

Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

Minutes of the Litigation Committee

9:00 AM

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita and Trevor (5)

Absent: S. Morrison (excused) and Stamps (excused) (2)

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.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No Public Speakers

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 2/27/2024

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 24-0205. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita and Trevor (5)

Absent: S. Morrison and Stamps (2)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 3/12/2024

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 24-0206. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita and Trevor (5)

Absent: S. Morrison and Stamps (2)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

INVOICES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

- 1. Invoices submitted for legal services 02/01/2024 through 02/29/2024 by Ancel Glink, P.C. for various litigated matters.
- 2. Invoice submitted for legal services 12/01/2023 through 02/29/2024 by the Cook County State's Attorney Office for ordinance enforcement and general matters.
- 3. Invoices submitted for legal services 02/01/2024 through 02/29/2024 by Gildea, Coghlan & Regan, Ltd. for various litigated matters.
- 4. Invoices submitted for legal services 01/01/2024 through 01/31/2024 by Jackson Lewis PC for labor related matters.
- 5. Invoices submitted for legal services 01/01/2024 through 02/29/2024 by Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins, Ltd. for real estate related matters and a litigated matter.
- 6. Invoice submitted for legal services 01/21/2024 through 02/20/2024 by Laner Muchin for a labor related matter.
- 7. Invoice submitted for legal services 02/01/2024 through 02/29/2024 by Neal & Leroy, LLC for a real estate related matter.
- 8. Invoices submitted for legal services 01/01/2024 through 02/29/2024 by Odelson, Murphey, Frazier & McGrath, Ltd. for a labor related matter and various litigated matters.
- 9. Invoices submitted for legal services 01/19/2024 through 02/29/2024 by Schain Banks for real estate related matters.

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to concur with the recommendation of the Forest Preserve District attorneys on the legal matter(s) listed above 24-0195. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita and Trevor (5)

Absent: S. Morrison and Stamps (2)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

CASES - INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

Report of Claims Settled Under \$30,000 per Ordinance 21-0270

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to receive and filed 24-0196. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita and Trevor (5)

Absent: S. Morrison and Stamps (2)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

CASES - INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

Report of Settlement of Non-Litigated Claim for Damage to Forest Preserve District Property

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to receive and filed 24-0197. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita and Trevor (5)

Absent: S. Morrison and Stamps (2)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim 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 Trevor, to receive and filed 24-0198. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita and Trevor (5)

Absent: S. Morrison and Stamps (2)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

CASES - INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

Lynn Weiss vs. Forest Preserve District of Cook County - 24 L 02336

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to receive and file 24-0199. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita and Trevor (5)

Absent: S. Morrison and Stamps (2)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner MAGGIE TREVOR, seconded by Commissioner JOSINA MORITA, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Lynne M. Surner

Ayes: Britton, Lowry, Degnen, Morita and Trevor (5)

Absent: S. Morrison and Stamps (2)

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman Secretary

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