



Retirement Board of the Policemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 25, 2021

Board Meeting
AGENDA
February 25, 2021. 9:00 AM
Via Teleconference

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Requests from Members of the Public to Address the Board
- 3) Approval of Administrative Items
 - a) Approval of Minutes – Regular Board Meeting held January 28, 2021
 - b) Approval of Minutes – Executive Sessions of January 28, 2021
 - c) Approval of Minutes – Investment Committee Meeting held February 22, 2021
 - d) Approval of Transcript – Regular Board Meeting held January 28, 2021
- 4) Approval of Board Orders
 - a) Prendkowski
 - b) Reyes
 - c) Castillo
- 5) Approval of Benefit Applications – **REFER TO MONTHLY DOCKET**
- 6) Disability Hearings
 - a) Michele Blasz
 - b) Luis Luciano
 - c) Lisa Rocco-Pignato
- 7) Credit for Other Service
 - a) April Fisher-Smith
 - b) John Jaros
- 8) Legal Review*
- 9) Approval of Authorized Signer List
- 10) GRS Actuarial Report Request
- 11) RFP Approval
- 12) Other business

For members of the public wishing to listen to the proceeding, please dial into the meeting at:

1-312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 951 0205 7998

*Topics may be discussed in closed session in accordance with the applicable Open Meetings Act provisions.

The regular meeting of the Retirement Board of the Policemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago (the "Fund") was held on February 25, 2021, convening remotely via Zoom and Teleconference at 9:00 a.m. for the consideration of applications and bills, and for other such matters that came before the Board. This meeting was held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2021-04 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Governor's Executive Order and Public Act 101-0640 suspends the in-person attendance requirement for members of the public body and allows for remote participation by video and audio conference.

Board Members:

Thomas Beyna^	- President
Melissa Conyears-Ervin	- Trustee
John Lally^	- Trustee
Michael Lappe^	- Vice President
Susie Park	- Trustee
Stephen Skardon	- Trustee
Michael Stiscak^	- Recording Secretary

Staff:

Erin Keane^	- Executive Director
Kevin Reichart^	- Comptroller
Justin Kugler	- Legal Counsel
Kay Hylton^	- Benefits Manager
Bob Crawford^	- Disability Manager

Consultants:

Dr. Peter Orris*	- Board Physician
Richard Reimer	- Board Attorney/Hearing Officer
Kevin Leonard*	- NEPC
Deanna Jones	- NEPC

Public in Attendance:

Mark Myslinski	- City of Chicago Office of the Treasurer
Craig Slack	- City of Chicago Office of the Treasurer
April Fisher-Smith	- City of Chicago Police Officer
John Jaros*	- City of Chicago Police Officer
Michele M. Blaszc*	- City of Chicago Police Officer
Luis A. Luciano, Jr.*	- City of Chicago Police Officer
Lisa M. Rocco Pignato*	- City of Chicago Police Officer
Others unidentified	

^ Denote attendance in person at the Fund office

*Denotes partial attendance

ROLL CALL

President Beyna determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

President Beyna asked if there were any requests from the public to address the Board. There were no requests to address the Board.

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The first order of business was the review of the minutes of the January 28, 2021, regular board meeting. *A motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes held January 28, 2021, was made by Trustee Lappe, seconded by Trustee Skardon.*

ROLL CALL: For: Bennett, Beyna, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin.

The next order of business was the review of the minutes of the Executive Sessions of the January 28, 2021, regular board meeting. *A motion to approve the executive session minutes from the meeting held January 28, 2021, was made by Trustee Lappe, seconded by Trustee Skardon.*

ROLL CALL: For: Bennett, Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: 0.

The next order of business was the review of the minutes of the February 22, 2021 Investment Committee Meeting. *A motion to approve the minutes from the investment committee meeting held February 22, 2021, was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Lappe.*

ROLL CALL: For: Bennett, Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: 0.

The next order of business was the review of the transcript of the January 28, 2021, regular board meeting. *A motion to approve the transcript from the meeting held January 28, 2021, was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Stiscak.*

ROLL CALL: For: Bennett, Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: 0.

APPROVAL OF BOARD ORDERS

Kevin M. Prendkowski

A draft order was provided to the Board by Board Counsel, Justin Kugler. The Board finds Officer Prendkowski is disabled as disability is defined in the Code as a result of a preexisting physical condition which was aggravated by the injury sustained in the March 11, 2019, act of duty incident; therefore, Prendkowski's application for a duty disability benefit is granted in the amount of 50 percent salary as more fully defined in the Code.

A motion to approve the order as submitted, was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Stiscak.

ROLL CALL: For: Bennett, Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: 0.

Joseph Reyes

A draft order was provided to the Board by Board Counsel, Justin Kugler. The Board finds that Officer Reyes' application for a police pension service credit under 40 ILCS 5/5-214.2 is denied as the application was not submitted within the time requirements set by statute.

A motion to approve the order as submitted, was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Stiscak.

