

**Minutes of the Cook County  
Board of Ethics – Open Session  
June 22, 2023, at 2:00pm**

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Location: 69 W. Washington St.

Attendance:

Present: Chair Thomas Szromba, Dr. Susan Gaffney, Von Matthews, Antara Nath Rivera, Hon. Marcus Salone, DHRE Staff

Absent: None

Virtual: None

***Open Session***

**A. Call to Order**

Chair Szromba called the meeting to order at 2:16 pm

**B. Agenda Approval**

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Board Member Antara Nath Rivera, seconded by Board Member Dr. Susan Gaffney. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chair Szromba, Hon. Marcus Salone, Antara Nath Rivera, Dr. Susan Gaffney

Nays: None

Absent: Von Matthews

**C. Statements by the General Public**

Todd Thielmann: References OMA matter that has been recently closed. States that the Board should practice transparency to establish and maintain public trust and practice good government.

**D. May 4, 2023, Regular Meeting Open Minutes – Board Review**

A motion to adopt the May 4, 2023, Regular Meeting Open Minutes was made by Board Member Von Matthews, seconded by Board Member Dr. Susan Gaffney. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chair Szromba, Antara Nath Rivera, Hon. Marcus Salone, Dr. Susan Gaffney, Von Matthews

Nays: None

Absent: None

**E. Director's Report**

**F. Portions of the January 27, 2023, Closed Session Recording – Vote to Release**

A motion to release portions of the January 27, 2023, Closed Session Recording was made by Board Member Dr. Susan Gaffney, seconded by Board Member Von Matthews. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chair Szromba, Antara Nath Rivera, Hon. Marcus Salone, Dr. Susan Gaffney, Von Matthews

Nays: None

Absent: None

**G. Proposed Amendment to Ethics Procedural Rules, Section 8.1 – Board Votes**

A motion to approve proposed rules with changes to Ethics Procedural Rules, section 8.1 was made by Board Member Von Matthews and seconded by Dr. Susan Gaffney. The motion was carried by the following vote.

Ayes: Chair Szromba, Antara Nath Rivera, Hon. Marcus Salone, Dr. Susan Gaffney, Von Matthews

Nays: None

Absent: None

***Closed Session***

At 2:45 p.m., a motion to move into Closed Session was made by Chair Szromba. 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.

***Open Session***

At 3:03 p.m., the Commission reconvened to Open Session.

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

A motion to adopt the May 23, 2023, Regular Meeting Closed Minutes was made by Board Member Von Matthews, seconded by Board Member Dr. Susan Gaffney. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chair Szromba, Antara Nath Rivera, Hon. Marcus Salone, Dr. Susan Gaffney, Von Matthews

Nays: None

Absent: None

**I. Voting Regarding Executive Session Items**

None.

**J. Adjourn**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Commission staff.

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