



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

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY – MARCH 28, 2024

Board Meeting Agenda
March 28, 2024, 9:00 A.M.

1. Roll Call
2. Requests from Members of the Public to Address the Board
3. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Sufficiency of all Nominating Petitions filed for Board Member Election of Active Police from Rank of Investigator, Patrolman or Equivalent Rank
4. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the 2024 Spring Trustee Special Election
5. Approval of Administrative Items
 - a. Approval of Minutes – Board Meeting held February 29, 2024
 - b. Approval of Transcript - Board Meeting held February 29, 2024
 - c. Approval of Minutes - Executive Sessions during Board Meeting held February 29, 2024
6. Approval of Board Orders
 - a. Officer Lemond Lee - Request for Pension Credit for Prior Service
7. Consideration for Approval of Benefit Applications and Expenses
8. Consideration for Approval of Applications for Disability / Reviews
 - a. Motion To Reconsider- Officer Sara Hecker (9:30)
 - b. Hearing for Officer Demetrios Kereakes – Duty Disability (10:15)
 - c. Hearing for Officer Paul McCarthy– Duty Disability (11:15)
 - d. Hearing for Officer Daniel Golden Duty Disability (11:15)
 - e. Status Update for Officer Kimberlee Powe – Duty Disability (12:15)
 - f. Hearing for Officer Stefan Zadura – Occupational Disability (12:30)
9. Legal Review*
 - a. In-process case report
 - b. Other
10. 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, 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

Consultants and Advisors Present:

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

City of Chicago Office of the Treasurer Staff

Public in Attendance:

Ralph Licari*	Attorney
Daniel Golden*	Police Officer, CPD
Monica Ortiz	Police Officer, CPD (FOP)
Carlos Saladino*	Retiree, CPD (FOP)
John Catanzara*	Retiree, CPD (FOP)
Stefan Zadura *	Police Officer, CPD
Kimberlee Powe*	Police Officer, CPD
Tom Lonergan	Retiree, CPD

*Denotes partial attendance

^ Denotes remote attendance

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS – Continued

The next order of business was the review of the transcript for the Regular Board meeting held February 29, 2024.

A motion to approve the transcript of the Regular Board meeting held February 29, 2024, was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

The next order of business was the review of the minutes of the Executive Sessions held February 29, 2024.

A motion to approve the minutes from the Executive Sessions held February 29, 2024, was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

APPROVAL OF BOARD ORDERS

Officer Lemond Lee

Application; Credit for Other Service

Board Counsel provided a draft order to the Board.

A motion to adopt and publish the Board Order as submitted for Officer Lee was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF BENEFIT APPLICATIONS AND EXPENSES

DOCKET: SCHEDULE I-A Incurred Expenses for the Month of March 2024

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

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-A Refunds of Contributions

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

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

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF BENEFIT APPLICATIONS AND EXPENSES – continued

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 Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-C Refunds of Exempt Rank Contributions

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

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

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 Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-E Refund of Unused Annuity Accumulations

A motion to approve the erroneous refund as detailed on Schedule II-E was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

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 Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE III-A Annuities REVISED

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

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

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF BENEFIT APPLICATIONS AND EXPENSES – continued

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 Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

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 Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE IV Disability Benefits

Mizel N. Brooks, Claiming Duty Disability

A motion to award Mizel Brooks an ordinary disability benefit, 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 Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

Vincent R. Celio, Claiming Duty Disability

A motion to award Vincent Celio an ordinary disability benefit, 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 Lally, seconded by Trustee Levine.

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

Jan Ashley De Jesus, Claiming Duty Disability

A motion to award Jan Ashley De Jesus an ordinary disability benefit, 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 Lally, seconded by Trustee Levine.

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

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF BENEFIT APPLICATIONS AND EXPENSES – continued

DOCKET: SCHEDULE IV Disability Benefits - continued

Leon T. Payne, Claiming Duty Disability

A motion to award Leon T. Payne an ordinary disability benefit, 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 Lally, seconded by Trustee Levine.

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

Martin Ridge, Claiming Occupational Disease Disability

A motion to award Martin Ridge an occupational disease disability benefit was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE IV Disability Benefits-Modification on prior motion

Xavier Chism, claiming ordinary disability benefits

A motion to modify motion previously made to reflect an Award of ordinary disability benefits ONLY was made by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

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 Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VI LEAVES OF ABSENCES- MILITARY

Documentation verified. *A motion to approve pension credit for the military leaves as detailed on Schedule VI was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.*

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

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF BENEFIT APPLICATIONS AND EXPENSES – continued

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VII-A GUARDIANSHIP APPOINTMENT

Documentation verified. *A motion to Acknowledge the Guardianship Appointment detailed on Schedule VII-A for retirement member **William Canavan** was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.*

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VII-B 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 Lally, seconded by Trustee Levine.*

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

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 Lappe, seconded by Trustee Levine.

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

HEARINGS

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VIII-A DISABILITY HEARINGS

Sara Hecker – Duty Disability

Attorney for Officer Hecker appeared before the Board and requested a continuance to the May 2024 meeting.

A motion to approve continuing this case to the May 2024 meeting was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

Demetrios Kereakes – Duty Disability Claim

Attorney for Detective Kereakes appeared before the Board and requested a continuance in order to secure medical witness.

A motion to approve continuing this case was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Levine.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VIII-A DISABILITY HEARINGS Continued

Paul E. McCarthy – Duty Disability Claim

Attorney for Police Technician McCarthy appeared before the Board and requested a continuance to obtain current medical report(s).

A motion to approve continuing this case was made by Trustee Lappe, seconded by Trustee Lally.

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

Daniel Golden – Duty Disability Claim

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

A motion to award officer Daniel Golden a total and permanent duty disability benefit at 75% of salary as provided for in the Pension Act was made by Trustee Lappe seconded by Trustee Lally.

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

Stefan W. Zadura – Occupational Disease Disability Claim

This hearing was conducted pursuant to Article 5 of the Illinois Pension Code concerning the disability claim of Officer Zadura. Officer Zadura appeared before the Board, with counsel, on his claim for an occupational disease disability benefit. The records were reviewed and testimony was taken from claimant.

A motion to award Officer Zadura and occupational disease disability benefit was made by Trustee Lappe, seconded by Trustee Lally.

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

WHEREUPON, Trustee Conyears-Ervin joined the meeting.

LEGAL REVIEW

A motion to go into executive session pursuant to 2 (c) (11) was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

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

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

LEGAL REVIEW - continued

A motion to go into executive session pursuant to 2 (c) (4) was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, a motion made by Trustee Levine that the Board stand in recess until 12:15 pm or earlier if required, seconded by Trustee Conyears-Ervin.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Stiscak, seconded by Trustee Lally to allow Trustee Lappe to participate remotely, if required for a quorum, when the meeting reconvenes at 12:15 pm.

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

WHEREUPON, Trustee Lappe left the meeting.

METTING BACK IN SESSION

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

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VIII-A DISABILITY HEARINGS Continued

Status Update for Officer Kimberlee Powe – Duty Disability

This hearing was continued and conducted pursuant to Article 5 of the Illinois Pension Code concerning the disability status of Officer Kimberlee Powe. Officer Powe appeared before the Board, without counsel, on her duty disability status. The records were reviewed and testimony was taken from claimant.

WHEREAS, a short recess was had.

An off the record discussion about Officer Powe’s options available to her concerning employment and retirement.

A motion was made by Trustee Stiscak, seconded by Trustee Lally that the duty disability benefits paid to Kimberlee Powe shall terminate May 31, 2024, based on the medical records.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

None

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

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