

Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

Minutes of the Litigation Committee

9:00 AM

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

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

ATTENDANCE

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

Excused Absence: Stamps (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.

25-0142

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 02/04/2025.

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to approve 25-0142. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Stamps (1)

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

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

Absent: Stamps (1)

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

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

Absent: Stamps (1)

25-0136

CASE SETTLEMENTS

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 Trevor, to concur with the recommendation of the Forest Preserve District attorneys on the legal matter(s) listed above 25-0136. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Stamps (1)

25-0137

REPORT

Department: Legal Department

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Outside Counsel Invoices

Report Period: 2/5/2025 - 3/11/2025

Summary: Summary report of outside counsel invoices submitted in connection with Board Item No. 25-0138.

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to receive and file 25-0137. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Stamps (1)

25-0138

INVOICES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

- 1. Invoices submitted for legal services 01/01/2025 through 01/31/2025 by Ancel Glink, P.C. for various litigated matters.
- 2. Invoices submitted for legal services 12/01/2024 through 01/31/2025 by Del Galdo Law Group, LLC for various labor related and litigated matters.
- 3. Invoice submitted for legal services 12/01/2024 through 12/31/2024 by Franczek, P.C. for a labor related matter.
- 4. Invoices submitted for legal services 01/01/2025 through 01/31/2025 by Gildea, Coghlan & Regan, Ltd. for various litigated matters.
- 5. Invoices submitted for legal services 12/01/2024 through 01/31/2025 by Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLC for a litigated matter, various employment matters, and ordinance review and related template drafting.
- 6. Invoices submitted for legal services 12/01/2024 through 01/31/2025 by Miner, Barnhill & Galland, P.C. for a real estate related matter and a labor/employment related matter.
- 7. Invoice submitted for legal services 12/01/2024 through 12/31/2024 by Neal & Leroy, LLC for a real estate related matter.
- 8. Invoices submitted for legal services 11/01/2024 through 12/31/2024 by Odelson, Murphey, Frazier & McGrath, Ltd. for various litigated matters.

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to concur with the recommendation of the Forest Preserve District attorneys on the legal matter(s) listed above 25-0138. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Stamps (1)

25-0139

CASES - INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

Echevarria v. Forest Preserve District of Cook County, et al - 20 CV 05271 (N.D. Ill.)

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to receive and file 25-0139. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Stamps (1)

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Absent: Stamps (1)

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Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Secretary

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