



**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,



Chairman



Secretary

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