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00:00:11.117 --> 00:00:21.087

00:00:26.577 --> 00:00:31.087

00:00:33.637 --> 00:00:41.087

00:00:48.857 --> 00:00:51.097

Mr Can you turn on your video?

00:00:58.507 --> 00:00:59.717

Yes.

00:01:02.547 --> 00:01:03.277

Alright, we're live.

00:01:05.597 --> 00:01:06.267

OK.

00:01:07.467 --> 00:01:09.237

I like to call this meeting to order.

00:01:11.307 --> 00:01:15.097

In compliance with the Governor's Executive Order 20.

00:01:15.097 --> 00:01:18.447

0 Dash 720, twenty Dash, 10 and 20.

00:01:18.447 --> 00:01:21.747

Dash 18. Attendance at this meeting will.

00:01:21.747 --> 00:01:24.797

be by remote means as well as some.

00:01:24.797 --> 00:01:27.047

in person means it's my understanding.

00:01:28.077 --> 00:01:30.447

A roll call Commissioner Kevin RG.

00:01:31.267 --> 00:01:33.117

Here Commissioner went.

00:01:38.427 --> 00:01:39.427

I wasn't here.

00:01:41.927 --> 00:01:45.017

Is there a motion for approval of the Minutes from December 7th of?

00:01:45.017 --> 00:01:45.747

2020?

00:01:47.497 --> 00:01:48.037

Moved.

00:01:49.317 --> 00:01:49.987

There's a second.

00:01:53.637 --> 00:01:55.707

Commissioner 22nd the motion.

00:01:59.557 --> 00:02:00.227

Yes.

00:02:01.527 --> 00:02:02.397

All in favor.

00:02:03.607 --> 00:02:04.117

I.

00:02:06.257 --> 00:02:09.807

I motion passes unanimously.

00:02:13.007 --> 00:02:14.137

Any old business?

00:02:16.427 --> 00:02:20.297

Hearing no old business will move on to new business motion.

00:02:20.297 --> 00:02:23.437

one. The closing of the 2020 session is.

00:02:23.437 --> 00:02:24.437

there a motion?

00:02:27.007 --> 00:02:30.157

I move that whereas the Cook County Board of review.

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has finished its adjudication of all valuation appeals.

00:02:33.247 --> 00:02:36.337

Timely submitted to it in the course of its review of the 20.

00:02:36.337 --> 00:02:39.427

0 Tax Year, Assessment rolls has transmitted.

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so results to the Office of the Cook County Assessor, which.

00:02:42.557 --> 00:02:46.037

were certified on June 14, 2021, and having.

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completed all other matters as required by the Illinois Property Tax Code.

00:02:49.447 --> 00:02:52.677

It's therefore moved that the Board of review close the session.

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for the review of valuation appeals for the 2020 tax year.

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00:02:56.197 --> 00:02:57.317

Is the motion seconded?

00:02:59.407 --> 00:03:01.617

No, an actually.

00:03:02.697 --> 00:03:03.437

Can you hear me?

00:03:04.267 --> 00:03:08.287

I can, if you're not second in the motion. I'm second in the motion.

00:03:08.287 --> 00:03:11.067

now we move to discussion the discussion.

00:03:12.467 --> 00:03:13.987

I would like to discuss please.

00:03:16.167 --> 00:03:19.777

I believe that's a several 100 Cook County homeowners.

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00:03:20.627 --> 00:03:24.187

Had their appeals overturned because of the ill devised consultant.

00:03:24.187 --> 00:03:27.257

detection program at the Border Review I.

00:03:27.257 --> 00:03:30.607

believe that the rights of the Cook County taxpayers have been violated.

00:03:30.607 --> 00:03:33.737

And I'm not in agreement to close the session until the appropriate.

00:03:33.737 --> 00:03:36.507

reductions in assess values are granted.

00:03:37.797 --> 00:03:40.847

The other side have you identified? I'm sorry.

00:03:40.847 --> 00:03:43.947

yeah, I'm still going. I never signed.

00:03:43.947 --> 00:03:47.787

off on certifying the values determined by our office, so.

00:03:47.787 --> 00:03:50.967

I cannot agree to close the session. We.

00:03:50.967 --> 00:03:54.507

the border review acting as the appellate court for homeowners.

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determine that the assessed values were in fact unfair.

00:03:57.997 --> 00:04:01.247

but still strip the evidence from the files and issued.

00:04:01.247 --> 00:04:04.387

no changes. In other words, we did not reduce their assess values.

00:04:04.387 --> 00:04:07.497

when they were warranted. I've tried many times to have.

00:04:09.607 --> 00:04:11.797

But my efforts have fallen on deaf ears.

00:04:12.467 --> 00:04:15.567

I will continue to fight for the home owners of Cook County and do.

00:04:15.567 --> 00:04:18.367

my part to ensure fairness. My vote is no.

00:04:20.107 --> 00:04:20.947

Mr Kevin RG.

00:04:22.967 --> 00:04:25.987

Thank you, Chairman Rogers. This is disappointing. The staff.



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of the border Review have worked diligently throughout an enormous.

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pandemic with stress to them and their families, and at the outset I'd like to.

00:04:32.597 --> 00:04:36.157

say it couldn't be more proud of the hard work of our staff last.

00:04:36.157 --> 00:04:39.327

year, about 15 months ago, 142 employees were sent home.

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with their laptops under their arms.

00:04:41.437 --> 00:04:44.617

They worked relentlessly seven days a week at the end.

00:04:44.617 --> 00:04:47.837

to make sure that the Bills went out on time. They work hard.

00:04:47.837 --> 00:04:51.157

and they worked smart. 93% of our appeals. This session.

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ere filed online and 100%.

00:04:54.237 --> 00:04:57.847

of the appeals were held remotely either by phone or by computer.

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The staff are to be commended for the job they've done, it's.

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disappointing that my colleague, Commissioner went isn't certifying their hard.

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work and is in effect interrupting schools.

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and local governments received receiving their need a tax revenues.

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00:05:11.977 --> 00:05:14.987

It's disappointing that she, her voice, has been.

00:05:14.987 --> 00:05:18.207

heard, and this is a process where there's three.

00:05:18.207 --> 00:05:21.217

issioners. We have to move forward, but she doesn't want to.

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be part of the moving forward. And unfortunately the majority will move forward.

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regarding the abuse by consultants.

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Commissioner went is new to the board and might not have seen the damaging.

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affect that consultants can have for homeowners I've.

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seen it in my district. My district is largely.

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immigrant community first generation Latino first generation Polish.

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American, and I've seen these consultants coming into these neighborhood.

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neighborhoods and charging homeowners or a service that.

00:05:48.817 --> 00:05:52.457

they've already paid for. As taxpayers charging homeowners.

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hundreds of dollars to come to the border view to file an appeal that.

00:05:55.717 --> 00:05:57.737

they're entitled to file for free.

00:05:58.107 --> 00:06:01.117

So number of years ago we set up a program with.

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our digital appeals processing system are depth system.

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that allows us to flag abuse of consultants so.

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we found these folks who go into a community and say I'll file.

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your appeal for you and we refer them to the Illinois Supreme.

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Court in the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission.

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Because the Supreme Court and the case law is.

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clear in order to file the border review, you either have to.

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be the homeowner or you have to be an attorney.

00:06:25.867 --> 00:06:29.147

So these consultants devastate communities.

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by going in and playing a role and charging.

00:06:32.207 --> 00:06:35.397

a fee that they're not entitled to. What we try and do.

00:06:35.397 --> 00:06:38.517

is when we flag these consultants through the depth system is.

