



**Forest Preserve District of Cook County
Board of Commissioners**

Minutes of the Litigation Committee

9:00 AM

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morrison and Trevor (5)

Excused Absence: Morita and Stamps (2)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chairman Britton asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Forest Preserves Code of Ordinances, Section 1-5-4.

No public speakers.

25-0102

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 1/14/2025

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 25-0102. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, S. Morrison and Trevor (5)

Absent: Morita and Stamps (2)

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

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, S. Morrison and Trevor (5)

Absent: Morita and Stamps (2)

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

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, S. Morrison and Trevor (5)

Absent: Morita and Stamps (2)

25-0098

REPORT

Department: Legal Department

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Outside Counsel Invoices

Report Period: 1/15/2025 - 2/4/2025

Summary: Summary report of outside counsel invoices submitted in connection with Board Item No. 25-0099.

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to receive and filed 25-0098. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, S. Morrison and Trevor (5)

Absent: Morita and Stamps (2)

25-0099

INVOICES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

1. Invoices submitted for legal services 12/01/2024 through 12/31/2024 by Ancel Glink, P.C. for various litigated matters and a real estate related matter.
2. Invoices submitted for legal services 12/01/2024 through 12/31/2024 by Del Galdo Law Group, LLC for various litigated matters.
3. Invoices submitted for legal services 12/01/2024 through 12/31/2024 by Gildea, Coghlan & Regan, Ltd. for various litigated matters.
4. Invoice submitted for legal services 12/01/2024 through 12/31/2024 by Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLC for a litigated matter.

5. Invoices submitted for legal services 11/01/2024 through 12/31/2024 by Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins, Ltd. for a litigation matter, an employment matter, a municipal finance matter, and various real estate related matters.

6. Invoice submitted for legal services 11/01/2024 through 11/30/2024 by Neal & Leroy, LLC for a real estate related matter.

7. Invoices submitted for legal services 10/01/2024 through 11/30/2024 by Tristan & Cervantes for a litigated matter and an employment related matter.

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to concur with the recommendation of the Forest Preserve District attorneys on the legal matter(s) listed above 25-0099. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, S. Morrison and Trevor (5)

Absent: Morita and Stamps (2)

25-0100

CASES - INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

New Litigation:

Delos Reyes v. Sullivan and Forest Preserve District of Cook County - 2024 L 014475 (Circuit Court of Cook County)

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and filed 25-0100. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, S. Morrison and Trevor (5)

Absent: Morita and Stamps (2)

25-0101

CASES - INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

1. *Echevarria v. Forest Preserve District of Cook County, et al* - 20 CV 05271 (N.D. Ill.)
2. *Weiss v. Forest Preserve District of Cook County* - 24 L 002336 (Circuit Court of Cook County)

3. *Forest Preserve District of Cook County v. Chicago Title Land Trust Company, an Illinois corporation, as successor trustee of America Trust Company as Trustee under Trust Agreement Dated December 18, 1992 and known as Trust 36-4033; Allen Hoger; et al - 16 L 50357 (previously styled as 00 L 50709)*

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and filed 25-0101. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, S. Morrison and Trevor (5)

Absent: Morita and Stamps (2)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, S. Morrison and Trevor (5)

Absent: Morita and Stamps (2)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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