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OPEN SESSION MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

July 1, 2021

OPEN SESSION I:

- A. Call to Order:** The July 1, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Cook County Board of Ethics (“Board”) was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

Board Members Present: Dr. Susan Gaffney, Von Matthews and Thomas Szromba

Board Members Absent: Hon. Judge Marcus Salon

Staff Members Present: Director S. Baker, Legal Counsel J. King, Investigator J. Brown, Investigator L. Fisher and Administrative Analyst K. Johns

Staff Members Absent: None

B. Agenda Approval

A motion to approve the agenda was made and adopted by unanimous voice vote.

C. Statements by the Public

There were no statements by the public.

D. Approval of the May 20, 2021 Regular Meeting Open Minutes

A motion to approve the May 20, 2021 regular meeting open minutes was made and adopted by unanimous voice vote.

E. Director’s Report

Director S. Baker reported that staff had been able to get through the investigations. She noted that there have been 183 general inquiries to date. She also noted that staff will conduct D2 audits in July and has completed several contract compliance reviews. Director Baker reported that staff has been tracking the Ethics amendments and are awaiting the outcome from the Illinois General Assembly who has Bill 539 before the Governor for signature.

At 2:13 p.m., the Board voted unanimously to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss matters regarding specific investigations, public litigation, and approval of minutes for prior closed sessions, pursuant to sections 2(c)(4) of the Open Meetings Act.

At 2:40 p.m., the Board voted unanimously to reconvene into open session.

OPEN SESSION II:

G. Approval of the Closed Session Minutes of the May 20, 2021 Regular Meeting

A motion to approve the May 20, 2021 regular meeting closed minutes was made and adopted by unanimous voice vote.

I. Voting Regarding Executive Session Items

A motion to approve the request to open an investigation in 21I003 and 21I004 was made and adopted by unanimous voice vote.

A motion to approve the Notice of Determination in 219I04 was made and adopted by unanimous voice vote.

A motion to approve Advisory Opinions in 21A004 and 21A005 was made and adopted by unanimous voice vote.

J. Adjourn

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Board Staff.