



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

Minutes of the Litigation Committee

9:00 AM

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, Stamps and Trevor (6)

Absent: S. Morrison (1) excused

REMOTE PARTICIPATION

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, that this allowed for remote participation in meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, Stamps and Trevor (6)

Absent: S. Morrison (1) excused

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.

24-0527

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 11/19/2024

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to approve 24-0527. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, Stamps and Trevor (6)

Absent: S. Morrison (1)

Motion to Enter Executive Session Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2a

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to convene executive session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2A. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, Stamps and Trevor (6)

Absent: S. Morrison (1)

Committee Returned to Regular Session Pursuant to ILCS 0-09

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to reconvene regular session pursuant to ILCS 0-09. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, Stamps and Trevor (6)

Absent: S. Morrison (1)

24-0515

REPORT

Department: Legal Department

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Outside Counsel Invoices

Report Period: 11/20/2024 - 12/17/2024

Summary: Summary report of outside counsel invoices submitted in connection with Board Item No. 24-0516.

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to receive and file 24-0515. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, Stamps and Trevor (6)

Absent: S. Morrison (1)

24-0516

INVOICES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

1. Invoices submitted for legal services 09/01/2024 through 10/31/2024 by Ancel Glink, P.C. for various litigated matters and a real estate related matter.
2. Invoices submitted for legal services 10/01/2024 through 10/31/2024 by Del Galdo Law Group, LLC for various labor related and litigated matters.
3. Invoice submitted for legal services 09/01/2024 through 10/31/2024 by DeVore & Radunsky for a litigated matter.
4. Invoice submitted for legal services 10/01/2024 through 10/31/2024 by Franczek, PC for a labor related matter.
5. Invoices submitted for legal services 10/01/2024 through 10/31/2024 by Gildea, Coghlan & Regan, Ltd. for various litigated matters.
6. Invoices submitted for legal services 10/01/2024 through 10/31/2024 by Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLC for a litigated matter, ordinance review and related template drafting.
7. Invoice submitted for legal services 10/01/2024 through 10/31/2024 by Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins for a real estate related matter.
8. Invoices submitted for legal services 10/01/2024 through 10/31/2024 by Neal & Leroy, LLC for real estate related matters.
9. Invoices submitted for legal services 09/01/2024 through 09/30/2024 by Tristan & Cervantes for a litigated matter and employment related 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 24-0516. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, Stamps and Trevor (6)
Absent: S. Morrison (1)

24-0517

CASE SETTLEMENTS

1. Hitch, et al v. Pappas, et al - 2012 COTO 012048, 2014 COTO 000364, 2015 COTO 002106 & 2016 COTO 001135 (Tax Years 2011 - 2014)

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 24-0517. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, Stamps and Trevor (6)

Absent: S. Morrison (1)

24-0520

PERMISSION TO TRY

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 99 L 50709)

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to approve 24-0520. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, Stamps and Trevor (6)

Absent: S. Morrison (1)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Stamps, that this meeting was adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita, Stamps and Trevor (6)

Absent: S. Morrison (1)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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