00:06:38.517 --> 00:06:41.837

contact the homeowner directly and make sure that they have an opportunity.

00:06:41.837 --> 00:06:45.047

to file their appeal. No system is perfect. We're always looking for.

00:06:45.047 --> 00:06:48.397

ways to improve it, but I'm not about to injure.

00:06:48.397 --> 00:06:51.417

homeowners and go back to the old days when these homeowners.

00:06:51.417 --> 00:06:55.157

and Latino, an immigrant communities are.

00:06:55.157 --> 00:06:56.877

hurt by these abusive consultants.

00:06:57.237 --> 00:07:00.427

I'm voting for closing the border review session.

00:07:00.427 --> 00:07:03.747

We've done a lot of hard work and the.

00:07:03.747 --> 00:07:06.757

effect on the sack system if we don't close move for your baby.

00:07:06.757 --> 00:07:06.757

00:07:06.807 --> 00:07:08.407

Everything I.

00:07:09.667 --> 00:07:13.127

I echo your comments. Commissioner cabin RG I've.

00:07:13.127 --> 00:07:16.147

been at the board now for over.

00:07:16.147 --> 00:07:20.167

a decade and a half. I too have seen the abuses by.

00:07:20.167 --> 00:07:23.477

consultants and we have a hard and fast rule.

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that precludes them from taking advantage of taxpayers.

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by filing unnecessary fees. We've ramped.

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up significant outreach programs to reach out to in particular.

00:07:34.507 --> 00:07:37.687

Latino immigrant and African American communities on the south.

00:07:37.687 --> 00:07:40.477

and West sides of Cook County that I represent.

00:07:40.847 --> 00:07:43.997

We have seen taxpayers appreciate that we come to their.

00:07:43.997 --> 00:07:47.057

communities and explain to them that no consultant.

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is required to file an appeal that you gain no benefit.

00:07:50.117 --> 00:07:53.157

from the use of a consultant or lawyer and that.



00:07:53.157 --> 00:07:56.197

this is a process that they can do on their.

00:07:56.197 --> 00:07:59.317

own with the assistance of employed.

00:07:59.317 --> 00:07:59.987

Cook County.

00:08:00.457 --> 00:08:04.247

Assessment analysts that we bring to their communities.

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before covid it was in person. Since covid it is done.

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by zoom and other remote means.

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But in both instances it has been very effective and.

00:08:13.727 --> 00:08:16.847

taxpayers appreciated. It prevents them from being.

00:08:16.847 --> 00:08:20.547

taken advantage of and paying unnecessary fees.

00:08:20.547 --> 00:08:24.027

to consultants that are doing nothing more, often times than.

00:08:24.027 --> 00:08:27.147

filing a form for them that they could do on their.

00:08:27.147 --> 00:08:29.057

own and that we could that we assist them with.

00:08:30.527 --> 00:08:33.857

I would also echo strike that I also am disappointed.

00:08:33.857 --> 00:08:36.937

by a Commissioner went. She has only been in office.

00:08:36.937 --> 00:08:39.957

for a few months which is not a criticism of.

00:08:39.957 --> 00:08:43.097

her in any respect, but she is expressly told us that she has no.

00:08:43.097 --> 00:08:46.517

interest in communicating with us and really understanding.

00:08:46.517 --> 00:08:49.717

the job of being a Commissioner. Understanding the job of working.

00:08:49.717 --> 00:08:53.147

on behalf of taxpayers but has been abstinent.

00:08:53.147 --> 00:08:56.567

and any and every way she can. Which is unfortunate.

00:08:56.567 --> 00:08:59.837

but it can happen and we will not allow.

00:08:59.837 --> 00:09:00.957

it to interfere.

00:09:01.207 --> 00:09:04.297

With the success of the agency and the ability to get the.

00:09:04.297 --> 00:09:07.837

tax bills out as timely as possible, if.

00:09:07.837 --> 00:09:11.117

two of us were to agree with her, the tax.

00:09:11.117 --> 00:09:14.147

bills will be delayed. Taxing districts with not receive.

00:09:14.147 --> 00:09:14.147

00:09:14.377 --> 00:09:17.447

Would be threatened. I'm sorry. The timely.

00:09:17.447 --> 00:09:20.567

issue, it's just the timely receipt of their funding.

00:09:20.567 --> 00:09:23.887

would be threatened all because of a non specific.

00:09:23.887 --> 00:09:26.967

complaints that she is described without any solution any.

00:09:26.967 --> 00:09:31.267

plan, simply a criticism so.

00:09:31.267 --> 00:09:34.507

I to vote yes in favor of the motion.

00:09:34.507 --> 00:09:37.787

to close the session so we can do the job.

00:09:37.787 --> 00:09:39.447

that we were elected to do is Commissioners.

00:09:42.327 --> 00:09:43.577

Hearing two votes.

00:09:46.077 --> 00:09:49.117

I'm sorry hearing a motion and 2nd. Is there a vote?

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00:09:49.917 --> 00:09:50.637

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00:09:51.297 --> 00:09:54.397

Yeah, chairman Rogers. I think Commissioner went is on mute.

00:09:54.397 --> 00:09:55.647

I don't know Commissioner went.

00:09:56.397 --> 00:09:56.917

Here.

00:09:57.817 --> 00:09:59.417

There's something you'd like to say.

00:10:00.157 --> 00:10:03.547

Yeah, can I respond quickly, please? Yes.

00:10:03.547 --> 00:10:06.747

I think that you're kind of spending the issue here.

00:10:06.747 --> 00:10:08.107

It's not about.

00:10:08.687 --> 00:10:12.077

I know what consultants are all about and I know that consultants.

00:10:12.077 --> 00:10:15.217

are not allowed to file at the border review. This isn't about consultants.

00:10:15.217 --> 00:10:18.477

This is about a faulty program that has been implemented.

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here at the border review that has.

00:10:22.397 --> 00:10:25.527

Has not been investigated. Once you flag people for.

00:10:25.527 --> 00:10:28.887

consultants my staff found.

00:10:28.887 --> 00:10:32.687

that there's hundreds literally.

00:10:32.687 --> 00:10:35.837

This is just what we found. Hundreds of homeowners who.

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are not consultants for being denied their appeals.

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when they should have been granted.

00:10:42.447 --> 00:10:45.507

Including some elected officials.

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00:10:45.957 --> 00:10:49.097

I've brought this to your attention, Commissioner.

00:10:49.097 --> 00:10:52.197

Rogers. You're saying that I've offered no solutions I've brought.

00:10:52.197 --> 00:10:55.177

this to your attention to roll in to William.

00:10:56.627 --> 00:10:59.657

An I'm ignored and shut down at every.

00:10:59.657 --> 00:11:02.907

turn and you both just continue to outvote.

00:11:02.907 --> 00:11:06.057

me and tell me that your program is wonderful. Well, it's.

00:11:06.057 --> 00:11:09.157

not. And then I say you're supposed to investigate.

00:11:09.157 --> 00:11:12.787

these when they're flagged and to determine whether or not they are consultants.

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An I'm told we don't have the resources to do that.

00:11:15.937 --> 00:11:20.027

Well then we shouldn't have this faulty program in place because.

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We notify these people who are not consultants that.

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their appeals that should have been granted are denied because.

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They were told in their letter.

00:11:32.177 --> 00:11:35.247

Because the evidence isn't there, they're not told.

00:11:35.247 --> 00:11:38.767

the truth. I've tried to change this as well, they're not.

00:11:38.767 --> 00:11:42.037

told because their suspected consultants. I've brought this to.

00:11:42.037 --> 00:11:45.227

everyone's attention and I think the public should know this so.

