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Cook County Board of Review Meeting  
December 5, 2022

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Report of Proceedings

COOK COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW

MEETING

Friday, December 5, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS before CHAIRMAN LARRY ROGERS, JR., upon the meeting of the above-entitled cause taken at the Cook County Board of Review, 118 North Clark Street, Room 601 held on the 5th day of December, 2022 at the hour of 12:00 p.m.

APPEARANCES:

MR. GEORGE A. CARDENAS, Commissioner

MS. SAMANTHA STEELE, Commissioner

1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRMAN ROGERS: Good morning. Actually  
3 it's afternoon. Good afternoon. I want to call to  
4 order the Cook County Board of Review meeting for  
5 December 5th at 12 noon. We'll start with the roll  
6 call. Commissioner Cardenas?

7 COMMISSIONER CARDENAS: Aye.

8 CHAIRMAN ROGERS: Commissioner Steele?

9 COMMISSIONER STEELE: Aye.

10 CHAIRMAN ROGERS: Let the record reflect that  
11 all three Commissioners are here. We will start with  
12 the Pledge of Allegiance. If I could ask you all  
13 stand.

14 (Pledge of Allegiance)

15 CHAIRMAN ROGERS: You may be seated. Let's  
16 begin with public participation in the meeting. Has  
17 anyone signed up, Mr. Secretary?

18 SECRETARY: No.

19 CHAIRMAN ROGERS: Having heard no one signed  
20 up for public participation, we will move onto the  
21 approval of the minutes from the November 14, 2022  
22 meeting. Is there a motion to approve the minutes?

23 COMMISSIONER CARDENAS: So moved.

24 CHAIRMAN ROGERS: Is there a second?

1 COMMISSIONER STEELE: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN ROGERS: Let the record reflect the  
3 motion has been made and seconded. All in favor  
4 signify by saying "aye".

5 (A chorus of "ayes")

6 CHAIRMAN ROGERS: Let the record reflect that  
7 the minutes are approved unanimously.

8 Is there any Old Business?

9 (NO RESPONSE)

10 CHAIRMAN ROGERS: Hearing none, moving on to  
11 New Business. First appointment would be the  
12 appointment of the Chair of the Board of Review. As  
13 you may or may not know, the appointment of the Chair  
14 of the Board of Review occurs by statute. And our new  
15 Chairman will be Commissioner George Cardenas. Before  
16 I hand over the gavel to Commissioner Gardenas, let me  
17 just say that I look forward to working with the two  
18 Commissioners as we move forward as an agency. We had  
19 some great conversations about our ability to  
20 collaborate and I wanted Commissioner Cardenas to know  
21 he has my full support as well as the Chairman. With  
22 that I hand over the gavel.

23 CHAIRMAN CARDENAS: Thank you, Commissioner  
24 Larry Rogers, Jr.

1                   Now I want to thank everyone that has  
2 attended, all the staff. Thank you for your hard work.  
3 Thank you for serving all these years at the Board of  
4 Review. Many have been here 20 plus years. Others  
5 just started a few months ago. And let me say you are  
6 well regarded and that we need you. You are the steady  
7 hand of the Board. I look forward to working with each  
8 and every one of you and get to know you personally.  
9 (Speaking in Spanish)

10                   So the first order of business that we have  
11 is the appointment of the Chief Deputy Commissioner for  
12 the Board of Review. Do I hear any motion for the  
13 appointment of Chief Deputy Commissioner?

14                   COMMISSIONER STEELE: I would like to motion  
15 that we have the Co-Chief Deputy Commissioners Shields  
16 and Daniel Balanoff.

17                   COMMISSIONER ROGERS: I second the motion.

18                   CHAIRMAN CARDENAS: I hear a Motion for  
19 Co-Chief of the Chief Deputy Commissioner's Office. I  
20 hear a second. I concur. I approve the motion. Any  
21 regrets from anybody?

22                   COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Not yet.

23                   CHAIRMAN CARDENAS: Motion is approved. And  
24 the appointments of Chief Deputy Commissioners are now

1 standing firm.

2 The next appointment is the Secretary of  
3 the Board of Review. Do I hear a motion?

4 COMMISSIONER STEELE: I motion to approve  
5 Lilliana Escarpitia.

6 CHAIRMAN CARDENAS: Do I hear a second?

7 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN CARDENAS: Motion to approve the  
9 Secretary of the Board of Review position. A second,  
10 Lilliana Escarpitia. I also concur with that  
11 recommendation and the appointment is approved and the  
12 hereby appointment is confirmed.

13 The next is the appointment of the Chief  
14 Clerk of the Board of Review. Do I hear a motion?

15 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: I move to appoint Allen  
16 Manuel to Chief Clerk of the Board of Review.

17 CHAIRMAN CARDENAS: I second that motion.

18 COMMISSIONER STEELE: I concur.

19 COMMISSIONER CARDENAS: So the appointment of  
20 the Chief Clerk of the Board of Review is unanimous.  
21 Allen Manuel is to remain the Clerk.

22 Any other business?

23 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: No other New Business?

24 CHAIRMAN CARDENAS: If there is no other

1 business, then I move to adjourn the meeting. Motion  
2 to adjourn?

3 CHAIRMAN ROGERS: Aye.

4 COMMISSIONER STEELE: Aye.

5 CHAIRMAN CARDENAS: Second by Rogers. So  
6 moved and the meeting is adjourned.

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8 (WHEREUPON the meeting was  
9 adjourned at 1:01 p.m.)

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7 The within and foregoing meeting was taken  
8 before GWENDOLYN BEDFORD, Certified Shorthand Reporter  
9 and Notary Public, in the City of Chicago, County of  
10 Cook and State of Illinois.

11 The undersigned is not interested in the  
12 within meeting, nor of kin or counsel to any of the  
13 members.

14 IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my  
15 hand this 14th day of December, 2022.

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GWENDOLYN BEDFORD, C.S.R.  
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