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OPEN SESSION MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
September 17, 2020

OPEN SESSION I:

A. Call to Order: The September 17, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Cook County Board of Ethics (“Board”) was called to order at 2:14 p.m.

Board Members Present: Dr. Susan Gaffney, Von Matthews, Hon. Marcus Salone and Tom Szromba

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Director N. Keith Chambers, Deputy Director Gina Smith, Legal Counsel Emily Stewart, Investigator Aviva Cahn, Investigator Jarrie Brown, Investigator Jason Jones and Administrative Analyst Kisha Johns

B. Statements by the General Public

There were no statements by the general public.

C. New member introductions

Introduction of new board members Dr. Susan Gaffney and Hon. Marcus Salone.

D. Nominations and Vote New Chairperson

A motion to approve Tom Szromba as the new chair of the Board of Ethics was made and adopted by unanimous voice vote.

E. Agenda Approval

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

F. Approval of Updated 2020 Regular Meeting Schedule

A motion to approved the 2020 regular meeting schedule was made and adopted by unanimous voice vote.

G. Approval of the February 26, 2020 Regular Meeting Open Minutes

A motion to approve the February 26, 2020 regular meeting open minutes was made and adopted by unanimous vote. Before the minutes were approved, Chair Tom Szromba addressed from the previous meeting in February, the discussion related to matter and investigation under inquiry (20MUI01) which

would be addressed in executive session.

H. Director's Report

Director N. Keith Chambers updated the Board on departmental activity including the hiring of an additional investigator and an outreach and training coordinator. He informed the Board that the budget for these positions were still on track and included for FY21. He also informed the Board regarding BOE processes and tasks that remained in effect during the time the office was shut down.

At 2:30 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 3:49 p.m., the Board voted unanimously to reconvene into open session.

OPEN SESSION II:

I. Approval of the Closed Session Minutes of the October 31, 2019 Regular Meeting

The minutes of the Closed Session of the Board's February 26, 2020 regular meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote.

J. Voting Regarding Executive Session Items

A motion to open an investigation into case 20MUI01 was made and adopted by unanimous voice vote.

L. Adjourn

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 4:06 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Board Staff