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**OPEN SESSION MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
May 20, 2021**

OPEN SESSION I:

A. Call to Order: The May 20, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Cook County Board of Ethics (“Board”) was called to order at 2:10 p.m.

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

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Director S. Baker, Deputy Director G. Smith, Legal Counsel J. King, Investigator J. Brown, Investigator L. Fisher and Administrative Analyst K. Johns

Staff Members Absent: None

B. Agenda Approval

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

C. Statements by the Public

There were no statements by the public.

D. Approval of the April 8, 2021 Regular Meeting Open Minutes

A motion to approve the April 8, 2021 regular meeting open minutes was made and adopted by unanimous voice vote.

E. Director’s Report

Director S. Baker reported that there were six open cases and 275 audits completed with no violations found. She mentioned that she had inquired with Commissioner Suffredin’s office to obtain the latest draft of the ethics ordinance and that once she receives it, she will forward to the board. Director S. Baker noted that 45 lobbyists filed late however once they were advised by staff, those lobbyists submitted their documents with no fine assessed. Director S. Baker also noted that there was one lobbyist filing outstanding and that staff is in the process of researching the status of the individual. Director S. Baker reported that there is no litigation, the settlement check on the Berrios case has been received and closes the case, and finally staff has begun to look at contract contribution compliance.

At 2:18 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 2:57 p.m., the Board voted unanimously to reconvene into open session.

OPEN SESSION II:

G. Approval of the Closed Session Minutes of the April 8, 2021 Regular Meeting

A motion to approve the April 8, 2021 regular meeting closed minutes was made and adopted by unanimous voice vote.

I. Voting Regarding Executive Session Items

A motion to deny the request for a hearing in 19I04 and to move forward on further developments at the next board meeting was made in the closed session and adopted by unanimous voice vote.

J. Adjourn

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Board Staff.