

EAB MEETING

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

Date: Monday, September 14, 2026

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Employee Appeals Board

In Attendance

Board Members

G.A. Finch, Chairman

Michelle Whatley, Member

Arthur Wheatley, Member

Representatives for BHR

Carlos Claudio, Senior Labor Counsel

Liliana Arellano, Paralegal

Preliminary Matters

- Cook County Employee Appeals Board ("Board") was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on September 14, 2026, by Chair G.A. Finch
- Board Members Present on roll call:
 - G.A. Finch, Chair
 - Arthur Wheatley, Board Member
 - Michelle Whatley, Board Member
 - A quorum was established.
- Appearances made by:
 - Carlos Claudio, Senior Labor Counsel on behalf of BHR.
 - Liliana Arellano, Paralegal on behalf of BHR.
 - Tena Andric, Assistant State's Attorney, on behalf of Cook County
- Chair Finch called for public comment. There being none, the Board proceeded with the agenda.

2026-002, Carl Jones-El v. Cook County Health and Hospitals System

- Tena Andric, Assistant State's Attorney, on behalf of Respondent, was present
- Appellant was not present.
- The Board's representative reached out to Mr. Jones-El via telephone. Appellant requested another continuance.
- The Board denied the request for an additional continuance.
- Respondent's counsel moved to proceed with the Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction filed on July 12, 2026.
- Respondent stated that Appellant failed to file a response to the Motion to Dismiss as designated by the July 15, 2026, Order allowing Appellant to respond to the motion by August 4, 2026.
- After thorough consideration, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously granted Respondent's Motion to Dismiss and dismissed the appeal.

Adjournment

- There being no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded.
- Upon unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting:

Monday, October 5, 2026, | 10:00 A.M.

- **2026-006, Joseph Kerulis v. Cook County Department of Facilities Management**
 - Initial Status Hearing
- **2026-004, Daniel Gomez v. Cook County Forest Preserve District**
 - Status Hearing
- **2026-003, Paul Jovanovic v. Office of the County Auditor**
 - Status Hearing