ROLL CALL: For: Bennett, Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
Against: 0.
Absent: 0.

Veronica Castillo

A draft order was provided to the Board by Board Counsel, Justin Kugler. The Board finds that Castillo is disabled as disability is defined in the Code as a result of a preexisting physical condition which was aggravated by the injury sustained in the January 1st, 2008, act of duty incident; therefore, Castillo's application for a duty disability benefit is granted in the amount of 50 percent of salary as more fully defined in the Code.

A motion to approve the order as submitted, was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Stiscak.

ROLL CALL: For: Bennett, Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
Against: 0.
Absent: 0.

President Beyna advised the Board would move to the approval of Benefit Applications and Expense items as appearing in February 2021 Docket and turned the meeting over to Board Secretary Stiscak.

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1 - 4 Incurred Expenses for the Month of February 2021

A motion to approve the Incurred Expenses as detailed on pages 1 - 4 was made by Trustee Lappe, seconded by Trustee Skardon.

ROLL CALL: For: Bennett, Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
Against: 0.
Absent: 0.

5 - 13 Refunds of Contributions; Withdrawal of Service and Widow's Annuity Accumulations

A motion to approve the Refunds as detailed on pages 5 - 13 was made by Trustee Lappe, seconded by Trustee Skardon.

ROLL CALL: For: Bennett, Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
Against: 0.
Absent: 0.

14 - 15 Payment to Heirs of Deceased Annuitants

A motion to approve payments to heirs of deceased annuitants as detailed on pages 14 - 15 was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

ROLL CALL: For: Bennett, Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
Against: 0.
Absent: 0.

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16 - 30 Annuities [Summary pg. 31]

A motion to approve the Annuities as detailed on pages 16 - 30 was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

ROLL CALL: For: Bennett, Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: 0.

32 - 33 Annuities to Widows [Summary pg. 34]

A motion to approve the Annuities to Widows as detailed on pages 32 - 33 was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

ROLL CALL: For: Bennett, Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: 0.

35 Annuities to Children

A motion to approve the Annuities to Children as detailed on page 35 was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

ROLL CALL: For: Bennett, Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: 0.

36 Disability Benefit Application – New

a) Duffy, Paul G.

Medical report reviewed and discussion concluded.

A motion to grant Officer Duffy, subject to a full evidentiary hearing, an ordinary benefit without prejudice with the understanding that the Board reserves the right prior to such hearing to revisit and terminate that benefit if it is deemed warranted was made by Trustee Beyna, seconded by Trustee Skardon.

ROLL CALL: For: Bennett, Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: 0.

b) Trevino, Jr., Heriberto

Medical report reviewed and discussion concluded.

A motion to grant Officer Trevino, subject to a full evidentiary hearing, an ordinary benefit without prejudice with the understanding that the Board reserves the right prior to such hearing to revisit and terminate that benefit if it is deemed warranted was made by Trustee Beyna, seconded by Trustee Skardon.

ROLL CALL: For: Bennett, Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: 0.

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37 - 39 **Payment of Death Benefits (Summary pg. 40)**

A motion to approve payment of the Death Benefits indicated on pages 37 - 39 was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

ROLL CALL: For: Bennett, Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: 0.

LEAVES

41 **REQUESTS FOR PENSION CREDIT FOR MILITARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE UNDER**
40 ILCS 5/5-212

A motion to approve pension credit for the military leaves as indicated on page 41 was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

ROLL CALL: For: Bennett, Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: 0.

MISCELLANEOUS

42 **REQUESTS TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL PENSION CREDIT FOR PRIOR COOK COUNTY LAW**
ENFORCEMENT SERVICE UNDER 40 ILCS 5/5-214 (c)

Documentation verified, review and discussion concluded.

A motion to approve the request to purchase additional pension credit for prior Cook County service under 40 ILCS 5/5-214(c) as detailed on page 42 was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

ROLL CALL: For: Bennett, Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: 0.

43 **REQUESTS TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL PENSION CREDIT FOR PRIOR MILITARY SERVICE**
UNDER 40 ILCS 5/5-214.3

Documentation verified, review and discussion concluded.

A motion to approve the request to purchase additional pension credit for prior military service under 40 ILCS 5/5-214.3 as detailed on page 43 was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

ROLL CALL: For: Bennett, Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: 0.

General docketed items completed.

The next item on the Agenda was the scheduled hearings.

A motion to go into executive session per 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (11) was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Stiscak.

ROLL CALL: For: Bennett, Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: 0.

A motion to exit executive session was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Stiscak.

ROLL CALL: For: Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
Against: 0.
Absent: Bennett.

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HEARINGS

44 - 45 **DUTY DISABILITY HEARING**

a) Michele M. Blaszc

Officer Michele M. Blaszc appeared with counsel before the Board on her application for a duty disability benefit. *A motion to appoint Rick Reimer as the Hearing Officer was made by Trustee Stiscak, seconded by Trustee Skardon.*

ROLL CALL: For: Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
Against: 0.
Absent: Bennett.

