



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

**Minutes of the Litigation Committee**

**Tuesday, January 24, 2023**

**9:00 AM**

**Cook County Building, Board Room,  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois  
(Board Room Closed to Public -  
Meeting Virtual for Public)**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (5)

**Absent:** Morita and Trevor (2) (Excused)

**A motion was made by Vice Chairperson BILL LOWRY, seconded by Commissioner BRIDGET DEGNEN, to allow for remote participation in meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (5)

**Absent:** Morita and Trevor (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

23-0159

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 12/13/2022

**A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 23-0159. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (5)

**Absent:** Morita and Trevor (2)

23-0144

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**INVOICES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL**

1. Invoices submitted for legal services 09/01/2022 through 11/30/2022 by Ancel Glink, P.C. for various litigated matters.
2. Invoices submitted for legal services 11/01/2022 through 11/30/2022 by Franczek, P.C. for litigated matters.
3. Invoices submitted for legal services 11/01/2022 through 12/31/2022 by Gildea, Coghlan & Regan, Ltd. for various litigated matters.
4. Invoices submitted for legal services 11/01/2022 through 12/31/2022 by Henderson Parks for Horizon Farms post-acquisition issues.
5. Invoices submitted for legal services 09/01/2022 to 11/30/2022 by Hinshaw & Culbertson for a taxation related matter and labor related matters.
6. Invoices submitted for legal services 03/01/2022 through 12/31/2022 by Jackson Lewis, PC for various labor related matters.
7. Invoices submitted for legal services 11/01/2022 through 11/30/2022 by Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins, Ltd. for a real estate related matter, a litigated matter and an invoice submitted for services 01/17/2022 through 12/20/2022 for direct payment to Isaac Ray Forensic Group, LLC, an expert witness.
8. Invoices submitted for legal services 10/01/2022 through 11/30/2022 by Odelson, Sterk, Murphey, Frazier & McGrath, Ltd. for various litigated matters.
9. Invoices submitted for legal services 10/01/2022 through 11/30/2022 by Robbins Schwartz for a taxation related matter.
10. Invoices submitted for legal services 08/01/2022 through 11/30/2022 by Tristan & Cervantes 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 23-0144. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (5)

**Absent:** Morita and Trevor (2)

[23-0145](#)

**CASES - INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY**

1. *Nicole Milan v. Forest Preserve District of Cook County* - 22 CH 11940

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to receive and file 23-0145. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (5)

**Absent:** Morita and Trevor (2)

[23-0147](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**CASES - INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY**

Report of Claims Settled Under \$30,000.00 per Ordinance 21-0270

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to receive and file 23-0147. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (5)

**Absent:** Morita and Trevor (2)

[23-0149](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**CASES - INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY**

Quarterly Status Reports from Outside Counsel per Ordinance 21-0270

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to receive and file 23-0149. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (5)

**Absent:** Morita and Trevor (2)

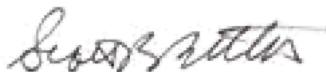
**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson BILL LOWRY, seconded by Commissioner BRIDGET DEGNEN, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (5)

**Absent:** Morita and Trevor (2)

Respectfully submitted,



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Chairman



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Secretary

A complete record of this meeting is available at <https://fpdcc.legistar.com>.