



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

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY – JANUARY 26, 2023

Board Meeting Agenda
January 26, 2023, 9:00 A.M.

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Requests from Members of the Public to Address the Board
- 3) Approval of Administrative Items
 - a) Approval of Minutes - Investment Meeting held November 28, 2022
 - b) Approval of Transcript – Investment Meeting held November 28, 2022
 - c) Approval of Minutes – Board Meeting held November 30, 2022
 - d) Approval of Minutes - Executive Sessions during Board Meeting held November 30, 2022
 - e) Approval of Transcript - Board Meeting held November 30, 2022
 - f) Approval of Minutes – Board Meeting held December 16, 2022
 - g) Approval of Minutes – Executive Sessions during Board meeting held December 16, 2022
 - h) Approval of Transcript - Board Meeting held December 16, 2022
- 4) Consideration for Approval of Benefit Applications and Expenses
- 5) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Legislative Agenda
- 6) Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Physician’s Recommendations*
- 7) Consideration for Approval of Applications for Disability / Reviews
 - a) Hearing on Detective Beth Svec – Duty Disability Claim
 - b) Hearing on Officer Lori Bechina – Duty Disability Claim
 - c) Hearing on Officer Joshua Oros – Duty Disability Claim
 - d) Hearing on Officer Steve Liarakos – Duty Disability Claim
- 8) Legal Review*
 - a) In-process case report
 - b) Other
- 9) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding 2023 Conference Attendance (Updated)
- 10) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding 2023 Budget*
- 11) Other Business

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

Board Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Kevin Reichart	Executive Director
Sarah Boeckman	Board Counsel
Kay Hylton	Benefits Manager
Bob Crawford	Disability Manager
Jason Wasiukiewicz	Staff Assistant

Consultants and Advisors Present:

Dr. Peter Orris*	Board Physician
Dr. Susan Buchanan*	Board Physician
Brian Labardi*	Board Attorney/Hearing Officer
Bella Bukola^*	Legislative liaison
Deanna Jones^	NEPC

Public in Attendance:

Craig Slack	City of Chicago Office of the Treasurer
George Adams*	City of Chicago Office Chief Financial Officer
Beth Svec*	Police Detective, CPD
Jerry Marconi*	Attorney
Joshua Oros*	Police Officer, CPD
Lori Bechina*	Police Officer, CPD
Ralph Licari*	Attorney
Steve Liarakos*	Police Officer, CPD
Carlos Saladino*	Retired, CPD
Al Jaglowski*	Retired, CPD

Other unidentified persons were in attendance.

^ Denote attendance virtually

*Denotes partial attendance

DOCKET: SCHEDULE III-A 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 Lally.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE III-A Annuities - REVISED

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

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

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

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

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

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 Lally.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE III-C Annuities to Children

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

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

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 Lally.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE IV Disability Benefits

No New Claims

Trustee Conyears-Ervin joined the proceedings.

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VIII-A DUTY DISABILITY HEARING CONTINUED

Lori Bechina - Hearing

Hearing conducted via Zoom as claimant is recuperating from recent surgery and unable to safely travel for an in-person hearing.

This hearing was conducted pursuant to Article 5 of the Illinois Pension Code concerning the disability claim of Officer Lori Bechina. Officer Bechina appeared before the Board, with counsel, on her claim for a duty disability benefit. The records and documents presented were reviewed and testimony was taken from claimant. The records and documents presented were reviewed and testimony was taken from claimant.

A motion to go into executive session per 5 ILSC 120-2(c)(4) was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Lally.

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

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

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

A motion to deny Lori Bechina Duty Disability Benefits to was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Park.

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

A motion to award Lori Bechina Ordinary Disability Benefits was made by Trustee Skardon, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VIII-A DUTY DISABILITY HEARING CONTINUED

Joshua Oros - Hearing

This hearing was conducted pursuant to Article 5 of the Illinois Pension Code concerning the disability application of Officer Joshua Oros. Officer Oros did not appear before the Board on this date. However, his counsel appeared to answer any questions on the claim for a duty disability benefit. The records and documents presented were reviewed. Officer Oros has returned to active duty with the Chicago Police Department December 13, 2022.

