



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

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY – November 30, 2023

Board Meeting Agenda
November 30, 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 October 23, 2023
 - b) Approval of Transcript - Investment Meeting held October 23, 2023
 - c) Approval of Minutes – Board Meeting held October 26, 2023
 - d) Approval of Minutes - Executive Sessions during Board Meeting held October 26, 2023
 - e) Approval of Transcript - Board Meeting held October 26, 2023
 - f) Approval of Minutes – Board Meeting held October 30, 2023
 - g) Approval of Minutes - Executive Sessions during Board Meeting held October 30, 2023
 - h) Approval of Transcript - Board Meeting held October 30, 2023
- 4) Approval of Board Orders
 - a) Officer Sara Hecker – Duty Disability
 - b) Officer Barbara Konica – Duty Disability
 - c) Lieutenant Anthony Sabella – Duty Disability
 - d) Officer Robin Gonzales – Duty Disability
 - e) Officer Noel Torres– Duty Disability
 - f) Officer Farah Baqai– Duty Disability
- 5) Consideration for Approval of Benefit Applications and Expenses
- 6) Consideration for Approval of Applications for Disability / Reviews
 - a) Hearing for Officer Patrick Arcillas – Duty Disability
 - b) Status Review for Officer Richard Arroyo – Duty Disability
 - c) Status Review for Officer Cristal Trinidad – Ordinary Disability
- 7) Legal Review*
 - a) In-process case report
 - b) Other
- 8) Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Funding Letter
- 9) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding 2024 Conference Attendance
- 10) Other Business

Board Members Present:

Melissa Conyears-Ervin*	Trustee
Jill Jaworski	Trustee
John Lally*	Trustee
Mike Lappe	Trustee
Jeffrey Levine	Trustee
Wayne Metcalfe	Trustee
Michael Stiscak	President, Recording Secretary

Staff Present:

Kevin Reichart	Executive Director
Sarah Boeckman	Board Counsel
Kay Hylton	Benefits Manager
Bob Crawford	Disability Manager

Consultants and Advisors Present:

Dr. Susan Buchanan*	Board Physician
Richard Reimer	Board Attorney/Hearing Officer

City of Chicago Office of the Treasurer Staff

Public in Attendance:

Ralph Licari*	Attorney
Patrick Arcillas *	Police Officer, CPD
Richard Arroyo *	Police Officer, CPD
Cristal Trinidad *	Police Officer, CPD
Rosemarie Giambalvo	Retired CPD Officer

*Denotes partial attendance

ROLL CALL

Trustee 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 was one request from a Fund annuitant, Rosemarie Giambalvo.

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The first order of business was review of the minutes of the Investment Meeting held October 23, 2023. *A motion to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting held October 23, 2023, was made by Trustee Metcalfe, seconded by Trustee Levine.*

ROLL CALL: For: Jaworski, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally.

The next order of business was the review of the transcript of the Board Meeting held October 23, 2023. *A motion to approve the transcript of the Board Meeting held October 23, 2023, was made by Trustee Metcalfe, seconded by Trustee Levine.*

ROLL CALL: For: Jaworski, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally.

The next order of business was review of the minutes of the Board Meeting held October 26, 2023. *A motion to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting held October 26, 2023, was made by Trustee Metcalfe, seconded by Trustee Levine.*

ROLL CALL: For: Jaworski, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally.

The next order of business was the review of the minutes of the Executive Sessions held October 26, 2023. *A motion to approve the minutes from the Executive Sessions held October 26, 2023, was made by Trustee Metcalfe, seconded by Trustee Levine.*

ROLL CALL: For: Jaworski, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally.

The next order of business was the review of the transcript of the Board Meeting held October 26, 2023. *A motion to approve the transcript of the Board Meeting held October 26, 2023, was made by Trustee Metcalfe, seconded by Trustee Levine.*

ROLL CALL: For: Jaworski, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally.

The next order of business was review of the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held October 30, 2023.
A motion to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting held October 30, 2023, was made by Trustee Metcalfe, seconded by Trustee Levine.

ROLL CALL: For: Jaworski, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally.

