



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

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY – MARCH 24, 2022

Board Meeting Agenda
March 24, 2022, 9:00 AM, via Teleconference

In accordance with Governor JB Pritzker's Disaster Proclamation issued March 4, 2022 and 5 ILCS 120/7(e), the Policemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago Board Meeting will be accessible through remote attendance. Members of the public wishing to participate or listen to the proceeding, please dial into the meeting at:

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Meeting ID: 830 4687 9155

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Requests from Members of the Public to Address the Board
- 3) Approval of Administrative Items
 - a) Approval of Minutes - Board Meeting held February 24, 2022
 - b) Approval of Transcript - Board Meeting held February 24, 2022
 - c) Approval of Minutes - Executive Sessions held February 24, 2022
- 4) Approval of Benefit Applications and Expenses
- 5) Widow's Request for Annuity - Janet Susan McCullough-Sherwin (9:30)
- 6) Disability Hearings
 - a) Officer Sara Hecker (9:40)
 - b) Officer Tamica Rainey - Status (10:15)
 - c) Officer Necole Smith – Holmes - Status (10:15)
- 7) Request for Credit for Other Service - Arthelia Ford
- 8) RFP Medical Services Discussion
- 9) RFP Investment Consultant Discussion
- 10) Legal Review*
 - a) In-process case report
 - b) Other
- 11) Approval Board Orders
 - a) Sergeant Joaquin Mendoza
 - b) Officer Damian O'Sullivan
 - c) Officer Thomas J. McNamara
 - d) Officer Julio Flores
 - e) Officer Bryan W. Cassidy
- 12) Discussion and Possible Action on Intercept for remaining 2021 Pension Funding
- 13) Other business

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

Board Members Present:

Melissa Conyears-Ervin*	Trustee
John Lally^	Trustee
Michael Lappe^	Trustee
Wayne Metcalfe^	Trustee
Stephen Skardon	Vice President
Michael Stiscak^	President, Recording Secretary

Staff Present:

Erin Keane^	Executive Director
Kevin Reichart^	Comptroller
Justin Kugler^	Board Counsel
Kay Hylton^	Benefits Manager
Bob Crawford^	Disability Manager
Jason Wasiukiewicz^	Staff Assistant

Consultants and Advisors Present:

Dr. Peter Orris*	Board Physician
Richard Reimer*	Board Attorney/Hearing Officer

Public in Attendance:

Sara Hecker*	Police Officer, CPD
Ralph Licari*	Attorney
Arthelia Ford*	Police Officer, CPD
Susan McCollough Sherwin*	Police Officer's Widow
Mark Myslinski	City of Chicago Office of the Treasurer
Craig Slack	City of Chicago Office of the Treasurer

Others in attendance via audio, identified only by telephone numbers.

^ Denote attendance in person at the Fund office

*Denotes partial attendance

ROLL CALL

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

REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Trustee Stiscak asked if there were any requests from the public to address the Board.

There were two requests to address the Board: Rosemarie Giambalvo and Damian O'Sullivan.

Both individuals were afforded an opportunity to address the Retirement Board.

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The first order of business was review of the minutes of the Board meeting held February 24, 2022. *A motion to approve the minutes from the Board meeting held February 24, 2022, was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Lappe.*

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

The next order of business was the review of the transcript from the Board meeting held February 24, 2022. *A motion to approve the transcript from the Board meeting held February 24, 2022, was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Lappe.*

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

The next order of business was the review of the minutes of the Executive Sessions held February 24, 2022. *A motion to approve the minutes from the Executive Sessions held February 24, 2022, was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Lappe.*

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE I-A Incurred Expenses for the Month of March 2022

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

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-A Refunds of Contributions

A motion to approve the Refunds as detailed on Schedule II-A was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Metcalfe.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-B Refunds of Widow’s Annuity Accumulations

A motion to approve the Refunds as detailed on Schedule II-B was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-B Refunds of Widow's Annuity Accumulations - REVISED

A motion to approve the Refunds as detailed on Schedule II-B was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Metcalfe.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-D Partial Payment to Heirs of Deceased Annuitants

