

**Minutes of the Cook County
Board of Ethics – Open Session
May 4, 2023, at 2:00pm**

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Location: 69 W. Washington St., and Microsoft Teams

Attendance:

Present: Thomas Szromba, Dr. Susan Gaffney, Von Matthews, DHRE Staff

Absent: Marcus Salone

Virtual: Antara Nath Rivera

Open Session

A. Call to Order

Chair Szromba called the meeting to order at 2:08pm

B. Approval to allow Board Member to join meeting virtually.

A motion to allow Antara Nath Rivera to join the meeting via Microsoft Teams was made by Board Member Von Matthews, seconded by Board Member Susan Gaffney. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chair Szromba, Susan Gaffney, Von Matthews, and Antara Nath Rivera

Nays: None

Absent: Marcus Salone

C. Agenda Approval

A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Board Member Susan Gaffney, seconded by Board Member Von Matthews. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chair Szromba, Susan Gaffney, Von Matthews, and Antara Nath Rivera

Nays: None

Absent: Marcus Salone

D. Statements by the General Public

No statements from the public.

E. March 23, 2023, Regular Meeting Open Minutes – Board Review

A motion to adopt the March 3, 2023, Regular Meeting Closed Minutes was made by Board Member Von Matthews, seconded by Board Member Susan Gaffney. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chair Szromba, Susan Gaffney, Von Matthews, and Antara Nath Rivera

Nays: None

Absent: Marcus Salone

F. Director’s Report

Closed Session

At 2:15 p.m., a motion to move into Closed Session to discuss DHRE Case Pending Report was made by Board Member Von Matthews, seconded by Board Member Susan Gaffney. The purpose of entering closed session was for the following reasons: to hear evidence in investigations in the Board’s quasi-adjudicatory capacity, for discussions of probable, imminent, or pending investigations/litigation, attorney-client communications, and pre-decisional deliberative process. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

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At 3:08 p.m., the Commission reconvened to Open Session.

J. March 23, 2023, Regular Meeting Closed Minutes – Board Approval

The board agreed to defer the vote on March 23, 2023, Regular Meeting Closed Minutes, pending revisions of the minutes by staff. The minutes will be reviewed for approval at the next meeting.

K. Voting Regarding Executive Session Items

A motion to not release the August 25, 2022, but to release October 24, 2022, December 15, 2022, and the February 2, 2023, was made by Board Member Von Matthews, seconded by Board Member Susan Gaffney. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chair Szromba, Susan Gaffney, Von Matthews, and Antara Nath Rivera

Nays: None

Absent: Marcus Salone

L. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Susan Gaffney, seconded by Board Member Von Matthews. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Commission staff.

A complete recording of this meeting is at <https://cook-county.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.