After reviewing documents and hearing all testimony, *a motion to go into executive session per 5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(4) was made by Trustee Stiscak, seconded by Trustee Lally.*

ROLL CALL: For: Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
Against: 0.
Absent: Bennett.

A motion to exit executive session was made by Trustee Lappe, seconded by Trustee Stiscak.

ROLL CALL: For: Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
Against: 0.
Absent: Bennett.

A motion to return to public, open session was made by Trustee Stiscak, seconded by Trustee Lally.

ROLL CALL: For: Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
Against: 0.
Absent: Bennett.

A motion to deny Officer Michele Blaszc's application for duty disability benefits was made by Trustee Stiscak, seconded by Trustee Skardon.

ROLL CALL: For: Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
Against: 0.
Absent: Bennett.

A motion to grant Officer Michele Blaszc an ordinary disability benefit as defined in the Pension Act was made by Trustee Stiscak, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

ROLL CALL: For: Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
Against: 0.
Absent: Bennett.

b) Luis A. Luciano, Jr.

Officer Luis Luciano appeared with counsel before the Board on his application for a duty disability benefit. *A motion to appoint Rick Reimer as the Hearing Officer was made by Trustee Lappe, seconded by Trustee Stiscak.*

ROLL CALL: For: Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
Against: 0.
Absent: Bennett.

After reviewing documents and hearing all testimony, *a motion to award Officer Luis Luciano a duty disability benefit at 75% of salary as defined in the Pension Act with respect to his right shoulder and right wrist, excluding the left knee, was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Lappe.*

ROLL CALL: For: Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
Against: 0.
Absent: Bennett.

c) Lisa M. Rocco Pignato

Officer Lisa Rocco Pignato appeared with counsel before the Board on her application for a duty disability benefit.

A motion to appoint Rick Reimer as the Hearing Officer was made by Trustee Lappe, seconded by Trustee Lally.

ROLL CALL: For: Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
Against: 0.
Absent: Bennett.

After reviewing documents and hearing all testimony, *a motion to deny Officer Lisa Rocco Pignato's application for duty disability benefits was made by Trustee Stiscak, seconded by Trustee Skardon.*

ROLL CALL: For: Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
Against: 0.
Absent: Bennett.

A motion to grant Officer Lisa Rocco Pignato an ordinary disability benefit as defined in the Pension Act was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Skardon.

ROLL CALL: For: Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
Against: 0.
Absent: Bennett.

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46 CREDIT FOR OTHER SERVICE

April Fisher-Smith

Officer April Fisher-Smith appeared before the Board, without counsel, on the continuation of her hearing on her application to be allowed to purchase pension credit for prior service.

A motion to appoint Justin Kugler as the Hearing Officer was made by Trustee Lappe, seconded by Trustee Stiscak.

ROLL CALL: For: Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
Against: 0.
Absent: Bennett.

After reviewing documents and hearing all testimony, this hearing was recessed until after the second Credit for Other Service hearing.

Upon returning to the hearing on Officer April Fisher-Smith's application, the Board took no further action on this matter, and the prior oral decision made at the February 2020 meeting stands. The Board will issue a final written decision to grant Officer April Fisher-Smith's credit for other service as stated in her application.

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CREDIT FOR OTHER SERVICE

John Jaros

Officer John Jaros appeared before the Board, without counsel, on his application to be allowed to purchase pension credit for prior service.

A motion to appoint Justin Kugler as the Hearing Officer was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Stiscak.

ROLL CALL: For: Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Bennett.

After reviewing documents and hearing all testimony, a motion to go into executive session per 5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(4) was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

ROLL CALL: For: Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Bennett.

A motion to exit executive session was made by Trustee Lappe, seconded by Trustee Stiscak.

ROLL CALL: For: Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Bennett.

On the application of John Jaros a motion to deny Officer John Jaros' application for pension credit for prior service was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Lally.
Park.

ROLL CALL: For: Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Bennett.

LEGAL REVIEW

A motion to go into executive session per 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(11) was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Park.

ROLL CALL: For: Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Bennett.

A motion for the Board to exit executive session was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Stiscak.

ROLL CALL: For: Beyna, Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Bennett.

AUTHORIZED SIGNER LIST

Executive Director Keane reported that the Fund has an authorized signers list for banking, financial, and investment documents, which needs to be updated to include the current Comptroller, Kevin Reichart, along with retaining signing authority for Trustee Beyna and the Executive Director.

A motion to add Fund Comptroller Kevin Reichert to the authorized signer list along with retaining Trustee Beyna and Executive Director Erin Keane as authorized signers was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Lally.

ROLL CALL: For: Beyna, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Bennett, Conyears-Ervin.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) APPROVAL

Executive Director Keane distributed a draft RFP for medical advisor services. After discussion, Trustees determined additional time to review and provide feedback was needed before approval. The RFP will be placed on the agenda for a future Board meeting.

All business concluded for this date, *a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Lappe.*

ROLL CALL: For: Beyna, Lally, Lappe, Park, Skardon, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Bennett, Conyears-Ervin.