A motion to approve Payments to Heirs of Deceased Annuitants as detailed on Schedule II-D was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Metcalfe.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-E Refund of Unused Contributions

A motion to approve the Refund of Unused Contributions as detailed on Schedule II-E was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-F Refund of Contributions Received in Error

A motion to approve the Refund of Contributions received in Error as detailed on Schedule II-F was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Metcalfe.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-G Refund/Automatic Increase Reserve

A motion to approve the Refund of the A.I.R. as detailed on Schedule II-G was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Metcalfe.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE III-A Annuities and Annuities with a Summary page

A motion to approve the Annuities as detailed on Schedule III-A was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE III-A Annuities and Annuities REVISED

A motion to approve the Annuities as detailed on Schedule III-A was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE III-B Annuities to Widows with a Summary page

A motion to approve the Annuities to Widows, excluding Janet S. McCullough Sherwin, as detailed on Schedule III-B was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE III-B Annuities to Widows - REVISED

A motion to approve the Revised Annuities to Widows as detailed on Schedule III-B was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE III-C Annuities to Children - REVISED

A motion to approve the Revised Annuities to Children as detailed on Schedule III-C was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Metcalfe.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE IV Disability Benefits

Michelle M. Dzielak., Claiming Duty disability

The Board Physician provided a review of the applicant’s medical reports. *A motion to grant Michelle Dzielak, 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 Lappe, seconded by Trustee Skardon.*

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

Joel A. Gordils, Claiming Duty Disability

Members of the Board are aware Joel Gordils’ injuries as the result of an on duty incident and that he is unable to return to work at the present time. *A motion to award Joel Gordils, 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 Lappe, seconded by Trustee Metcalfe.*

ROLL CALL: For: Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Metcalfe, Skardon, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.

Absent: Bennett, Park.

DOCKET: SCHEDULE V Payment of Death Benefits with a Summary

A motion to approve payment of the Death Benefits as indicated on Schedule V was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Metcalfe.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VI Approved Leaves / Military Service

A motion to approve military leaves as indicated on Schedule VI was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Lally.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VII-A REQUEST TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL PENSION CREDIT FOR PRIOR SERVICE UNDER 40 ILCS 5/5-214(c)

Documentation verified, review and discussion concluded. *A motion to approve the additional pension credit for other service under 40 ILCS 5/5-214(c) as detailed on Schedule VII-A was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Metcalfe.*

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VII-B REQUESTS TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL PENSION CREDIT FOR PRIOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE UNDER 40 ILCS 5/5-214.2

Documentation verified, review and discussion concluded. *A motion to deny the request to purchase additional pension credit for other law enforcement service under 40 ILCS 5/5-214.2 as detailed on Schedule VII-B was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Stiscak.*

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VII-C 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 Schedule VII-C was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Metcalfe.*

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VII-D DISABILITY RECIPIENT – CHILD BENEFIT REQUEST UNDER 40 ILCS 5/5-154

Documentation verified, review and discussion concluded. *A motion to approve the request for child benefits under 40 ILCS 5/5-154 as detailed on Schedule VII-D was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Lally.*

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VII-E GUARDIANSHIP APPOINTMENT/BENEFIT INCREASE UNDER 40 ILCS 5/5-152

Documentation verified, review and discussion concluded. *A motion to approve the guardianship appointment and increase in benefits as provided under 40 ILCS 5/5-152 as detailed on Schedule VII-E was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Metcalfe.*

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

General docketed items completed.

HEARINGS

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VII-F REQUEST FOR A WIDOW’S ANNUITY

Janet S. McCullough Sherwin

This hearing was conducted pursuant to Article 5 of the Illinois Pension Code concerning the application for a widow’s annuity made by Janet S. McCullough Sherwin. The Board reviewed records and documents prior to the meeting. Mrs. McCullough Sherwin appeared without counsel before the Board and provided a statement in support of her application for benefits.

A motion to deny the application for a widow’s annuity under 40 ILCS 5/5-165, including repayment of any previously paid refund was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Metcalfe.

