

EAB MEETING

Location: 118 N. Clark Street, RM 882, Chicago, IL 60601

Date: August 26, 2025

Time: 4:00 P.M.

Employee Appeals Board

In Attendance

Board Members

G.A. Finch, Chairman

Michelle Whatley, Member

Arthur Wheatley, Member

Gregory Zyvert, Member

Attorney/ Appearance for Meeting:

Natalis Sanchez, Deputy Chief Attorney,

Forest Preserves of Cook County

Cynthia Rote, Counsel for Appellant

Frank Schmeda, Appellant

Representatives for BHR

Adam Burns, Labor Counsel

Liliana Arellano, Paralegal

Meeting Minutes

2025-002, Frank Schmeda v. Cook County Forest Preserves District

- Matter before the Board Initial Status Hearing.
- All members of the Board were present.
- Deputy Chief Attorney—Labor and Employment, Forest Preserves of Cook County, Natalie Sanchez, was present on behalf of Cook County Forest Preserve Districts.
- Cynthia Rote, on behalf of the Appellant, was present.
- Appellant, Frank Schmeda, was present.
- There were no public comments.
- The Parties tendered initial discovery prior to the hearing. Respondent filed a response to the initial discovery at the hearing and presented response copies to the Appellant's counsel.
- Respondent filed a written Motion for Discovery at the hearing – the Board unanimously granted the Motion.
- Appellant's counsel requested to file a written Motion for Discovery the following day.
- By Agreement of the Parties, the Parties were granted 28 days to complete discovery.
- The Parties will reconvene before the Board on September 29, 2025, at 3:00 P.M. for a Status Hearing.
- An Order was issued to the Parties following the Hearing on August 29, 2025.

Next meeting (s) :

September 10, 2025 | 4:00 p.m.

- 2025-003, Courtney Hoskin v. Cook County Forest Preserves District – Status Hearing

September 29, 2025 | 3:00 p.m.

- 2025-002, Frank Schmeda v. Cook County Forest Preserves District – Status Hearing