00:11:45.227 --> 00:11:47.087

if you're going to

00:11:47.957 --> 00:11:51.137

Say that I'm not being cooperative with you, which will get.

00:11:51.137 --> 00:11:52.167

into later.

00:11:54.257 --> 00:11:57.367

I just I just want the public and everybody out.

00:11:57.367 --> 00:12:00.377

there to know that I have been cooperative and I'm trying.

00:12:00.377 --> 00:12:03.767

to fix this program that is faulty in denying.

00:12:03.767 --> 00:12:07.147

constitutional rights to appeals our office.

00:12:07.147 --> 00:12:10.497

determine these files should have been reduced.

00:12:10.497 --> 00:12:11.837

These assessed values.

00:12:12.397 --> 00:12:15.897

And then we subsequently flag Miss Consultants.

00:12:15.897 --> 00:12:19.007

Now my staff did do the investigation and actually.

00:12:19.007 --> 00:12:22.357

called these people and found that they were not consultants.

00:12:22.357 --> 00:12:24.667

So that's the issue.

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And I'm not. I'm not delaying the tax bills going.

00:12:29.217 --> 00:12:32.547

out because we've already done the work, and we've.

00:12:32.547 --> 00:12:35.637

ubmitted it to your staff. Both your staffs.

00:12:35.637 --> 00:12:38.657

an this would not have delayed it.

00:12:38.657 --> 00:12:41.937

We just were denied, ignored and.

00:12:41.937 --> 00:12:42.947

that's nothing new.

00:12:44.097 --> 00:12:46.207

With you guys, respectfully.

00:12:47.917 --> 00:12:51.237

You have expressly indicated you have no interest in talking.

00:12:51.237 --> 00:12:54.927

to Commissioner Cabin RG and I we.

00:12:54.927 --> 00:12:57.987

have asked our staff to discuss this issue with you.

00:12:57.987 --> 00:13:00.997

There's been no cooperation whatsoever. You've.

00:13:00.997 --> 00:13:04.067

done nothing but raising issue without a solution.

00:13:04.067 --> 00:13:07.417

and you are ignoring the damage.

00:13:07.417 --> 00:13:10.917

that consultants due to everyday homeowners.

00:13:10.917 --> 00:13:13.997

and taxpayers Larry. There's emails that control.

00:13:13.997 --> 00:13:15.597

did offer solution.

00:13:15.647 --> 00:13:19.217

Don't Miss State facts please.

00:13:22.027 --> 00:13:25.217

Again, I stand by what I stated you have offered.

00:13:25.217 --> 00:13:28.567

no solution. You have done nothing.

00:13:28.567 --> 00:13:31.687

to communicate with your colleagues. In fact, you've told.

00:13:31.687 --> 00:13:33.627

you don't want to communicate with us.

00:13:34.527 --> 00:13:38.357

Other than by email and you.

00:13:38.357 --> 00:13:41.397

s your prog. Ative and with respect to.

00:13:41.397 --> 00:13:44.487

delaying the issuance of tax bills. Again, if.

00:13:44.487 --> 00:13:47.637

someone were to vote in favor or with you or.

00:13:47.637 --> 00:13:50.757

no, that would absolutely delay the.

00:13:50.757 --> 00:13:53.787

issuance of tax bills and the funding for.

00:13:53.787 --> 00:13:57.157

taxing districts across Cook County again.

00:13:57.157 --> 00:14:00.237

with no concrete solution and plan.

00:14:00.237 --> 00:14:04.077

Just a criticism. So again, knowing.

00:14:04.077 --> 00:14:06.187

the obligation that I have as a Commissioner.

00:14:06.397 --> 00:14:09.567

Knowing the desperate need that these taxing districts have.

00:14:09.567 --> 00:14:12.947

for funding, I am doing the responsible.

00:14:12.947 --> 00:14:16.147

thing to protect taxpayers by.

00:14:16.147 --> 00:14:19.157

thwarting any efforts of consultants to take advantage of.

00:14:19.157 --> 00:14:23.147

them and by voting in favor of closing.

00:14:23.147 --> 00:14:25.757

this session, Commissioner Kevin, are do you had some comments?

00:14:27.477 --> 00:14:28.827

I just like to call the question.

00:14:30.577 --> 00:14:33.837

Call the question all in favor of the motion vote by saying.

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00:14:34.697 --> 00:14:36.067

I.

00:14:38.687 --> 00:14:40.577

Commissioner White now.

00:14:41.667 --> 00:14:43.677

The motion carries the set.



00:14:53.397 --> 00:14:54.137

00:14:58.577 --> 00:15:01.357

Commissioner Commissioner, when would you like to make the second motion?

00:15:04.887 --> 00:15:05.337

No.

00:15:06.937 --> 00:15:07.817

Mr. Governor.

00:15:09.717 --> 00:15:12.937

Yes, I like to amend the Cook County Border reviews ethics.

00:15:12.937 --> 00:15:16.067

policy to match the Cook County's ethics ordinance.

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so that the definition of family shall be defined as follows.

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00:15:19.897 --> 00:15:22.927

Under the definition of familiar relationship from familiar.

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relationship shall mean a person who was related to.

00:15:25.977 --> 00:15:26.727

an official.

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Employ board or Commission appointee S.

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spouse or as any of the following weather by.

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blood, marriage or adoption as parent.

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Father, Mother, son, daughter.

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brother, sister, uncle, aunt.

00:15:43.747 --> 00:15:45.617

Great aunt. Great uncle.

00:15:46.197 --> 00:15:47.137

First cousin

00:15:48.267 --> 00:15:51.337

Nephew, niece, Husband wife.

00:15:51.337 --> 00:15:54.667

Grand Father grandmother grandson.

00:15:54.667 --> 00:15:59.037

n, granddaughter, mother-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law.

00:15:59.037 --> 00:16:02.787

daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law stepfather.

00:16:02.787 --> 00:16:06.347

Stepmother stepson stepdaughter step brother step sister.

00:16:06.347 --> 00:16:09.407

half brother, half-sister Ann including the father mother.

00:16:09.407 --> 00:16:12.587

grandfather or grandmother of the officials employees.

00:16:12.587 --> 00:16:15.847

board or commission appointees. Spouse domestic partner, civil.

00:16:15.847 --> 00:16:18.417

union partner, parent child. Brother sister aunt.

00:16:18.457 --> 00:16:21.707

Uncle, niece, nephew, grandparent, grandchild.

00:16:21.707 --> 00:16:25.567

Father in law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law.

00:16:25.567 --> 00:16:28.807

brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson.

00:16:28.807 --> 00:16:32.027

stepdaughter, step brother, step sister half brother.

00:16:32.027 --> 00:16:33.557

or half sister.

00:16:35.657 --> 00:16:36.487

Do I have a second?

00:16:37.517 --> 00:16:38.267

Promotion.

00:16:39.137 --> 00:16:40.197

Up second.

00:16:41.297 --> 00:16:44.517

Thank you Mr Rogers, yeah Commissioner.

00:16:44.517 --> 00:16:47.567

Roger's our ethics officer Jonathan Chapman is on here.

00:16:47.567 --> 00:16:50.607

as well. Jonathan's one of our talented attorneys.

00:16:50.607 --> 00:16:53.757

at the border review with many years of practice, Jonathan asked.

00:16:53.757 --> 00:16:56.887

for this amendment to be forward and brought it to our attention.

00:16:56.887 --> 00:17:00.527

so I would defer to Mr Chapman, Mr Chapman, yes.

00:17:00.527 --> 00:17:03.567

And then I just want to make a point of clarification so.

00:17:03.567 --> 00:17:06.577

that definition would be the.

