



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

Minutes of the Litigation Committee

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

9:00 AM

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Britton, Lowry, Morita, S. Morrison, Stamps and Trevor (6)

Absent: Degnen (1)

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to allow for remote participation in meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Morita, S. Morrison, Stamps and Trevor (6)

Absent: Degnen (1)

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.

[25-0060](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 12/17/2024

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to approve 25-0060. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Morita, S. Morrison, Stamps and Trevor (6)

Absent: Degnen (1)

25-0054

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Legal Department

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Outside Counsel Invoices

Report Period: 12/18/2024 - 1/14/2025

Summary: Summary report of outside counsel invoices submitted in connection with Board Item No. 25-0055.

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to approve 25-0054. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Morita, S. Morrison, Stamps and Trevor (6)

Absent: Degnen (1)

25-0055

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

INVOICES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

1. Invoices submitted for legal services 10/01/2024 through 11/30/2024 by Ancel Glink, P.C. for various litigated matters and a real estate related matter.
2. Invoices submitted for legal services 11/01/2024 through 11/30/2024 by Del Galdo Law Group, LLC for various labor related and litigated matters.
3. Invoice submitted for legal services 11/01/2024 through 11/30/2024 by DeVore & Radunsky for a litigated matter.
4. Invoice submitted for legal services 11/01/2024 through 11/30/2024 by Franczek, PC for a labor related matter.

5. Invoices submitted for legal services 11/01/2024 through 11/30/2024 by Gildea, Coghlan & Regan, Ltd. for various litigated matters.
6. Invoices submitted for legal services 11/01/2024 through 11/30/2024 by Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLC for a litigated matter, ordinance review and related template drafting.
7. Invoice submitted for legal services 11/01/2024 through 11/30/2024 by Miner, Barnhill & Galland for a real estate related matter.
8. Invoices submitted for legal services 10/01/2024 through 10/31/2024 by Odelson, Murphey, Frazier & McGrath, Ltd. for various litigated matters.
9. Invoices submitted for legal services 10/01/2024 through 10/31/2024 by Tristan & Cervantes for a litigated matter, an employment related matter and a real estate related matter.

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to concur with the recommendation of the Forest Preserve District attorneys on the legal matter(s) listed above 25-0055. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Morita, S. Morrison, Stamps and Trevor (6)

Absent: Degnen (1)

25-0056

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

CASES - INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

Report of Claims Settled Under \$30,000 per Ordinance 21-0270

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to receive and file 25-0056. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Morita, S. Morrison, Stamps and Trevor (6)

Absent: Degnen (1)

25-0057

CASES - INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

Quarterly Status Reports from Outside Counsel per Ordinance 21-0270

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to receive and filed 25-0057. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Morita, S. Morrison, Stamps and Trevor (6)

Absent: Degnen (1)

ADJOURNMENT


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

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Morita, S. Morrison, Stamps and Trevor (6)

Absent: Degnen (1)

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman



Secretary

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