



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

Minutes of the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation Committee

9:00 AM

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, S. Morrison and Trevor (5)

Excused Absence: Morita and Stamps (2)

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.

26-0128

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 12/16/2025

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to approve 26-0128. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, S. Morrison and Trevor (5)

Excused Absence: Morita and Stamps (2)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, S. Morrison and Trevor (5)

Excused Absence: Morita and Stamps (2)

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

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, S. Morrison and Trevor (5)

Excused Absence: Morita and Stamps (2)

26-0116

REPORT

Department: Legal Department

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Outside Counsel Invoices

Report Period: 12/17/2025 - 1/13/2026

Summary: Summary report of outside counsel invoices submitted in connection with Board Item No. 26-0117.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to receive and file 26-0116. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, S. Morrison and Trevor (5)

Excused Absence: Morita and Stamps (2)

26-0117

INVOICES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

1. Invoices submitted for legal services 04/01/2025 through 04/30/2025 and 11/01/2025 through 11/30/2025 by Ancel Glink, P.C. for various litigated matters and a labor related matter.
2. Invoice submitted for legal services 09/01/2025 through 11/30/2025 by the Cook County State's Attorney Office for ordinance enforcement and general matters.
3. Invoices submitted for legal services 11/01/2025 through 11/30/2025 by Del Galdo Law Group, LLC for various labor related and litigated matters.
4. Invoice submitted for legal services 08/01/2025 through 09/30/2025 by DeVore Radunsky, LLC for a litigated matter.
5. Invoices submitted for legal services 11/01/2025 through 11/30/2025 by Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLC for a litigated matter and a real estate related matter.

6. Invoices submitted for legal services 11/01/2025 through 11/30/2025 by Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins, Ltd. for a litigated matter, a real estate related matter and a tax related matter.
7. Invoices submitted for legal services 11/01/2025 through 11/30/2025 by Odelson, Murphey, Frazier & McGrath, Ltd. for various litigated matters, a labor related matter, and a real estate related matter.
8. Invoices submitted for legal services 10/01/2025 through 10/31/2025 by Tristan & Cervantes for a real estate related matter and a labor related matter.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to concur with the recommendation of the Forest Preserve District attorneys on the legal matter(s) listed above 26-0117. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, S. Morrison and Trevor (5)

Excused Absence: Morita and Stamps (2)

26-0119

CASES - INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

Report of Claim(s) Settled Under \$30,000 per Ordinance 21-0270

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to receive and file 26-0119. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, S. Morrison and Trevor (5)

Excused Absence: Morita and Stamps (2)

26-0120

CASES - INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

1. *Illinois Bell Telephone Co., d/b/a AT&T Illinois v. Forest Preserve District of Cook County* - Case No. 20251014223 (Cook County Court)
2. *Shelli Loesch and Ariel James v. Forest Preserve District of Cook County, et al* - 2025 L 015796 (Cook County Court)
3. *Nicole Milan v. Forest Preserve District of Cook County* - 2022 CH 11940 (Cook County Court); Appellate No. 1-24-1058; Illinois Supreme Court (Petition for Leave to Appeal)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to receive and file 26-0120. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, S. Morrison and Trevor (5)

Excused Absence: Morita and Stamps (2)

26-0121

CASES - INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

Quarterly Status Reports from Outside Counsel per Ordinance 21-0270

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to receive and file 26-0121. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, S. Morrison and Trevor (5)

Excused Absence: Morita and Stamps (2)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, S. Morrison and Trevor (5)

Excused Absence: Morita and Stamps (2)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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