00:17:06.577 --> 00:17:09.767

definition for relative under our policy, which would then match.

00:17:09.767 --> 00:17:12.317

familial relationship under the Cook County Ordinance.

00:17:15.187 --> 00:17:15.627

Thank you.

00:17:18.097 --> 00:17:18.997

Any discussion?

00:17:20.007 --> 00:17:21.377

I have discussion please.

00:17:24.627 --> 00:17:25.397

Yes, thank you.

00:17:26.667 --> 00:17:29.417

Am I unplug it as a public body?

00:17:31.037 --> 00:17:34.067

It's important that we have qualified unbiased.

00:17:34.067 --> 00:17:37.577

legal counsel involved in every decision we make concerning.

00:17:37.577 --> 00:17:40.837

rules, labor, human resources or ethics.

00:17:40.837 --> 00:17:41.617

policies.

00:17:42.837 --> 00:17:46.677

The Board of Review does not have legal counsel that specializes.

00:17:46.677 --> 00:17:49.697

in any of these areas. It came as a.

00:17:49.697 --> 00:17:52.377

recommendation from the Cook County States Attorney.

00:17:53.037 --> 00:17:56.037

That the board retain specialized legal counsel.

00:17:56.997 --> 00:18:00.187

So since the border review is a three Commissioner.

00:18:00.187 --> 00:18:03.407

board, any meeting involving 2 Commissioners.

00:18:03.407 --> 00:18:06.427

to discuss any board of review issues is a violation.

00:18:06.427 --> 00:18:07.697

of the Open Meetings Act.

00:18:09.007 --> 00:18:12.137

I move that the Commissioners meet monthly in a public forum.

00:18:12.137 --> 00:18:15.397

to do the people's business in the six months.

00:18:15.397 --> 00:18:18.497

almost seven that I have been here. I have learned that this office does.

00:18:18.497 --> 00:18:22.037

not operate with transparency. I think the taxpayers.

00:18:22.037 --> 00:18:25.077

would be very surprised to know what goes on in.



00:18:25.077 --> 00:18:27.897

the spirit of transparency. The culture of.

00:18:28.777 --> 00:18:32.187

Open Meetings Act violations has to stop now.

00:18:32.187 --> 00:18:33.447

and I understand this.

00:18:34.107 --> 00:18:36.817

This is a culture because it is difficult.

00:18:37.457 --> 00:18:40.577

An inconvenient to meet and discuss.

00:18:40.577 --> 00:18:42.637

business when it is at three board.

00:18:43.057 --> 00:18:46.157

Office because it is the only three board.

00:18:46.157 --> 00:18:47.177

office in the county.

00:18:47.977 --> 00:18:51.387

But I didn't make this rule. I am bound to follow it.

00:18:51.387 --> 00:18:51.387

00:18:53.597 --> 00:18:56.787

Nobody, no Commissioner should be violating the open meetings.

00:18:56.787 --> 00:18:59.907

Act process an in keeping with the law on.

00:18:59.907 --> 00:19:03.527

that we need to abide by it even though it's convenient.

00:19:03.527 --> 00:19:06.897

An I know Larry, you have said I'm refusing to.

00:19:06.897 --> 00:19:10.407

meet with you. This is about open meetings.

00:19:10.407 --> 00:19:11.697

act violations.

00:19:13.937 --> 00:19:15.847

Right now so.

00:19:16.197 --> 00:19:19.347

I've heard from many people at the border review that.

00:19:19.347 --> 00:19:23.007

this would be inconvenient to implement this policy, but.

00:19:23.007 --> 00:19:23.957

00:19:25.857 --> 00:19:28.997

This isn't about convenience. This is about following the law.

00:19:28.997 --> 00:19:28.997

00:19:29.687 --> 00:19:30.217

00:19:31.167 --> 00:19:34.297

So we're all bound by this law and with regard to this.

00:19:34.297 --> 00:19:37.497

specific motion to change the border review ethics.

00:19:37.497 --> 00:19:39.857

policy, this was never brought to my attention.

00:19:41.147 --> 00:19:44.177

Before the agenda for today was sent to me a few.

00:19:44.177 --> 00:19:44.817

days ago.

00:19:47.737 --> 00:19:48.417

Uhm?

00:19:49.247 --> 00:19:51.077

So this was discussed again.

00:19:52.407 --> 00:19:53.457

Have you have you finished?

00:19:56.357 --> 00:19:59.687

If this was brought to my attention, I would have made it abundantly.

00:19:59.687 --> 00:20:03.007

clear that we needed to obtain outside counsel to review these changes.

00:20:03.007 --> 00:20:04.207

before it went to vote.

00:20:05.907 --> 00:20:07.397

So I vote no on this motion.

00:20:09.727 --> 00:20:12.887

Point of clarification used in your.

00:20:12.887 --> 00:20:14.807

comment seems to seem to have.

00:20:16.577 --> 00:20:19.257

Highlighted the importance of following the law.

00:20:20.107 --> 00:20:23.527

For one, and it is the.

00:20:23.527 --> 00:20:26.817

opinion recommendation of ethics officer.

00:20:26.817 --> 00:20:30.377

Jonathan Chapman that this amendment places.

00:20:30.377 --> 00:20:33.577

us in conformance with the cook.

00:20:33.577 --> 00:20:34.627

County Boards.

00:20:35.877 --> 00:20:39.137

Ethics policy and definition of familial relationship.

00:20:39.137 --> 00:20:42.187

Specifically, do you agree that we have to?

00:20:42.187 --> 00:20:46.957

conform with the Cook County Board's ethics policy?

00:20:46.957 --> 00:20:49.397

and their definitions with their in?

00:20:50.657 --> 00:20:53.927

I believe like I said, that we need an attorney to advise.

00:20:53.927 --> 00:20:57.147

us on this. There's other things in the ethics policy.

00:20:57.147 --> 00:21:00.347

that I would suggest needed to be changed as well, but.

00:21:00.347 --> 00:21:01.567

I was never asked.

00:21:02.457 --> 00:21:05.527

So I can't agree on something that has.

00:21:05.527 --> 00:21:08.207

not been reviewed, reviewed by an attorney.

00:21:10.197 --> 00:21:13.597

Commissioner Captain RGS, an attorney I'm gonna turn it. You are in attorney.

00:21:13.597 --> 00:21:13.597

00:21:14.647 --> 00:21:17.297

What is actualising in ethics?

00:21:18.257 --> 00:21:21.887

Let me finish my question if I could. My question is do.

00:21:21.887 --> 00:21:23.177

you agree?

00:21:23.947 --> 00:21:25.917

With Kiss Commissioner Kevin RG.

00:21:26.557 --> 00:21:29.747

US motion that we need to be in conformance.

00:21:29.747 --> 00:21:33.327

and compliance and consistent with the good county boards.

00:21:33.327 --> 00:21:36.647

ethics policy and specifically as it relates to their definition.

00:21:36.647 --> 00:21:39.657

of familial relationship I just answered.

00:21:39.657 --> 00:21:40.767

that question, Larry.

00:21:42.257 --> 00:21:45.527

I'm sorry I missed the answer. Can you tell me what your answer the answer?

00:21:45.527 --> 00:21:48.377

was? We need an attorney to review it. I have other.

00:21:49.157 --> 00:21:52.227



Changes that I would propose to our ethics policy as.

00:21:52.227 --> 00:21:55.287

an if this was brought to my attention, we could be.

00:21:55.287 --> 00:21:58.427

discussing all of it today, so I'm not going to agree on.

00:21:58.427 --> 00:22:01.487

anything right now. I mean, we can table this.

00:22:01.487 --> 00:22:01.487

00:22:02.207 --> 00:22:04.027

But as it is, I'm voting no.

