



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

Minutes of the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation Committee

9:00 AM

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

**Mathew Bieszczat Volunteer Resource
Center, 6100 N Central Ave, Chicago,
Illinois**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison, Stamps and Trevor (7)

Absent: None (0)

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.

26-0351

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 06/09/2026

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Stamps, to approve 26-0351. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison, Stamps and Trevor (7)

Absent: None (0)

26-0344

REPORT

Department: Legal Department

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Outside Counsel Invoices

Report Period: 6/10/2026 - 7/7/2026

Summary: Summary report of outside counsel invoices submitted in connection with Board Item No. 26-0345.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to receive and file 26-0344. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison, Stamps and Trevor (7)

Absent: None (0)

26-0345

INVOICES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

1. Invoices submitted for legal services 05/01/2026 through 05/31/2026 by Ancel Glink, P.C. for various labor and litigated related matters, a real estate related matter and a research related matter.
2. Invoices submitted for legal services 04/01/2026 through 04/30/2026 by Burke, Burns & Pinelli, Ltd. for a labor matter, a litigated matter, a real estate related matter and a research related matter.
3. Invoice submitted for legal services 03/01/2026 through 05/31/2026 by the Cook County State's Attorney Office for ordinance enforcement and general matters.
4. Invoices submitted for legal services 05/01/2026 through 05/31/2026 by Del Galdo Law Group, LLC for various litigated and labor related matters.
5. Invoices submitted for legal services 04/01/2026 through 05/31/2026 by Franczek, PC for labor related matters.
6. Invoices submitted for legal services 05/01/2026 through 05/31/2026 by Gildea, Coghlan & Regan, Ltd. for various litigated matters.
7. Invoices submitted for legal services 04/01/2026 through 05/31/2026 by Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP for labor related matters and real estate related matters.

8. Invoice submitted for legal services 05/01/2026 through 05/31/2026 by Miner, Barnhill & Galland, P.C. for a real estate related matter

9. Invoices submitted for legal services 04/01/2026 through 04/30/2026 by Odelson, Murphey, Frazier & McGrath, Ltd. for various litigated, labor and real estate related matters.

10. Invoices submitted for legal services 04/01/2026 through 05/31/2026 by Schain Banks for litigated matters, a real estate related matter and a contract related matter.

11. Invoices submitted for legal services 03/01/2026 through 05/31/2026 by Tristan & Cervantes for a labor related matter.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to concur with the recommendation of the Forest Preserve District attorneys on the legal matter(s) listed above 26-0345. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison, Stamps and Trevor (7)

Absent: None (0)

26-0346

CASES - INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

Patricia A. Garrick v. Forest Preserve District of Cook County, et al - Cook County Case No. 2024-L-011574

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to receive and file 26-0346. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison, Stamps and Trevor (7)

Absent: None (0)

26-0347

CASES - INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to receive and file 26-0347. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison, Stamps and Trevor (7)

Absent: None (0)

CASES - INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

1. *Raymond Echevarria v. Forest Preserve District of Cook County, et al* - Cause No. 25-1781 (7th Cir.), appeal from No. 20-CV-5271 (N.D. Illinois)
2. *Katherine Fontaine v. Forest Preserve District of Cook County, et al* - Cause No. 2026-L-005003 (Cook County)
3. *Shelli Loesch, Ariel James & Fern Katz v. Forest Preserve District of Cook County, et al* - Cause No. 2025-L-015796 (Cook County)
4. *Shireen Rafati v. Forest Preserve District of Cook County, et al* - Cause No. 2025-L-064049 (Cook County)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to receive and file 26-0348. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison, Stamps and Trevor (7)

Absent: None (0)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, S. Morrison, Stamps and Trevor (7)

Absent: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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