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Quarterly Report: First Quarter 2026 Report for the Public Building Commission of Chicago

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Chairman David Whittley
Public Building Commission of Chicago
50 W. Washington St., Room 200
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Dear Chairman Whittley:

Enclosed for your review is the public report on the operations of the City of Chicago Office of Inspector General (OIG) regarding the Public Building Commission (PBC) from January 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026. This report is filed with the Audit Committee pursuant to Intergovernmental Agreement, Section 2-56 of the Municipal Code of Chicago, and the Memorandum of Understanding by and between PBC and OIG.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah Witzburg".

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This quarterly report provides an overview of the operations of the City of Chicago Office of Inspector General (OIG) as they relate to the Public Building Commission of Chicago (PBC) from January 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026.

I | Mission of the Office of Inspector General

The mission of OIG is to promote economy, effectiveness, efficiency, and integrity in the administration of programs and operation of City government.¹ OIG accomplishes its mission through administrative and criminal investigations; program and policy work on effectiveness, efficiency, and equity; and transparency initiatives.

When OIG investigates and sustains allegations of misconduct, it issues summary reports of investigations to the appropriate authority, City management officials, and/or the Mayor's Office, with investigative findings and recommendations for corrective action and discipline. Narrative summaries of sustained administrative investigations, i.e., those typically involving violations of the City's Personnel Rules, Debarment Rules, and Ethics Ordinance—and the resulting department or agency actions—are released in quarterly reports. OIG's investigations resulting in criminal sanctions or civil recovery actions are summarized in quarterly reports following public action (e.g., indictment) and updated in ensuing quarterly reports as court developments warrant.

OIG's performance audits, programmatic inquiries, and advisories are directed to the appropriate agency for comment and response and are then [published on the OIG website](#). From time to time, OIG also issues notifications to a City department for attention and comment; those notifications are summarized, along with any response, in the ensuing quarterly report.

OIG's data analysis and visualization work is available on its [Information Portal](#).

Finally, OIG issues reports as required by the City's Hiring Plan and as otherwise necessary to carry out its functions in overseeing hiring and promotion processes across the City.

¹ "City government" includes the City of Chicago and any sister agency which enters into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City for the provision of oversight services by OIG.

II | Investigations

OIG's Investigations section conducts both criminal and administrative investigations into the conduct of City officers, employees, and other entities, including contractors, subcontractors, and lobbyists. OIG may initiate an investigation either in response to a complaint or on its own initiative.

A | Complaints Received This Quarter

In Q1 2026, OIG received no new complaints related to PBC.

B | Newly Opened Matters

In Q1 2026, OIG opened no new investigation(s) related to the operations of PBC.

C | Investigations Concluded This Quarter

In Q1 2026, OIG concluded no investigation related to the operations of PBC.

D | Active Investigations

OIG has no active investigation(s) regarding PBC.



The City of Chicago Office of Inspector General is an independent, nonpartisan oversight agency whose mission is to promote economy, efficiency, effectiveness, and integrity in the administration of programs and operations of City government.

OIG's authority to produce reports of its findings and recommendations is established in the City of Chicago Municipal Code §§ 2-56-030(d), -035(c), -110, -230, and -240. For further information about this report, please contact the City of Chicago Office of Inspector General 231 S. LaSalle Street, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60604, or visit our website at igchicago.org.

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