00:22:06.207 --> 00:22:09.627

Is there any particular reason? Are you aware of any violation of this policy?

00:22:09.627 --> 00:22:09.627

00:22:13.427 --> 00:22:14.267

I don't know what you mean.

00:22:15.557 --> 00:22:18.647

Are you aware of any violation of the familiar?

00:22:18.647 --> 00:22:21.727

relationship policy within the Cook County?

00:22:21.727 --> 00:22:24.747

Board boards, ethics policy, and.

00:22:24.747 --> 00:22:28.047

his amendment to the Cook County Board of review Ethics policy?

00:22:32.397 --> 00:22:34.687

I I'm not gonna vote on this.

00:22:35.407 --> 00:22:38.517

I've answered all these and I've answered as much as I'm going to.

00:22:38.517 --> 00:22:41.737

answer. I'm not on trial.

00:22:41.737 --> 00:22:42.457

here, Larry.

00:22:43.217 --> 00:22:46.227

I'm sorry, I know this is the discussion points and you raise some.

00:22:46.227 --> 00:22:49.507

issues. I wanted to know you're asking that it be table.

00:22:49.507 --> 00:22:52.587

that I'm asking is there a reason why you wanted to be able or you're aware of?

00:22:52.587 --> 00:22:55.907

some violation that would be in effect if this were past, I've.

00:22:55.907 --> 00:22:59.047

already told you why I wanted table. I want an attorney.

00:22:59.047 --> 00:23:02.167

to review any changes that are going to be made to this policy.

00:23:02.167 --> 00:23:02.167

00:23:03.117 --> 00:23:06.627

And I just asked an additional question. Are you aware of a violation?

00:23:06.627 --> 00:23:06.627

00:23:07.257 --> 00:23:10.297

That would be occasioned by the passage.

00:23:10.297 --> 00:23:13.317

of this amendment to the Cook County Board of Review, Ethics.

00:23:13.317 --> 00:23:16.337

policy, relating to familiar relationship. I would have.

00:23:16.337 --> 00:23:20.497

to consult with an attorney before I answered that question in that.

00:23:20.497 --> 00:23:23.437

means you have to consult with an attorney to know whether.

00:23:24.247 --> 00:23:24.937

00:23:33.997 --> 00:23:35.337

Two, an official.

00:23:36.087 --> 00:23:39.507

As defined by this definition, is that your?

00:23:39.507 --> 00:23:42.657

statement? Let me ask you. Do you think there's any?

00:23:42.657 --> 00:23:45.837

kind of a violation of a familial relationship?

00:23:45.837 --> 00:23:45.837

00:23:49.297 --> 00:23:52.707

I have some concerns with some of your hires, yes.

00:23:52.707 --> 00:23:55.837

I have concerns with yours and mikes as well.

00:23:55.837 --> 00:23:55.837

00:23:58.607 --> 00:24:01.467

Commissioner Kevin I just want you wanted to be hurt.

00:24:02.677 --> 00:24:06.057

Sure, I think you're seeing why we need this ordinance.

00:24:06.057 --> 00:24:06.807

change right now.

00:24:07.017 --> 00:24:10.097

It's disappointing that Commissioner went.

00:24:10.097 --> 00:24:14.207

Won't publicly state that she believes in a culture of ethics.

00:24:14.207 --> 00:24:17.457

We're all bound by not only the board of reviews policy.

00:24:17.457 --> 00:24:20.997

but the county boards countywide ethics policy.

00:24:20.997 --> 00:24:24.457

I commend Mr. Chapman for.

00:24:24.457 --> 00:24:27.657

bringing us a way for us to make sure that our cook.

00:24:27.657 --> 00:24:30.727

County Board of review ethics policy complies.

00:24:30.727 --> 00:24:33.147

with the counties at this policy at large.

00:24:34.947 --> 00:24:35.207

Yeah.

00:24:36.407 --> 00:24:39.467

This is not the first time Commissioner went has.

00:24:39.467 --> 00:24:42.927

been informed of an allegation.

00:24:42.927 --> 00:24:45.917

that she is violating currently.

00:24:46.527 --> 00:24:49.617

Or months Cook County's ethics policy.

00:24:49.617 --> 00:24:53.137

that she has in current an ongoing violation.

00:24:53.137 --> 00:24:55.007

of Cook County's ethics policy.

00:24:55.717 --> 00:24:59.177

And for the record, I have put her on notice on.

00:24:59.177 --> 00:25:02.557

her third week as Commissioner that she is violating.

00:25:02.557 --> 00:25:04.177

Cook County's ethics policy.

00:25:05.417 --> 00:25:08.727

As a former federal prosecutor, I take this very.

00:25:08.727 --> 00:25:11.867

very seriously. It's one of the reasons that Commissioner Rogers.

00:25:11.867 --> 00:25:15.097

and I drafted the boards for ascetics policy and appointed.

00:25:15.097 --> 00:25:18.167

that boards first ethics officer, and I'm glad to see.

00:25:18.167 --> 00:25:21.427

that the process is working. An allegation of misconduct.

00:25:21.427 --> 00:25:23.027

even by a Commissioner.



00:25:23.607 --> 00:25:26.847

Is serious and merits full investigation and.

00:25:26.847 --> 00:25:30.517

the process work. It was investigated and it's being referred.

00:25:30.517 --> 00:25:30.517

00:25:31.307 --> 00:25:34.977

For further action, these are serious allegations, yeah.

00:25:34.977 --> 00:25:34.977

00:25:37.077 --> 00:25:40.277

Commissioner went, you don't get on the one hand to make a false.

00:25:40.277 --> 00:25:43.437

allegation that the Open Meetings Act applies to the Board of review.

00:25:43.437 --> 00:25:46.647

because you believe in a culture of openness and ethics.

00:25:46.647 --> 00:25:49.737

and then Commissioner Rogers directly asked you if.

00:25:49.737 --> 00:25:53.097

you are aware of an ongoing violation by you of the ethics policy.

00:25:53.097 --> 00:25:56.277

You say I'd like to. I'd like to talk to Council that doesn't.

00:25:56.277 --> 00:25:56.927

have that.

00:25:58.917 --> 00:26:03.597

Are you asking if I'm violating the ethics policy? Absolutely not.

00:26:03.597 --> 00:26:03.597

00:26:04.147 --> 00:26:06.297

Are you Mike are?

00:26:08.207 --> 00:26:11.337

So you're saying right now that you aren't? You have not hired?

00:26:11.337 --> 00:26:14.527

an? Are employing a chief of staff who is a first cousin.

00:26:14.527 --> 00:26:14.527

00:26:15.517 --> 00:26:18.547

I'm not answering your questions, it just Larry's cousin working.

00:26:18.547 --> 00:26:19.327

for you, Mike.

00:26:20.547 --> 00:26:21.477

Now is not.

00:26:22.137 --> 00:26:23.607

Is he working for Larry?

00:26:25.117 --> 00:26:26.097

Commissioner Roger's

00:26:28.537 --> 00:26:31.737

I mean, do you want to open this? Let's go let's.

00:26:31.737 --> 00:26:34.757

talk about everybody that you both hired.

00:26:34.757 --> 00:26:34.757

00:26:35.717 --> 00:26:37.397

Is there any further discussion on the motion?

00:26:41.447 --> 00:26:42.707

No further questions.

00:26:44.127 --> 00:26:47.677

Call the question all in favor of the motion.

00:26:47.677 --> 00:26:49.577

indicates so by saying.

00:26:50.487 --> 00:26:51.757

I.

00:26:52.847 --> 00:26:55.897

Opposed the motion indicate no.

