



CITY OF CHICAGO



BOARD OF ETHICS

**BOARD COMMENTS ON COMPLAINTS REQUIRING FACTUAL INVESTIGATIONS,
Delivered by the Chair at the public session of the Board's September 11, 2023 meeting**

Despite requests to do so, the Board of Ethics is not going to comment on any particular matter. When the Board receives complaints that require an investigation to develop more facts so that the Board can act, the Board, having no authority to investigate under the Governmental Ethics Ordinance, refers those matters to the Office of Inspector General (OIG).

When the Board makes a referral to the OIG, the Board administratively closes its case, subject to reopening the case if a referral is made back to the Board for adjudication by the OIG. The Board and its staff have properly handled those referrals to the OIG in *all* such cases. Once a referral to the OIG is made the OIG may conduct an investigation, per its enabling legislation. If it conducts an investigation, the OIG can refer the matter back to us, refer the matter to the U.S. Attorney, the State's Attorney, the Department head, or close the matter.

If the Board of Ethics receives a referral back from the IG, we handle it as expeditiously as the matter allows.

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