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

A motion to appoint Rick Reimer as the Hearing Officer for all disability cases scheduled to be heard at this meeting was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VIII-A DUTY DISABILITY HEARING

Sara N. Hecker

This hearing was conducted pursuant to Article 5 of the Illinois Pension Code concerning the disability claim of Officer Sara Hecker. Officer Hecker filed an application for duty disability benefits. The Board reviewed medical records and documents prior to the meeting. Officer Hecker appeared with counsel before the Board. Testimony was heard from claimant Officer Hecker.

A motion to award Sara Hecker a duty disability benefit at 75% of salary as provided for under 40 ILCS 5/5-154 was made by Trustee Lappe, seconded by Trustee Metcalfe.

ROLL CALL: For: Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Metcalfe, Skardon, Stiscak.
Against: 0.

Absent: Bennett, Park.

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VIII-B DUTY DISABILITY STATUS HEARINGS

Tamica N. Rainey

Officer Rainey appeared before the Board and requested a continuance in order to obtain medical records she has requested and to complete three upcoming medical appointments.

A motion to continue this status hearing to the June 2022 Board meeting pursuant to Officer Rainey's request was made by Trustee Lappe, seconded by Trustee Metcalfe.

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

Necole Smith Holmes

Officer Smith Holmes appeared before the Board and requested a continuance stating that she was not aware of the meeting in time to prepare and she needs to complete upcoming medical appointments. The Officer answered questioned presented by the Board and the Board's physician.

A motion to go into executive session per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(l) was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Metcalfe.

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

A motion to return to open session was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Metcalfe.

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

A motion to continue this status hearing for a final hearing at the April 25, 2022, Board meeting pursuant to Officer Smith Holmes request was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VII-G REQUEST TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL PENSION CREDIT FOR PRIOR SERVICE UNDER 40 ILCS 5/5-214

Arthelia Ford

This hearing was conducted pursuant to Article 5 of the Illinois Pension Code concerning the application to purchase pension credit for prior service. Officer Arthelia Ford appeared before the Board on her request. Documents were reviewed and testimony taken from Officer Ford.

A motion to deny Arthelia Ford's application to purchase pension credit for prior service as detailed on Schedule VII-G was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

RFP MEDICAL SERVICES DISCUSSION

Executive Director Erin Keane reported to the Board that the Fund received one response to the RFP, which was from Dr. Peter Orris. After discussion, *a motion to extend the response period for the medical services RFP by forty-five days was made by Trustee Lappe, seconded by Trustee Metcalfe.*

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

RFP INVESTMENT CONSULTANT DISCUSSION

Executive Director Erin Keane reported to the Board that the Fund received seven responses to the RFP. After discussion and mutual agreement, the Board will review information at the April 25, 2022, Board meeting and determine a list of finalists to bring in for presentations at a meeting in May.

LEGAL REVIEW - IN-PROCESS CASES STATUS REPORT

A motion to go into executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Metcalfe.

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

A motion to return to open session was made by Trustee Lappe, seconded by Trustee Metcalfe.

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

Trustee Conyears-Ervin left the proceedings.

APPROVAL OF BOARD ORDERS

Joaquin Mendoza

Duty Disability Claim
Board Counsel provided a draft order to the Board.

Damian O’Sullivan

Duty Disability Status
Board Counsel provided a draft order to the Board

Thomas McNamara

Duty Disability Status
Board Counsel provided a draft order to the Board.

Julio Flores

Duty Disability Status
Board Counsel provided a draft order to the Board.

Bryan W. Cassidy

Duty Disability Status
Board Counsel provided a draft order to the Board.

Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Lappe, made a motion authorizing staff to adopt and publish the Board orders prepared for Joaquin Medoza, Damian O'Sullivan, Thomas McNamara, Julio Flores and Brian W. Cassidy.

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

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON INTERCEPT FOR REMAINING 2021 PENSION FUNDING

Comptroller Kevin Reichart reported that the Fund received the remaining \$24.5 million balance of the 2020 levy.

No other business, *a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Lally.*

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