



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

**Minutes of the Finance Committee**

**9:30 AM**

**Tuesday, April 8, 2025**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Anaya, K. Morrison, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller,  
Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (14)

**Excused Absence:** Degnen and Moore (2)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**Chairwoman Anaya 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.**

**25-0175**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 3/11/2025

**A motion was made by Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 25-0175. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Anaya, K. Morrison, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller,  
Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Degnen and Moore (2)

**25-0157**

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)** Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation - 4/8/2025

The Finance Subcommittee on Litigation met on the above listed date and recommends the following for approval:

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2025 to Present: \$3,500,000.00

Proposed Settlements to Be Approved: \$0.00

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2025 to Present: \$153,649.65

Legal Fees for 4/8/2025 to Be Approved: \$43,096.25

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Chairperson Lowry, to approve 25-0157. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Anaya, K. Morrison, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Degnen and Moore (2)

**25-0158**

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION)**

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation - 4/8/2025

The Finance Subcommittee on Workers' Compensation met on the above listed date and recommends the following for approval:

Workers' Compensation Claims approved Fiscal Year 2025 to present: \$59,208.41

Workers' Compensation Claims to Be Approved: \$180,324.70

**A motion was made by Commissioner S. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 25-0158. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Anaya, K. Morrison, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Degnen and Moore (2)

**25-0026**

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures

**Report Period:** 1/1/2025 - 2/28/2025

**Summary:** Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for February 2025.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to recommend for receiving and filing 25-0026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Anaya, K. Morrison, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Degnen and Moore (2)

**25-0121**

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Permits, Rentals and Concessions

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Concessions Annual Report - FY 2024

**Report Period:** 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024

**Summary:** On 3/15/2022, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approved the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) Concessions Ordinance (Board Item No. 22-0126) (the “Ordinance”). Under the Ordinance, the Forest Preserves is authorized to grant certain concession related permits and contracts. To assist with this process, the Forest Preserves implemented a Concessions Policy (Policy Number: 05.00.00) establishing the criteria by which the Forest Preserves will issue permits and contracts for concession opportunities to increase and improve visitor engagement by providing the public with access to complementary recreational activities, amenities and services while also generating revenue to support the mission of the Forest Preserves.

The Ordinance requires an annual report to the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on concession-related permits and contracts awarded by the Forest Preserves for part or all of the prior fiscal year and any concession opportunities currently available or anticipated to be made available by the Forest Preserves for the current year. The Concession Report describes the specific concessionaire permits and contracts that generated revenue in 2024 along with opportunities anticipated for 2025. In 2024, the Forest Preserves received \$2,422,421.00, a 33% increase over 2023.

**A motion was made by Commissioner S. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Scott, to recommend for receiving and filing 25-0121. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Anaya, K. Morrison, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (14)  
**Absent:** Degnen and Moore (2)

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Anaya, K. Morrison, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (14)  
**Absent:** Degnen and Moore (2)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairwoman



Secretary

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