

**Minutes of the Cook County
Board of Ethics – Open Session
August 10, 2023, at 2:00pm**

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

Attendance:

Present: Chair Tom Szromba (Board voted to allow to attend virtually due to medical emergency),
Vice Chair Von Matthews, Dr. Susan Gaffney, Antara Nath Rivera, DHRE Staff

Absent: Hon. Marcus Salone

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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 Antara Nath Rivera, and seconded by Board Member Dr. Susan Gaffney. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

C. Agenda Approval

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Vice Chair Von Matthews and seconded by Board Member Dr. Susan Gaffney. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

D. Statements by the General Public

T. Thielmann provided comment before the Board as a public speaker.

E. June 22, 2023, Regular Meeting Open Minutes – Board Review

A motion to adopt the June 22, 2023 Regular Meeting Open Minutes with changes as discussed was made by Board Member Dr. Susan Gaffney, and seconded by Vice Chair Von Matthews. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

F. Introduction of New Legal Counsel – Tamiya Wright

G. Director’s Report

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

Closed Session

At 2:27 p.m., a motion to move into Closed Session was made by Board Member Antara Nath Rivera, seconded by Board Member Dr. Susan Gaffney.

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At 2:58 p.m., the Commission reconvened to Open Session.

H. June 22, 2023 Regular Meeting Closed Minutes – Board Approval

A motion to adopt the June 22, 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, Vice Chair Von Matthews, Antara Nath Rivera, and Dr. Susan Gaffney
- **Nays:** None
- **Absent:** Hon. Marcus Salone

I. Voting Regarding Executive Session Items, if any

None.

J. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 3:00 pm by Vice Chair Von Matthews, seconded by Board Member Dr. Susan Gaffney. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Minutes submitted by Commission staff.

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