The next order of business was the review of the minutes of the Executive Sessions held October 30, 2023.
A motion to approve the minutes from the Executive Sessions held October 30, 2023, was made by Trustee Metcalfe, seconded by Trustee Levine.

ROLL CALL: For: Jaworski, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally.

The next order of business was the review of the transcript of the Board Meeting held October 30, 2023.
A motion to approve the transcript of the Board Meeting held October 30, 2023, was made by Trustee Metcalfe, seconded by Trustee Levine.

ROLL CALL: For: Jaworski, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally.

APPROVAL OF BOARD ORDERS

Officer Sara Hecker

Duty Disability Claim

Board Counsel provided a draft order to the Board. Hearing Administrator Reimer informed that Board that the attorney representing Officer Hecker has filed a motion to reconsider the Board’s decision.

A motion to enter and continue this motion to reconsider to a date to be determined was made by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Metcalfe.

ROLL CALL: For: Jaworski, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally.

Officer Barbara Konica

Duty Disability Claim

Board Counsel provided a draft order to the Board.

A motion to approve the Board Order as submitted for Officer Barbara Konica was made by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Metcalfe.

ROLL CALL: For: Jaworski, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally.

Lieutenant Anthony Sabella

Duty Disability Claim

Board Counsel provided a draft order to the Board.

A motion to approve the Board Order as submitted for Lieutenant Anthony Sabella was made by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Metcalfe.

ROLL CALL: For: Jaworski, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally.

Officer Robin Gonzales

Duty Disability Claim

Board Counsel provided a draft order to the Board.

A motion to approve the Board Order as submitted for Officer Robin Gonzales was made by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Metcalfe.

ROLL CALL: For: Jaworski, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally.

Officer Noel Torres

Duty Disability Claim

Board Counsel provided a draft order to the Board.

A motion to approve the Board Order as submitted for Officer Noel Torres was made by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Metcalfe.

ROLL CALL: For: Jaworski, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally.

Officer Farah Baqai

Duty Disability Claim

Board Counsel provided a draft order to the Board.

A motion to approve the Board Order as submitted for Officer Farah Baqai was made by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Metcalfe.

ROLL CALL: For: Jaworski, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally.

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF BENEFIT APPLICATIONS AND EXPENSES

DOCKET: SCHEDULE I-A Incurred Expenses for the Month of November 2023

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

ROLL CALL: For: Jaworski, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally.

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF BENEFIT APPLICATIONS AND EXPENSES – continued

DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-A Refunds of Contributions

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

ROLL CALL: For: Jaworski, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally.

DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-B Refunds of Surviving Spouse’s Contributions

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

ROLL CALL: For: Jaworski, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally.

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 Metcalfe, seconded by Trustee Jaworski.

ROLL CALL: For: Jaworski, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally.

DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-F Refund/Erroneous Deductions

A motion to approve the erroneous refund as detailed on Schedule II-F was made by Trustee Metcalfe, seconded by Trustee Jaworski.

ROLL CALL: For: Jaworski, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally.

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 Metcalfe, seconded by Trustee Jaworski.

ROLL CALL: For: Jaworski, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally.

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 Metcalfe, seconded by Trustee Jaworski.

ROLL CALL: For: Jaworski, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally.

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF BENEFIT APPLICATIONS AND EXPENSES – continued

DOCKET: SCHEDULE IV Disability Benefits

Daniel Ciampaglia, Claiming Ordinary Disability

A motion to award Daniel Ciampaglia, an ordinary benefit was made by Trustee Metcalfe, seconded by Trustee Levine.

ROLL CALL: For: Jaworski, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally.

Stefan Zadura, Claiming Occupational Disease Disability

A motion to award Stefan Zadura, 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 Metcalfe, seconded by Trustee Levine.

ROLL CALL: For: Jaworski, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally.

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 Metcalfe, seconded by Trustee Levine.

ROLL CALL: For: Jaworski, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally.