00:26:55.897 --> 00:26:55.897

00:26:56.557 --> 00:26:58.457

Let the record reflect the motion carries.

00:26:59.867 --> 00:27:01.727

Commissioner Roger had like A roll call, please.

00:27:04.657 --> 00:27:05.417

Commissioner

00:27:05.467 --> 00:27:08.977

Hi Mr Rogers, High commissioner went.

00:27:08.977 --> 00:27:09.917

00:27:10.717 --> 00:27:11.337

No.

00:27:11.367 --> 00:27:21.367

00:27:22.867 --> 00:27:24.957

Commissioner Roger you've gone on mute on 4 Chan.

00:27:25.957 --> 00:27:29.227

Moving on the agenda, is there any issue to discuss?

00:27:29.227 --> 00:27:30.077

in executive session?

00:27:31.917 --> 00:27:35.447

I move that we go to close session to discuss possible litigation.

00:27:35.447 --> 00:27:35.447

00:27:38.847 --> 00:27:42.497

I'm in favor of discussing that in open session for transparency purposes.

00:27:42.497 --> 00:27:42.497

00:27:44.197 --> 00:27:45.717

Well, that wasn't on the agenda.

00:27:47.867 --> 00:27:50.277

You want to go into closed session.

00:27:51.717 --> 00:27:54.847

Put point of pointing question Commissioner went, you have read the rules.

00:27:54.847 --> 00:27:57.987

of the border review you keep referring to the fact that we didn't come.

00:27:57.987 --> 00:28:01.207

to you with the agenda. You do realize that the Board of review has a regularly.

00:28:01.207 --> 00:28:04.287

scheduled meeting pursuant to the owner property Tax Code.

00:28:04.287 --> 00:28:07.367

to close the operations of the border review. If you had something.

00:28:07.367 --> 00:28:10.447

you wanted to put on the agenda, that's your responsibility to put on.

00:28:10.447 --> 00:28:13.607

the agenda is yours and no one else is. If you an your chief of staff.

00:28:13.607 --> 00:28:16.647

are unable to do that is again your problem, not the rest of.

00:28:16.647 --> 00:28:20.047

us. This is the. This is the most recent time that you said you weren't made aware.

00:28:20.047 --> 00:28:20.587

of something.

00:28:21.217 --> 00:28:24.307

Your job is to do your job. My job is not to do your job.

00:28:24.307 --> 00:28:27.457

right and you guys have made it abundantly clear that.

00:28:27.457 --> 00:28:30.677

you don't want to assist me as a new Commissioner.

00:28:30.677 --> 00:28:33.857

in any area, but that you're spending the issue here.

00:28:33.857 --> 00:28:37.237

Mike. The issue was that you brought this motion.

00:28:37.237 --> 00:28:40.277

for an ethics change without.

00:28:40.277 --> 00:28:43.427

informing me without asking me if I had any changes.

00:28:43.427 --> 00:28:47.737

But clearly you want Commissioner Roger's have had discussions again.



00:28:47.737 --> 00:28:47.737

00:28:50.037 --> 00:28:52.977

Just for a point of clarification.

00:28:54.267 --> 00:28:57.627

I know I have and I know Commissioner Kevin RG has.

00:28:57.627 --> 00:28:57.627

00:28:58.977 --> 00:29:02.647

I reached out to you since you since.

00:29:02.647 --> 00:29:05.807

your election an.

00:29:05.807 --> 00:29:09.487

since your installation as a Commissioner.

00:29:09.487 --> 00:29:12.937

to work with you and explain the process with you to explain.

00:29:12.937 --> 00:29:16.187

the importance of the outreach program, we've.

00:29:16.187 --> 00:29:19.867

offered our assistance in every way, shape or form and.

00:29:19.867 --> 00:29:22.897

we advised you of the need to comply with.

00:29:22.897 --> 00:29:25.947

both the county ethics policy as.

00:29:28.537 --> 00:29:31.177

And you.

00:29:33.307 --> 00:29:36.497

Were concerned about some of your hires when we raise that.

00:29:36.497 --> 00:29:39.537

issue with you, we advised you against.

00:29:39.537 --> 00:29:42.777

hires that would violate the policy and you told us you.

00:29:42.777 --> 00:29:45.857

were going to proceed specifically despite.

00:29:45.857 --> 00:29:49.327

being informed with the same. So we also.

00:29:49.327 --> 00:29:52.497

have assisted you in a variety of ways we.

00:29:52.497 --> 00:29:55.717

have meetings amongst the Chiefs to make sure.

00:29:55.717 --> 00:29:58.837

that everyone is communicating. Those meetings have continued.

00:29:58.837 --> 00:30:02.497

amongst the Chiefs despite your indication.

00:30:03.257 --> 00:30:06.727

In written form that you have no interest in talking to Commissioner Kevin are Gina.

00:30:06.727 --> 00:30:06.727

00:30:07.327 --> 00:30:09.317

So I do.

00:30:09.907 --> 00:30:10.897

Disagree.

00:30:11.497 --> 00:30:15.507

With your suggestion that we have not welcomed you, we have.

00:30:15.507 --> 00:30:19.167

simply. We have simply honored your.

00:30:19.167 --> 00:30:22.267

insistence upon doing what you want to.

00:30:22.267 --> 00:30:23.547

do with your staff.

00:30:24.137 --> 00:30:27.527

And we have had to respect.

00:30:27.527 --> 00:30:30.847

your decision that you don't have to comply with the county.

00:30:30.847 --> 00:30:34.167

or the ethics ordinance and we.

00:30:34.167 --> 00:30:37.377

as don't have the authority to dictate.

00:30:37.377 --> 00:30:40.607

to you who you hire and don't hire all.

00:30:40.607 --> 00:30:44.077

we can do is fat pass good policy.

00:30:44.077 --> 00:30:44.077

00:30:45.537 --> 00:30:48.807

Transparent policy and things that we think are in the best.

00:30:48.807 --> 00:30:51.917

interest of the agency. Anne Cook County.

00:30:51.917 --> 00:30:55.077

taxpayers so again, my.

00:30:55.077 --> 00:30:59.217

door remains open. If you ever want to participate.

00:30:59.217 --> 00:31:02.507

meaningfully in the administration of the office.

00:31:02.507 --> 00:31:06.477

But we cannot sit by and watch you trample.

00:31:06.477 --> 00:31:09.677

on what we've worked very.

00:31:09.677 --> 00:31:13.097

hard to achieve at the agency, and.

00:31:13.097 --> 00:31:15.447

you have left us no choice.

00:31:15.937 --> 00:31:16.687

But to.

00:31:17.807 --> 00:31:20.877

Pass ordinance is like this that you.

00:31:23.557 --> 00:31:26.587

In the interest of good government, they are consistent with.

00:31:26.587 --> 00:31:29.667

county policy and they are quite frankly what.

00:31:29.667 --> 00:31:32.807

we've been elected to do. So this is this.

00:31:32.807 --> 00:31:34.907

et me finish and I I'm just about done.

00:31:36.007 --> 00:31:39.537

Please take no if you look at my history I have.

00:31:39.537 --> 00:31:42.767

probably hired an elevated more.

00:31:42.767 --> 00:31:45.907

people of color and women than any other.

00:31:45.907 --> 00:31:48.947

Commissioner elected to this office. We had the.

00:31:48.947 --> 00:31:52.067

first female African American Secretary of.

00:31:52.067 --> 00:31:55.817

this agency under my leadership.

00:31:55.817 --> 00:31:55.817

00:31:56.827 --> 00:32:00.117

We have had I have a female chief of staff.

00:32:01.197 --> 00:32:04.707

Who is also a minority woman I supported.

