



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

Minutes of the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation Committee

9:00 AM

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

**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)

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

Ayes: 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.

26-0232

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 03/10/2026

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to approve 26-0232. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused Absence: Stamps (1)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

Excused Absence: Stamps (1)

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

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

Excused Absence: Stamps (1)

26-0220

CASES PENDING LITIGATION

Permission to Try - *Patricia A. Garrick v. Forest Preserve District of Cook County, et al* - 2024 L 011574

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 26-0220. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused Absence: Stamps (1)

26-0221

REPORT

Department: Legal Department

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Outside Counsel Invoices

Report Period: 3/11/2026 - 4/14/2026

Summary: Summary report of outside counsel invoices submitted in connection with Board Item No. 26-0225.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 26-0221. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused Absence: Stamps (1)

26-0225

INVOICES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

1. Invoices submitted for legal services 08/01/2025 through 08/31/2025 and 01/01/2026 through 02/28/2026 by Ancel Glink, P.C. for various labor and litigated related matters and a real estate related matter.
2. Invoices submitted for legal services 12/01/2025 through 02/28/2026 by Burke, Burns & Pinelli, Ltd. for various litigated, labor and real estate matters.
3. Invoice submitted for legal services 12/01/2025 through 02/28/2026 by the Cook County State's Attorney Office for ordinance enforcement and general matters.
4. Invoices submitted for legal services 01/01/2026 through 02/28/2026 by Del Galdo Law Group, LLC for various labor and litigated related matters.
5. Invoices submitted for legal services 01/01/2026 through 01/31/2026 by Franczek, P.C. for various labor related matters.
6. Invoices submitted for legal services 01/01/2026 through 02/28/2026 by Gildea, Coghlan & Regan, Ltd. for various litigated matters.
7. Invoice submitted for legal services 01/01/2026 through 01/31/2026 by Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP for a litigated matter.
8. Invoices submitted for legal services 01/01/2026 through 02/28/2026 by Miner, Barnhill & Galland, P.C. for a real estate related matter and a labor related matter.
9. Invoices submitted for legal services 01/01/2026 through 01/31/2026 by Odelson, Murphey, Frazier & McGrath, Ltd. for various litigated, labor and real estate related matters.
10. Invoices submitted for legal services 12/01/2025 through 02/28/2026 by Schain Banks for a real state related matter and a contract related matter.

11. Invoices submitted for legal services 11/01/2025 through 12/31/2025 by Tristan & Cervantes for a real estate related matter and 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 26-0225. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused Absence: Stamps (1)

26-0226

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 Degnen, to receive and file 26-0226. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused Absence: Stamps (1)

26-0227

CASES - INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

A. New Matters

1. *Blanchard v. Forest Preserve District of Cook County, et al* - 26-cv-2104 (NDIL)
2. *Clemons v. T.O. and M.H.* - 25-cv-14261 (NDIL)
3. *Lawson v. Forest Preserve District of Cook County, et al*- Cook County No. 2026-L-003019
4. *IEPA VN L-2026-00015* (Compliance Commitment Agreement)

B. Existing Matters - Updates

1. *Johnson v. Forest Preserve District of Cook County, et al*- Cook County No. 2024-L-009275
2. *Mehta v. I&M Oil, et al., Forest Preserve District of Cook County, as Respondent in Discovery*
- Cook County No. 2025-L-010707
3. *Milan v. Forest Preserve District of Cook County* - Cook County No. 2022 CH 11940, Appellate
No. 1-24-1058, Illinois Supreme Court No. 132592
4. *Echevarria v. Forest Preserve District of Cook County, et al* - 20-cv-05271 (NDIL)

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 26-0227. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused Absence: Stamps (1)

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Excused Absence: Stamps (1)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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