

**Minutes of the Cook County
Board of Ethics – Open Session
September 14, 2023, at 2:00pm**

Location: 69 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602
Collaborative Workspace I

Attendance:

Present: Chair Tom Szromba (Board voted to allow virtual attendance due to a medical exception), Vice Chair Von Matthews, Dr. Susan Gaffney, Antara Nath Rivera, Hon. Marcus Salone, DHRE Staff

Absent: None.

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A. Call to Order

Vice Chair Von Matthews called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.

B. Motion

A motion to approve Chair Tom Szromba attending the Board meeting virtually due to a medical exception was made by Board Member Dr. Susan Gaffney and seconded by Board Member Antara Nath Rivera. The motion was carried by the following vote:

- **Ayes:** Vice Chair Von Matthews, Dr. Susan Gaffney, Antara Nath Rivera, Hon. Marcus Salone
- **Nays:** None
- **Absent:** None

C. Agenda Approval

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

- **Ayes:** Chair Tom Szromba (Board voted to allow virtual attendance due to a medical exception), Antara Nath Rivera, Vice Chair Von Matthews, and Dr. Susan Gaffney, and Hon. Marcus Salone.
- **Nays:** None
- **Absent:** None

D. Statements by the General Public

T. Thielmann and J. Lupera provided comments before the Board as public speakers.

E. August 10, 2023, Regular Meeting Open Minutes – Board Review

A motion to adopt the August 10, 2023 Regular Meeting Open Minutes was made by Board Member Antara Nath Rivera, and seconded by Vice Chair Von Matthews. The motion was carried by the following vote:

- **Ayes:** Chair Tom Szromba (Board voted to allow virtual attendance due to a medical exception), Antara Nath Rivera, Dr. Susan Gaffney, Vice Chair Von Matthews and Hon. Marcus Salone.
- **Nays:** None
- **Absent:** None

F. Director’s Report

Interim Director King reviewed the number of open investigations, audits, trainings and advisory opinions issued.

Closed Session

At 2:18 p.m., a motion to move into Closed Session was made by Board Member Hon. Marcus Salone, seconded by Board Member Antara Nath Rivera.

Open Session

At 3:11 p.m., the Board reconvened to Open Session.

I. August 10, 2023 Regular Meeting Closed Minutes – Board Approval

A motion to adopt the August 10, 2023, Regular Meeting Closed Minutes was made by Board Member Antara Nath Rivera, and seconded by Board Member Dr. Susan Gaffney. The motion was carried by the following vote:

- **Ayes:** Chair Tom Szromba (Board voted to allow virtual attendance due to a medical exception), Vice Chair Von Matthews, Antara Nath Rivera, and Dr. Susan Gaffney, and Hon. Marcus Salone.
- **Nays:** None
- **Absent:** None

J. Voting Regarding Executive Session Items, if any

None.

K. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 3:18 pm by Vice Chair Von Matthews, seconded by Board Member Antara Nath Rivera. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Minutes submitted by DHRE staff.

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