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### **STATEMENT BY THE BOARD OF ETHICS REGARDING RESOLUTION OF INVESTIGATION OF LARRY ROGERS, JR., COOK COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW COMMISSIONER**

**December 15, 2022**

Today, the Cook County Board of Ethics resolved Case No. 2016I06, which found that Larry Rogers, Jr., a Cook County Board of Review Commissioner, violated the Cook County Ethics Ordinance by representing plaintiffs in three separate cases filed against the County. Specifically, Rogers violated §2-571(a)–(b)(1) (Fiduciary Duty) and §2-579(b) (Representation of Other Persons) of the Ordinance and was fined \$3,000 for these violations in the Board’s July 2, 2021, order and its August 26, 2021 order, denying Rogers’ Request for Reconsideration.

On September 29, 2021, Rogers filed a lawsuit in Cook County Circuit Court to dispute the orders and the fine imposed by the Board, but, on November 16, 2022, he voluntarily dismissed his own lawsuit and, on December 8, 2022, he paid the fine he owed. While this matter has been ongoing for several years, the Board is pleased to have resolved this matter with the full relief ordered by the Board.

This case once again shows that the Board of Ethics takes such matters very seriously and will not hesitate to vigorously defend and uphold the Ethics Ordinance.

The Board of Ethics would like to express our thanks to Alastar McGrath of Kozacky Weitzel McGrath, P.C., for representing the Board of Ethics in this matter.