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VI Leaves of Absences - Military

Documentation verified. *A motion to acknowledge the military leaves of absences as detailed in Schedule VI was made by Trustee Metcalfe, seconded by Trustee Levine.*

ROLL CALL: For: Jaworski, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally.

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VII-A 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-A was made by Trustee Metcalfe, seconded by Trustee Levine.*

ROLL CALL: For: Jaworski, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally.

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF BENEFIT APPLICATIONS AND EXPENSES – continued

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 approve the request to purchase additional pension credit for prior military service under 40 ILCS 5/5-214.3 as detailed on Schedule VII-B was made by Trustee Metcalfe, seconded by Trustee Levine.*

ROLL CALL: For: Jaworski, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally.

General docketed items completed.

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

ROLL CALL: For: Jaworski, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally.

HEARINGS

IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VIII-A DISABILITY HEARINGS & SCHEDULE VIII-B STATUS REVIEWS

Patrick Arcillas – Duty Disability Claim

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

A motion to go into executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(4) was made by Trustee Metcalfe, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

ROLL CALL: For: Jaworski, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally.

WHEREUPON Trustee Conyears-Ervin joined the proceedings.

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

ROLL CALL: For: Conyears-Ervin, Jaworski, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Guzman, Lally

A motion to award Officer Patrick Arcillas duty disability benefits at 75% of salary as provided for in the Pension Act was made by Trustee Lappe, seconded by Trustee Metcalfe.

ROLL CALL: For: Jaworski, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Abstain: Conyears-Ervin.
 Absent: Guzman, Lally.

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VIII-A DISABILITY HEARINGS & SCHEDULE VIII-B STATUS REVIEWS- Continued

Richard Arroyo – Status Review

This hearing was conducted pursuant to Article 5 of the Illinois Pension Code concerning the disability status review of Officer Richard Arroyo. Officer Arroyo appeared before the Board, with counsel, on his duty disability status review.

WHEREUPON Trustee Lally joined the proceedings.

The records and documents presented were reviewed and testimony was taken from Richard Arroyo. *A motion to go into executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(4) was made by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Metcalfe.*

ROLL CALL: For: Conyears-Ervin, Jaworski, Lally, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Guzman.

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

ROLL CALL: For: Conyears-Ervin, Jaworski, Lally, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Guzman.

A motion to continue this matter for additional medical testing and reports was made by Trustee Metcalfe seconded by Trustee Levine.

ROLL CALL: For: Conyears-Ervin, Jaworski, Lally, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Guzman.

Cristal Trinidad – Status Review

This hearing was conducted pursuant to Article 5 of the Illinois Pension Code concerning the disability status review of Officer Cristal Trinidad. Officer Trinidad appeared before the Board, without counsel, on her disability status review.

The records and documents presented were reviewed and testimony was taken from Cristal Trinidad. *A motion to continue Cristal Trinidad’s ordinary benefits through the earned expiration date December 4, 2023, as provided for in the Pension Act was made by Trustee Lally seconded by Trustee Metcalfe.*

ROLL CALL: For: Conyears-Ervin, Jaworski, Lally, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Guzman.

LEGAL REVIEW

In the Timothy Whitmer matter:

As directed through Court Order, staff is instructed to process the decision of the court accordingly.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FUNDING LETTER

This relates to the statutory contributions PABF is entitled to from the proceeds received by the City from the operations of Chicago’s casino. This letter is meant to initiate a discussion with the City as far as how they’re collecting those receipts and how they plan to pay them over to the Fund.

A motion to send the drafted letter to the City was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

ROLL CALL: For: Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Abstain: Jaworski.
 Absent: Guzman.

OTHER BUSINESS

Brief discussion was held concerning the issuance of gift checks for 2023.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING 2024 CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

The list of 2024 educational conferences available for Board Trustee to attend was supplied and reviewed.

A motion to approve attendance for the conferences listed was made by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

ROLL CALL: For: Conyears-Ervin, Jaworski, Lally, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Guzman.

All business concluded *a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Lappe, seconded by Trustee Metcalfe.*

ROLL CALL: For: Conyears-Ervin, Jaworski, Lally, Lappe, Levine, Metcalfe, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Guzman.