

REPORT OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE ON LITIGATION

June 6, 2012

The Honorable,
The Board of Commissioners of Cook County

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Finance Subcommittee on Litigation of the Board of Commissioners met pursuant to notice on Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at 11:00 a.m., in the County Building, Room 569, Chicago, Illinois.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Vice Chairman Fritchey, Commissioners Collins, Gainer, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski (6)

Absent: Chairman Silvestri (1)

Also Present: Patrick Driscoll, Jr. – Deputy State’s Attorney, Chief, Civil Actions Bureau; Donald J. Pechous – Deputy Chief, Civil Actions Bureau; Laura Lechowicz – Felicione, Special Legal Counsel to the President; Patrick Blanchard – Inspector General; Shari Chandra, Nicholas Scouffas, Gregory Vaci and Sandra J. Weber – Assistant States Attorneys; Maureen O’Donnell – Chief, Bureau of Human Resources; Mary Robinson – Cook County Compliance Administrator; Cardelle Spangler – Compliance Administrator, Office of the Recorder of Deeds

Court Reporter: Anthony W. Lisanti, C.S.R.

Commissioner Suffredin chaired the meeting, as Chairman Silvestri was absent.

Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, moved to Receive and File the State’s Attorney’s Status Reports. The motion carried.

Commissioner Tobolski, seconded by Commissioner Collins, moved to convene Executive Session. The motion carried.

Chairman Suffredin announced that the Subcommittee was returning to Regular Session.

Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, moved to Concur with the Recommendation of the State’s Attorney’s Office in the matter of *Vivian Renta v. Cook County, et al.* The motion carried.

Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, moved to Concur with the Recommendation of the State’s Attorney’s Office in the matter of *Burruss v. Cook County Sheriff’s Office, et al.* The motion carried.

Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, moved to Concur with the Recommendation of the State’s Attorney’s Office in the matter of *Koni Johnson v. Christine Pabin Bishop, M.D., Jonathan Bankoff, M.D., County of Cook, et al.* The motion carried.

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Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, moved to Concur with the Recommendation of the State's Attorney's Office in the matter of *Rakeem Robinson v. Faran Bokhari, Kimberly Joseph, and County of Cook*. The motion carried.

Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, moved to Receive and File the matter of *Keith Johnson*. The motion carried.

Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, moved to Receive and File the matter of *Shakman, et al. v. Cook County, et al.* The motion carried.

Commissioner Gainer requested that Laura Lechowicz supply a report detailing the impediments to completing Shakman compliance as well as the monthly percentage of Shakman compliance being achieved.

Commissioner Tobolski, seconded by Commissioner Gainer, moved to authorize invoice payments for special counsels (Tabs #1 through #7 in Volume 2) which are in compliance with the County's Attorney-Fee Guidelines. The motion carried.

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| Tab 1 | Rock Fusco & Connelly, LLC Case No. 11 C 8126 | <i>LeFranco v. Cook County, et al.</i> |
| Tab 2 | Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC Case No. 08 C 3613 | <i>Lambert v. Jamison, et al.</i> |
| Tab 3 | Hickey, Melia & Associates Case No. 08 L 04619 | <i>Wendy Cash v. Cook County, et al.</i> |
| Tab 4 | Odelson & Sterk Case No. 7 CV 300 | <i>Harrison v. Cook County</i> |
| Tab 5 | Odelson & Sterk Case No. 09 CV 2218 | <i>Hoban v. Cook County</i> |
| Tab 6 | Peterson, Johnson & Murray, LLC Case No. 10 C 2946 | <i>United States of America v. Cook County, et al.</i> |
| Tab 7 | Querry & Harrow, Ltd. Case No. 07 C 855 | <i>Hernandez v. Cook County Sheriff's Dept., et al.</i> |

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

1. George Blakemore – Concerned Citizen

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Commissioner Collins seconded by Commissioner Schneider, moved to Adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE



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LARRY SUFFREDIN, ACTING CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


MATTHEW B. DeLEON, SECRETARY