

EAB MEETING

Location: 118 N. Clark Street, RM 882, Chicago, IL 60601
Date: September 29, 2025,
Time: 3:00 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

Carlos Claudio, Senior Labor Counsel
Liliana Arellano, Paralegal

Meeting Minutes

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

- Matter before the Board 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 requested additional time for supplemental discovery. The request was granted. The Parties agreed to providing supplemental discovery in within 14-day of the scheduled hearing.
- Additionally, the Parties agreed to exchange witness lists and exhibits within 7 days prior to the hearing.
- A hearing was set for Friday, November 21, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at 118 N. Clark St., Room 882, Chicago, Illinois 60602.
- An Order will be issued to the Parties following the meeting on September 30, 2025

Next meeting (s):

October 17, 2025, | 4:00 p.m.

- 2025-003, Courtney Hoskin v. Cook County Forest Preserves District – Status Hearing
 - *(Amended the status hearing was rescheduled for October 24, 2025, in lieu of the hearing)*

November 21, 2025, | 10:00 a.m.

- 2025-003, Frank Schmeda v. Cook County Forest Preserves District –Hearing
 - *(Amended following the hearing due to scheduling conflicts the parties agreed to reset the matter for hearing on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.)*
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