00:32:04.707 --> 00:32:08.227

the elevation of the first African American.

00:32:08.227 --> 00:32:11.367

man and minority to ever serve as the.

00:32:11.367 --> 00:32:14.427

Chief Deputy commissioner of his agency, so I have.

00:32:14.427 --> 00:32:16.557

consistently operated.

00:32:19.127 --> 00:32:20.657

In inclusive fashion.

00:32:21.487 --> 00:32:24.597



In a collaborative fashion, an since.

00:32:24.597 --> 00:32:27.637

Commissioner cabin RG has joined the agency we have worked.

00:32:27.637 --> 00:32:31.417

together in the same thing where we disagree.

00:32:31.417 --> 00:32:34.707

We discuss and we decide what's in the best interest of.

00:32:34.707 --> 00:32:37.917

the agency and I and I'm sure Cesca Mr.

00:32:37.917 --> 00:32:41.137

Kevin RG welcome you welcome you to.

00:32:41.137 --> 00:32:45.037

participate in that type of a meaningful participation.

00:32:45.037 --> 00:32:48.157

We will have disagreements, but they need not.

00:32:48.157 --> 00:32:51.377

be nuclear and as disruptive as.

00:32:53.627 --> 00:32:56.787

Have been particularly as they relate to the.

00:32:59.347 --> 00:33:00.417

Ethics pauses.

00:33:00.657 --> 00:33:01.027

Yeah.

00:33:02.677 --> 00:33:06.087

Thank you Commissioner, but I don't understand why you two are.

00:33:06.087 --> 00:33:09.567

sitting here trying to pretend for to the public.

00:33:09.567 --> 00:33:12.627

like you are welcoming me with open arms.

00:33:12.627 --> 00:33:14.597

You have been nothing but bullies.

00:33:15.237 --> 00:33:18.427

To be frank, since I got here, I don't know if it's because.

00:33:18.427 --> 00:33:21.767

I'm a female. I don't know what the problem is, but you're both.

00:33:21.767 --> 00:33:25.357

very territorial and this is not a secret.

00:33:25.357 --> 00:33:25.357

00:33:26.097 --> 00:33:29.557

OK, you made your statement Larry we.

00:33:29.557 --> 00:33:32.657

I'm coming in here and disrupting the work that you've done.

00:33:32.657 --> 00:33:35.777

I understand you don't want me here. OK, I understand.

00:33:35.777 --> 00:33:39.127

you don't like the things that I'm figuring out in discovery and.

00:33:39.127 --> 00:33:42.467

they open meetings act violations that you keep just ignore.

00:33:42.467 --> 00:33:45.567

it. I don't know why you guys continue to think that you can.

00:33:45.567 --> 00:33:48.587

just make your own laws violate.

00:33:48.587 --> 00:33:51.877

existing laws while you're making your own laws, I mean.

00:33:51.877 --> 00:33:55.547

I understand you got friends in high places guys, OK?

00:33:55.547 --> 00:33:55.547

00:33:56.137 --> 00:33:59.267

But that does not give you the right to treat me the way you.

00:33:59.267 --> 00:34:02.387

are and don't get on here and pretend for a second.

00:34:02.387 --> 00:34:05.177

that you're welcoming me. OK, let's.

00:34:06.037 --> 00:34:09.317

Let's talk about the truth. I don't want to hear anymore lies, OK?

00:34:09.317 --> 00:34:09.317

00:34:11.807 --> 00:34:12.777

Commission technology.

00:34:13.797 --> 00:34:15.077

Thank you, Chairman Rogers.

00:34:16.897 --> 00:34:20.427

We're going back and we're talking about the day that Commissioner.

00:34:20.427 --> 00:34:22.197

went with sworn until today.

00:34:23.487 --> 00:34:27.247

An and I just want to echo what Commissioner Roger said the.

00:34:27.247 --> 00:34:30.547

day that Commissioner went was sworn in.

00:34:30.547 --> 00:34:33.157

which again, unfortunately, because of kovid, we had to do remotely.

00:34:34.337 --> 00:34:37.577

Commissioner Rogers and I were on the phone with Commissioner, went and.

00:34:37.577 --> 00:34:40.917

e spoke if not daily multiple times a week with Commissioner.

00:34:40.917 --> 00:34:45.207

went to help her get up to speed staffing payroll.

00:34:45.207 --> 00:34:48.347

matter as human human relate human resources matters.

00:34:48.347 --> 00:34:48.347

00:34:49.367 --> 00:34:53.087

It's always a challenge having an election at the border review in.

00:34:53.087 --> 00:34:56.167

the middle of the assessment session, which.

00:34:56.167 --> 00:34:59.727

is unfortunately how the calendars intertwine the.

00:34:59.727 --> 00:35:03.587

new Commissioner comes in the middle of a tax assessment.

00:35:03.587 --> 00:35:06.927

appeals session as they're doing their.

00:35:06.927 --> 00:35:10.097

staffing in their hiring. It's at the time that the.

00:35:10.097 --> 00:35:13.127

hearings are beginning to move ahead and full speed and.

00:35:13.127 --> 00:35:16.247

the deadlines are moving quicker, so it's always a challenge, which is why.

00:35:16.247 --> 00:35:19.397

Commissioner Rogers and I haven't been at the board for number of years.

00:35:19.397 --> 00:35:19.397

00:35:19.597 --> 00:35:22.777

Wanted to work with you Commissioner. Went to help you get up to speed.

00:35:22.777 --> 00:35:22.777

00:35:24.327 --> 00:35:27.747

Two things stopped that we learned that.

00:35:27.747 --> 00:35:31.097

there is an allegation that you were in violation.

00:35:31.097 --> 00:35:34.367

of the Counties Ethics ordinance.

00:35:34.367 --> 00:35:37.727

and regarding to your hiring. We brought it to your attention.

00:35:37.727 --> 00:35:41.167

as you said here, you didn't. You weren't going to respond.

00:35:41.167 --> 00:35:44.887

You weren't going to confirm or deny the allegation we.

00:35:44.887 --> 00:35:48.017

needed you to conform with it. Whether you confirm or deny.

00:35:48.017 --> 00:35:51.197

the allegation would just need you to follow the ethics policy and.



00:35:51.197 --> 00:35:53.847

then the second reason that we.

00:35:53.887 --> 00:35:57.427

Quit talking was entirely your own. You decided.

00:35:57.427 --> 00:36:00.487

and you interpreted the states. Open Meetings act to.

00:36:00.487 --> 00:36:04.267

apply to the border review that is unique.

00:36:04.267 --> 00:36:07.717

an impression it is currently being reviewed.

00:36:07.717 --> 00:36:09.587

by legal officers.

00:36:10.587 --> 00:36:13.757

For anybody who's watching, we are a three person board.

00:36:13.757 --> 00:36:16.127

and if you read the states Open Meetings Act.

00:36:17.347 --> 00:36:20.737

It is not anticipated for three person board even.

00:36:20.737 --> 00:36:24.077

for a five person board. There are exemptions reflecting.

00:36:24.077 --> 00:36:26.907

the fact how difficult it is to operate with a five person board.

00:36:28.427 --> 00:36:31.607

State officials are currently reviewing the application.

00:36:31.607 --> 00:36:34.767

of the Open Meetings Act to a border review, not the.

00:36:34.767 --> 00:36:37.967

Cook County Board of review. All 102 three.

00:36:37.967 --> 00:36:41.007

person boards of review in the state. Because each county has.

00:36:41.007 --> 00:36:44.217

a three person board of review, so interpretation of the open.

00:36:44.217 --> 00:36:47.637

Meetings Act for Cook County applies to every county's.

