



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

MINUTES

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY – October 30, 2023

Board Meeting Agenda
October 30, 2023, 9:00 A.M.

1. Roll Call
2. Requests from Members of the Public to Address the Board
3. Consideration for Approval of Applications for Disability / Reviews*
 - a. Hearing for Officer Charles Rollins – Duty Disability
 - b. Hearing for Officer Timothy Moragne – Duty Disability
 - c. Hearing for Officer Robin Gonzalez – Duty Disability
 - d. Hearing for Officer Noel Torres – Duty Disability
 - e. Hearing for Officer Farah Baqai – Duty Disability
 - f. Hearing for Officer Nilofer Nanlawala – Duty Disability
4. 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
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
Charles Rollins *	Police Officer, CPD
Timothy Moragne*	Police Officer, CPD
Robin Gonzales *	Police Officer, CPD
Noel Torres*	Police Officer, CPD
Farah Baqai*	Police Officer, CPD
Nilofer Nanlawala*	Police Officer, CPD

*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 were no requests.

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 Stiscak, seconded by Trustee Levine.

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

IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

DISABILITY HEARINGS

Nilofer Nanlawala – Duty Disability Claim

Officer Nilofer Nanlawala appeared before the Board, without counsel, on her claim for a duty disability benefit. Officer Nanlawala informed the Board that she has returned to full duty August 31, 2023. Officer Nanlawala requested a continuance to obtain legal counsel.

A motion grant a continuance until December 15th was made by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

Timothy Moragne – Duty Disability Claim

Attorney for Officer Timothy Moragne appeared before the Board on this claim for a duty disability benefit. There was a requested for a continuance to obtain medical records.

A motion to grant a continuance with an update in January 2024 was made by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

DISABILITY HEARINGS– continued

Charles Rollins – Duty Disability Claim

This hearing was conducted pursuant to Article 5 of the Illinois Pension Code concerning the disability status review of Officer Charles Rollins. Officer Rollins appeared before the Board, with counsel, on his duty disability application. The records and documents presented were reviewed and testimony was taken from Charles Rollins.

WHEREUPON, Trustee Jaworski entered the proceedings

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

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

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

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

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

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

Robin Gonzales – Duty Disability Claim

This hearing was conducted pursuant to Article 5 of the Illinois Pension Code concerning the disability claim of Officer Robin Gonzales. Officer Gonzales 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.

WHEREUPON, Trustee Conyears-Ervin entered the proceedings

Trustee Officer Wayne Metcalfe was called as a witness for the Board. Testimony was taken and Officer Metcalfe was recused from additional participation in this hearing.

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

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

DISABILITY HEARINGS - continued

Robin Gonzales – Duty Disability Claim - continued

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

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

Trustee Lally made a motion for to award duty disability benefits to Officer Gonzales.

MOTION FAILS due to the lack of a second.

A motion to award Officer Robin Gonzales ordinary disability benefits as provided for in the Pension Act was made by Trustee Stiscak, seconded by Trustee Levine.

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

Noel Torres – Duty Disability Claim

This hearing was conducted pursuant to Article 5 of the Illinois Pension Code concerning the disability claim of Officer Noel Torres. Officer Torres 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.

WHEREUPON, Trustee Levine left the proceedings.

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

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

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

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

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

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

DISABILITY HEARINGS - continued

Farah Baqai – Duty Disability Claim

This hearing was conducted pursuant to Article 5 of the Illinois Pension Code concerning the disability claim of Officer Farah Baqai. Officer Baqai appeared before the Board, with counsel, on her claim for a duty disability benefit.

WHEREUPON, Trustee Conyears-Ervin left the proceedings.

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 Lappe, seconded by Trustee Metcalfe.

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

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

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

A motion to award Officer Farah Baqai duty disability benefits at 50% of salary as provided for in the Pension Act was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Executive Director Kevin. Reichart provided an Election update. Voting electronically for the trustee position from the rank of Sergeant and the trustee position from the rank of Lieutenant or Rank Superior to Lieutenant is in process with the voting closing at 11:59pm on Monday October 30, 2023.

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

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