

EAB MEETING

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

Date: July 14, 2026

Time: 10:00 A.M.

COOK COUNTY EMPLOYEE APPEALS BOARD

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

June 8, 2026

The regular meeting of the Cook County Employee Appeals Board ("Board") was called to order at **10:13 a.m.** on **June 8, 2026**, by Chair **G.A. Finch**.

Board Members Present

- G.A. Finch, Chair
- Arthur Wheatley, Board Member
- Michelle Whatley, Board Member

Appearances

- Carlos Claudio, Senior Labor Counsel
- Tena Andric, Assistant State's Attorney, on behalf of Cook County
- Carl Jones-El, Appellant (appearing pro se)

Public Comment

Chair Finch called for public comment. There being none, the Board proceeded with the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

The Board considered the draft minutes of the **May 11, 2026** meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board **unanimously approved** the May 11, 2026 meeting minutes.

Status Hearing

EAB Case No. 2026-001

Carl Jones-El v. Cook County Health

The Board called the matter for status.

The Appellant, **Carl Jones-El**, appeared. Although the Appellant indicated that he had retained counsel, counsel did not appear at the meeting or file an appearance. Chair Finch advised the Appellant that the Board would proceed with the status hearing but would not entertain argument on the merits of the appeal. The Chair further advised that the merits of the case would be addressed at a subsequent hearing.

The Board initially scheduled the matter for hearing on **June 29, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.** The hearing was subsequently continued to **July 14, 2026.**

Counsel for Cook County requested an extension of time to file the pending Motion to Dismiss until **June 25, 2026.** The Appellant stated that he had no objection to the requested extension.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the County's request for an extension of time through **June 25, 2026.**

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Upon unanimous vote, the meeting was **adjourned.**