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At its regularly scheduled meeting on September 13, 2021, the Board, among other actions it took, made determinations in the following four cases:

- 1. In Case No. 21019.L, it determined that a businessperson violated the Governmental Ethics Ordinance's lobbyist registration requirement and assessed a \$5,000 fine.
- 2. In Case No. 21029.C., it determined that there is probable cause to conclude that a City official violated the Ordinance's "City-owned Property" provision on two occasions and issued a statement of law, and is requesting further investigation by the Office of Inspector General. The official has the opportunity to meet with the Board confidentially and attempt to rebut the Board's findings.

These two matters are summarized in this document: https://www.chicago.gov/content/dam/city/depts/ethics/general/EnforcementMatters/Invest-Index.pdf

- 3. The Board also issued an opinion in Case No. 21028.C, involving a minor violation of the ethics ordinance's "Representation of other persons" section by a City employee. The opinion (redacted, per law) is posted here: https://www.chicago.gov/content/dam/city/depts/ethics/general/AOMinorViolations/21028.C.pdf.
- 4. Finally, in Case No. 21027.IG, the Board found probable cause to conclude that a previously-registered lobbyist violated the Ordinance's lobbyist registration requirement on 3 occasions, in a case referred to the Board by the Office of Inspector General. The individual has the opportunity to meet with the Board confidentially and attempt to rebut the Board's findings. A summary of the case is posted here: https://www.chicago.gov/content/dam/city/depts/ethics/general/EnforcementMatters/PulbicScorecard.pdf