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OPEN SESSION MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
June 2, 2022

OPEN SESSION I:

A. Call to Order: The June 2, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Cook County Board of Ethics (“Board”) was called to order at 2:06 p.m.

Board Members Present: Dr. Susan Gaffney, Hon. Marcus Salone, Antara Nath Rivera, Von Matthews, and Thomas Szromba

Staff Members Present: Director S. Baker, Deputy Director J. King, Investigator J. Brown, Investigator A. Cahn, Investigator J. Jones, Communications and Training Coordinator J. Epplin-Zapf, and Office Manager K. Johns

B. Agenda Approval
A motion to approve the agenda was made and adopted by unanimous vote.

C. Statements by the Public
There were no statements by the public.

D. Approval of the April 26, 2022, Regular Meeting Open Minutes
A motion to approve the April 26, 2022, regular meeting open minutes was made and adopted by unanimous voice vote.

E. Director’s Report
Director Baker reported that staff had conducted more staff opinions and received a significant number of new routine inquiries. Deputy Director King stated that staff began work on D2 audits for Q1 of 2022. Director Baker reported that staff made available, the supervisor’s ethics training, which is on-demand and web based. She stated that the training was sent out to 75 elected officials and their chiefs of staff.

F. Ethics Rules Amendments – Status Update
Ethics procedural rule amendments placed on Cook County Board Rules Committee agenda. Staff and board members along with Mary Rita Luecke discussed questions and comments that were received from the sponsor regarding proposed changes to the ethics rules.

At 2:38 p.m., the Board voted unanimously to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss matters regarding specific investigations, litigation, and approval of minutes for prior closed sessions, pursuant to sections 2(c)(4) of the Open Meetings Act.

At 3:25 p.m., the Board voted unanimously to reconvene into open session.

OPEN SESSION II:

A. Approval of the Closed Session Minutes of the April 26, 2022, Regular Meeting

A motion to approve the amended April 26, 2022, regular meeting closed minutes was made and adopted by unanimous voice vote.

B. Voting Regarding Executive Session Items

A motion to open investigation in 2022I001 was made and approved by unanimous voice vote.

C. Adjourn

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Board Staff.

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