

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION

PHILIP WEISS, BRIDGET CUEVAS,)
ROSEMARY SWEARINGEN,)
THEODORE KALAGERESIS,)
and KENNETH MERACLE,)
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Plaintiffs,)
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vs.)
)
CHICAGO TEACHERS UNION,)
LOCAL 1, IFT-AFT, AFL-CIO,)
)
Defendant.)

Case No. 2024CH09334
Judge David B. Atkins
Calendar 16

DEFENDANT CHICAGO TEACHERS UNION’S
MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT
ON ITS OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Plaintiff Chicago Teachers Union (“CTU”) brings this motion pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/2-1005, asking the Court to grant summary judgment in the Union’s favor “without delay” because “the pleadings, depositions, and admissions on file, together with the affidavits, if any, show that there is no genuine issue as to any material fact.” 735 ILCS 5/2-1005(c). In support of this Motion for Summary Judgment, the Union states as follows:

1. Plaintiffs bring this lawsuit purportedly asking the Court to “require CTU [the Chicago Teachers Union] to provide its members with an audited report annually.” (Complaint, attached as Exhibit 1 to the memo in support of this motion, ¶ 1.)
2. In an earlier ruling, this Court declined to find the case moot, finding that it “remains disputed” whether CTU is “obligated to provide full, unabridged audits each year.” (Order of March 20, 2026, the “Mootness Order,” attached as Exhibit 2 to the memo in support of this motion.)
3. That remaining disputed issue can be resolved on the undisputed face of the Bylaws. As fully set forth in the accompany memorandum accompanying this motion, CTU seeks summary

judgment that the Bylaw section upon which Plaintiffs rely requires only that CTU publish a summary “audited report” in its publication, while the full, unabridged audit need only be made available for inspection by CTU members (including Plaintiffs, should they choose).

4. Alternatively, should this Court consider extrinsic evidence, the CTU President is invested with authority to interpret the Constitution and Bylaws, and she interprets the term “audited report” to be the summary audited report that is published in the Union’s publication. *Diamond v. United Food & Commer. Workers Union Local 881*, 329 Ill. App. 3d 519 (2nd Dist. 2002), appeal denied 201 Ill. 2d 564 (2002).

5. There are no material factual disputes over the form of the audit and summary judgment should be granted for CTU.

WHEREFORE, summary judgment should be entered in favor of CTU and against Plaintiffs in this case.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Josiah A. Groff, an attorney, hereby certify that, on May 11, 2026, I served the foregoing Defendant Chicago Teachers Union's Motion for Summary Judgment on Its Obligation to Provide Financial Information, with a supporting memorandum of law, to all attorneys of record by using the Odyssey eFileIL service, and to the following by email:

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