



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

Minutes of the Litigation Committee

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

11:00 AM

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Suffredin (6)

Absent: S. Morrison (1)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chairman asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code, Sec. 2-107(dd)

1. George Blakemore

[19-0301](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 5/14/2019

A motion was made by Vice Chair Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 19-0301. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Morrison (1)

[19-0297](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

INVOICES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

1. Invoices submitted for legal services 12/1/2017 - 5/31/2018 by the Cook County State's Attorney.
2. Invoices submitted for legal services 5/1/2019 - 5/31/2019 by Brothers & Thompson, PC for various

labor related matters.

3. Invoices submitted for legal services 5/1/2019 - 5/31/2019 by DeVore Radunsky, LLC for various litigation matters.
4. Invoice submitted for legal services 4/1/2019 - 4/30/2019 by Gildea, Coghlan & Regan, Ltd. in the matter of *Franklin Slan v. Forest Preserve District of Cook County*, 17 WC 08959.
5. Invoice submitted for legal services, 5/1/2019 - 5/31/2019 by Henderson Parks for the acquisition of a promissory note and litigation.
6. Invoices submitted for legal services, 4/1/2019 - 4/30/2019 by Jackson Lewis for labor related matters.
7. Invoices submitted for legal services 4/1/2019 - 4/30/2019 by Neal & Leroy for various real estate matters.
8. Invoice submitted for legal services 4/1/2019 - 4/30/2019 by Tristan & Cervantes for various litigation matters.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to concur with the recommendation of the Forest Preserve District attorneys on the legal matter(s) listed above 19-0297. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Morrison (1)

[19-0294](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

CASES - INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

Roger Grabinski, Special Administrator of the Estate of Jonathan Grabinski, deceased; and Sandra Denardo-Melant, Special Administrator of the Estate of Salvatore Melant, deceased v. Forest Preserve District of Cook County - 17 L 2287

Commissioner Suffredin seconded by Commissioner Lowry moved to go into Closed Session. The motion carried.

The committee met in closed session.

Commissioner Suffredin seconded by Commissioner Johnson moved to return to Open Session. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Vice Chair Lowry, to receive and

file 19-0294. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Morrison (1)

ADJOURNMENT

**Commissioner Suffrdin moved, seconded by Commissioner Degnen to adjourn the meeting.
The motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman



Secretary

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