



***Special Outside Counsel/High Ridge
Litigation Committee –
Board of Representatives***

Jeff Curtis, Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, June 30, 2025
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: *This meeting was held remotely.*

The Special Outside Counsel/High Ridge Litigation Committee met as indicated above.

In attendance were Acting Chair Mary Fedeli, and Committee Member Reps. Phil Berns, Bonnie Kim Campbell, Nina Sherwood and Carmine Tomas. Also in attendance were Reps. Terry Adams, Anabel Figueroa, Jennifer Matheny, Daniel Sandford, Annie M. Summerville, and Carl Weinberg.

Also present were Outside Counsel Attorney Patricia Sullivan and members of the public.

Absent or excused were Committee Chair Jeff Curtis and Committee member Reps. Karen Camporeale, Virgil de la Cruz, James Grunberger, Thomas Kuczynski and Jeff Stella.

Acting Chair Fedeli called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Possibly in Executive Session:

Item No.	Description	Invitees (or designees)
1. HR31.005	REVIEW; of High Ridge Office Park Litigation. 05/12/25 – Submitted by the 31 st Board of Representatives	REPORT MADE

A motion to address Item 1 on the agenda was made, seconded, and Acting Chair Fedeli then gave Attorney Sullivan the floor to speak. Attorney Sullivan gave the following outline of the status of the High Ridge litigation (Item 1) was opened by Attorney Sullivan. She provided the committee with a summary of the case and an update of publicly available information from the judicial system on this case.

Case summary:

- The case started in 2018
- The initial question was if the petition was valid
- This question went to the Supreme Court, where it was unsuccessful
- The case then went to the Appellate Court; the Supreme Court took that matter.
- The Board's case was then successful in the Supreme Court, finding that the petitions were valid
- The case was then remanded back to the State Court for the trial/case hearings on the substance of the matter i.e. whether the Board of Representatives had properly overturned the Zoning Board
- There was a protracted discovery process
- There was a protracted mediation process
- The case was then referred to Judge Kremeck
- There were a few days of hearings/trial but Judge Kremeck ruled in favor of the Board on the substance of the case
- Attorney Wright also filed a motion for sanctions asking for two things:
 - i) An adverse inference with regards to the underlying litigation
 - ii) Asking for \$100,000 from the Board for his trouble & what he claimed were discovery violations on behalf of the Board
- Judge Kremeck also found in the Board's favor in regard to that matter
- Attorney Wright filed a petition for certification with the Appellate Court questioning Judge Kremeck's trial court decision
- The Appellate Court denied the petition for certification, so the case did not go up on appeal
- The motion for sanctions was held over until after the decision on the substantive case
- Judge Kremeck also found for the Board on the motion for sanctions
- The only remaining matter left then was the \$100,000 he had requested & Judge Kremeck denied that
- The denial from Judge Kremeck is dated June 18th, 2025; it is not expected that Attorney Wright will try to take any further action
- Attorney Wright did file a motion to reargue the motion for sanctions; that was also denied on June 18th, 2025
- The initial denial of sanctions was dated the end of May 2025; the motion to reargue that was filed was denied on June 18th, 2025
- No further action in regard to this case is expected but Attorney Sullivan stated to "give it twenty (20) days from June 18th just to make sure"

Acting Chair Fedeli opened the floor for the Board members present to ask Attorney Sullivan any questions they might have.

Rep. Sherwood was the only Board member to raise her hand to speak, and her statement was to thank Attorney Sullivan for her work on this case.

As there were no other questions, Acting Chair Fedeli called for a motion to adjourn which was made and seconded.

Acting Chair Mary Fedeli adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fedeli, Acting Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).