00:36:47.637 --> 00:36:48.577

board of review.

00:36:50.207 --> 00:36:53.527

So the reason we quit talking was as Commissioner Roger said.

00:36:53.527 --> 00:36:57.287

You said that the Open Meetings act your interpretation.

00:36:57.287 --> 00:37:00.437

was that you could not and would not meet with us.

00:37:00.437 --> 00:37:03.487

and talk with us. The conversation we're having right here.

00:37:03.487 --> 00:37:06.567

I'm happy to have with you. Commissioner went. I just think it's best so we have.

00:37:06.567 --> 00:37:09.597

it behind closed doors. Even if the three of us don't get.

00:37:09.597 --> 00:37:12.887

along. Even if the three of us disagree on everything from.

00:37:12.887 --> 00:37:15.967

values to staffing to personnel.

00:37:15.967 --> 00:37:18.987

It is far more important.

00:37:18.987 --> 00:37:20.647

important that our Staffs continue.

00:37:20.707 --> 00:37:23.797

To talk and I couldn't be more proud of my chief.

00:37:23.797 --> 00:37:26.877

of staff role in Laura. By the way, the first Latino chief of.

00:37:26.877 --> 00:37:30.197

staff at the Border Review and I just want to ECHO Commissioner.

00:37:30.197 --> 00:37:33.377

Roger's. I couldn't be more proud of my staff, which is currently 50% women.

00:37:33.377 --> 00:37:36.397

50% men reflects the diversity of Cook County.

00:37:36.397 --> 00:37:38.427

The majority of my staff is Spanish speaking.

00:37:39.847 --> 00:37:42.907

That the staff continue to work together and.

00:37:42.907 --> 00:37:46.447

hats off to Chief Deputy William Oshields.

00:37:46.447 --> 00:37:49.647

an in Clark Allen Manual for again.

00:37:49.647 --> 00:37:52.697

in a covert environment when they're working remotely.

00:37:52.697 --> 00:37:55.957

still communicating, collaborating in getting the job done.

00:37:55.957 --> 00:37:58.967

because the three commissioners may disagree with each other. It is.

00:37:58.967 --> 00:38:02.037

far more important than the staff continue to work together and.

00:38:02.037 --> 00:38:04.497

I'm proud of our staff are continuing to work together.

00:38:06.697 --> 00:38:10.287

I OK thank you for that Commissioner.

00:38:10.287 --> 00:38:13.447

My staff has as you worked.

00:38:13.447 --> 00:38:16.457

extremely well with your staff as well as a.

00:38:16.457 --> 00:38:18.557

matter of fact. My staff finished first.

00:38:19.267 --> 00:38:19.997

We have

00:38:20.717 --> 00:38:23.797

Less staff than all of you which you guys.

00:38:23.797 --> 00:38:27.827

are well aware of. I'm short many positions.

00:38:27.827 --> 00:38:30.977

that there is a real problem with.

00:38:30.977 --> 00:38:33.997

equity in this office and I inherited.

00:38:33.997 --> 00:38:35.907

it from Dan Patrick who couldn't.

00:38:36.577 --> 00:38:37.337

Who couldn't?

00:38:38.637 --> 00:38:41.697

Get agreement with either of you.

00:38:41.697 --> 00:38:45.677

on staff positions, but.

00:38:45.677 --> 00:38:49.277

being short staffed in that I am an.

00:38:49.277 --> 00:38:52.287

that you both have open positions.

00:38:52.287 --> 00:38:52.287

00:38:52.647 --> 00:38:56.137

My staff, half of them being you still.

00:38:56.137 --> 00:38:59.277

finished first, so I am extremely proud of my.

00:38:59.277 --> 00:38:59.777

staff.

00:39:00.957 --> 00:39:04.017

All of my staff were hired for their qualifications.

00:39:04.017 --> 00:39:05.357

Every one of them.

00:39:08.347 --> 00:39:11.357

So I can. I'm not in violation.

00:39:11.357 --> 00:39:14.867

of any policy's OK. So stop saying that.

00:39:14.867 --> 00:39:14.867

00:39:16.437 --> 00:39:19.737

And I didn't ask anybody's opinion when I hired anybody.



00:39:20.507 --> 00:39:24.097

As a matter of fact, like I remember a conversation we had where you told me.

00:39:24.097 --> 00:39:24.097

00:39:24.727 --> 00:39:27.857

You can hire anybody you want were independent office.

00:39:27.857 --> 00:39:29.507

Nobody can tell us who to hire.

00:39:31.487 --> 00:39:32.147

So.

00:39:34.487 --> 00:39:37.577

Just for the record that just commission Rogers Chairman Rogers answer I.

00:39:37.577 --> 00:39:40.667

y I did not say that I did that is that complete? Those are not.

00:39:40.667 --> 00:39:43.987

the words I use and I would not say we can hire anybody we want.

00:39:43.987 --> 00:39:43.987

00:39:44.757 --> 00:39:48.307

Now you said that I remember where I was when.

00:39:48.307 --> 00:39:51.467

I was on the phone with you. Let me just make sure let's take a.

00:39:51.467 --> 00:39:54.507

point of order. What I did not say that I would not say that.

00:39:54.507 --> 00:39:54.507

00:39:55.147 --> 00:39:57.367

OK, we are point of order.

00:39:58.557 --> 00:40:01.207

Is there any request for executive session?

00:40:03.567 --> 00:40:06.917

I wanted to go into executive executive session to discuss.

00:40:06.917 --> 00:40:08.327

potential litigation.

00:40:09.377 --> 00:40:09.957

You've.

00:40:10.777 --> 00:40:13.987

Decided you don't want to go into executive session, apparently.

00:40:13.987 --> 00:40:16.167

there's a second. Is there a second?

00:40:17.967 --> 00:40:20.667

Regarding the request to go into executive session.

00:40:25.727 --> 00:40:29.407

I'm not aware of any litigation, so I don't know what to do.

00:40:29.407 --> 00:40:29.407

00:40:30.037 --> 00:40:33.257

To address with that, I will, well, that's what we.

00:40:33.257 --> 00:40:36.657

were going to discuss, Larry. But if you guys don't want to go into it, that's fine.

00:40:36.657 --> 00:40:36.657

00:40:38.207 --> 00:40:40.247

Moving on the agenda. Any public comments?

00:40:43.117 --> 00:40:48.207

There's anyone in the public that like to make a comment. Please raise your hand electronically.

00:40:48.207 --> 00:40:48.207

00:40:50.027 --> 00:40:52.487

Or unmute yourself and make yourself be now.

00:40:54.827 --> 00:40:57.737

Hearing none, is there a motion to adjourn the meeting?

00:41:00.247 --> 00:41:03.367

Motion to adjourn their second second.

00:41:03.367 --> 00:41:03.367

00:41:08.657 --> 00:41:09.687

Hearing none.

00:41:11.027 --> 00:41:14.097

I'll call the question all in favor of adjourning the meeting vote by.

00:41:14.097 --> 00:41:14.747

saying.

00:41:15.337 --> 00:41:17.447

I.

00:41:19.167 --> 00:41:22.267

But the record reflect that the motion carries and we will.

00:41:25.047 --> 00:41:28.417

At this point in time, thank you all for your hard work.

00:41:28.417 --> 00:41:28.417

00:41:29.747 --> 00:41:31.517

Special thanks to the staff.

00:41:33.437 --> 00:41:33.937

Thank you.

00:41:33.967 --> 00:41:43.967

00:41:43.967 --> 00:41:53.967

00:41:53.967 --> 00:42:03.967

00:42:03.967 --> 00:42:13.967