johnson (1)

Also Present: Aguilar (1)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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

No Public Speakers

[21-3067](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 4/13/2021

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 21-3067. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, S. Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Johnson (1)

[21-3041](#)**SPECIAL STATE'S ATTORNEY'S INVOICES FOR APPROVAL***Castro, et al. v. Dart, et al.*

Case No: 19 C 0471

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

Tab Item No. 1*Fields v. Dart, et al.*

Case No. 19 C 2680

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. 2*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. 3*Johnson v. Brown, et al., 17 C 6249**Johnson v. Taylor, et al., 18 C 5263*

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

Tab Item No. 4*Lukasik, et al. v. Thomas Nortman, et al., 18 L 10893*

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. 5*Strickland v. Dart, et al.*

Case No: 19 C 2621

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

Tab Item No. 6

DeLeon Reyes v. Rey Guevara, et al.

Case No. 18 C 1028

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Elizabeth A. Ekl and
the firm of Reiter Burns, LLP.

Tab Item No. 7

Mays v. Dart, et al.

Case No. 20 C 2134

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. 8

Maysonet v. Guevara, et al.

Case No. 18 C 2342

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

Sopron v. Cassidy, et al.

Case No. 19 C 8254

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. 10

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

Case No. 17 L 10368

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. 11

Brown v. City of Chicago, et al.

Case No. 18 C 7064

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Patricia C. Bobb and
the firm of Patricia C. Bobb & Associates, P.C.

Tab Item No. 12

Beltran, David F. v. Thomas J. Dart

Case No. 19 CH 9268

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Monica Burkoth and
the firm of Johnson & Bell, LTD.

Tab Item No. 13

Scott v. Weyer, et al.

Case No. 19 C 5445

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney John C. Coyne and the Law
Offices of John C. Coyne

Tab Item No. 14

Joshua Washington v. Abishi Cunningham, et al.

Case No. 20 M6 009069

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Philip J. Fowler and
the firm of Karlin, Fleisher & Falkenberg, LLC.

Tab Item No. 15

Bless v. Cook County, et al.

Case No. 13 C 4271

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Burton S. Odelson and
the firm of Odelson Sterk, LTD.

Tab Item No. 16

DiFranco v. Karen Yarbrough, et al.

Case No. 20 COEL 24

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Burton S. Odelson and
the firm of Odelson Sterk, LTD.

Tab Item No. 17

Brown v. Dart, et al., 18 L 12632

Reyes v. Dart, et al., 18 L 12511

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. 18

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. 19

Policemen's Benevolent Labor Committee v. Dart, et al.

Case No. L-CA-18-037

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. 20

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. 21

People v. K.W., et al.

Case No. 20 CR 3694

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for
Special State's Attorney Burton S. Odelson and
the firm of Odelson Sterk, LTD.

Tab Item No. 22

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to approve 21-3041. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, S. Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Johnson (1)

[21-3042](#)

CASE DISPOSITION SUMMARY REPORT

Civil Rights Section

March 29, 2021 - April 26, 2021

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 21-3042. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, S. Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Johnson (1)

[21-3043](#)

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: *Caroline J. Smith v. Dorothy A. Brown*

Case Number: 19 C 5238

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 21-3043. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, S. Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Johnson (1)

[21-3044](#)

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: *Cantrell v. Dart, et al.*

Case Number: 18 C 7008

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 21-3044. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, S. Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Johnson (1)

[21-3048](#)

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: *Ruby Wheelis-Debose (Est. Dawn Wheelis) v. Cook County, et al.*

Case Number: 18 L 7000

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 21-3048. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, S. Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Johnson (1)

[21-3052](#)

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: Report on Outside Counsel Invoices

Case Number: N/A

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 21-3052. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, S. Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Johnson (1)

[21-3053](#)

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 Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 21-3053. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, S. Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Johnson (1)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, S. Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Johnson (1)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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