



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

### **MINUTES**

#### **BOARD MEETING**

THURSDAY – April 25, 2024

**Board Meeting Agenda**  
**April 25, 2024, 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 March 25, 2024
  - b. Approval of Transcript – Investment Meeting held March 25, 2024
  - c. Approval of Minutes – Board Meeting held March 28, 2024
  - d. Approval of Transcript - Board Meeting held March 28, 2024
  - e. Approval of Minutes - Executive Sessions during Investment Meeting held March 25, 2024
  - f. Approval of Minutes - Executive Sessions during Board Meeting held March 28, 2024
4. Approval of Board Orders
  - a. Officer Kimberlee Powe – Duty Disability
5. Consideration for Approval of Benefit Applications and Expenses
6. Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Updates to 2024 Conference Attendance

**RECESS UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 11:30 AM**

7. Consideration for Approval of Applications for Disability / Reviews
  - a. Hearing for Officer Anthony Graffeo – Duty Disability
  - b. Hearing for Officer Roberto Ramirez - Duty Disability
  - c. Hearing for Officer Nilofer Nanlawala– Duty Disability
  - d. Hearing for Lieutenant Jan Ashley De Jesus – Duty Disability
  - e. Hearing for Officer Felipe Zamorano – Duty Disability
8. Legislative Liaison Presentation
  - a. House Bill 5264
  - b. House Bill 5266
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
John Lally	Trustee
Mike Lappe	Trustee
Jeffrey Levine	Trustee, Vice President
Michael Stiscak	President, Recording Secretary

Staff Present:

Kevin Reichart	Executive Director
Kay Hylton	Benefits Manager
Bob Crawford	Disability Manager

Consultants and Advisors Present:

Dr. Susan Buchanan	Board Physician
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City of Chicago Office of the Treasurer Staff

Public in Attendance:

Ralph Licari	Attorney
Monica Ortiz	Police Officer, CPD (FOP)
John Catanzara	Retiree, CPD (FOP)
Tom Lonergan	Retiree, CPD

\*Denotes partial attendance

^ Denotes remote attendance



**CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF BENEFIT APPLICATIONS AND EXPENSES**

**DOCKET: SCHEDULE I-A Incurred Expenses for the Month of April 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:           Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Levine, Stiscak.  
                          Against:    0.  
                          Absent:     Guzman, Jaworski.

**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:           Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Levine, Stiscak.  
                          Against:    0.  
                          Absent:     Guzman, Jaworski.

**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:           Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Levine, Stiscak.  
                          Against:    0.  
                          Absent:     Guzman, Jaworski.

**DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-B Continued Refunds of Surviving Spouse's Contributions REVISED**

*A motion to approve the Revised Refunds as detailed on Schedule II-B (Continued) was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.*

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

**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:           Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Levine, Stiscak.  
                          Against:    0.  
                          Absent:     Guzman, Jaworski.

**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:           Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Levine, Stiscak.  
                          Against:    0.  
                          Absent:     Guzman, Jaworski.

**CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF BENEFIT APPLICATIONS AND EXPENSES – continued**

**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:           Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Levine, Stiscak.  
                          Against:    0.  
                          Absent:     Guzman, Jaworski.

**DOCKET: SCHEDULE III-A Continued Annuities REVISED**

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

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

**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:           Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Levine, Stiscak.  
                          Against:    0.  
                          Absent:     Guzman, Jaworski.

**DOCKET: SCHEDULE III-B Continued Annuities to Widows REVISED**

*A motion to approve the Revised Annuities to Widows as detailed on Schedule III-B (Continued) was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.*

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

**DOCKET: SCHEDULE III-C Annuities to Children**

*A motion to deny the Annuity to Child for **FLYNN** as detailed on Schedule III-C was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe, per guidelines established in the Pension Act.*

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

*A motion to approve the Annuity to Child for **ATWOOD** as detailed on Schedule III-C was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe, per guidelines established in the Pension Act.*

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

**CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF BENEFIT APPLICATIONS AND EXPENSES – continued**

**DOCKET: SCHEDULE III-C Continued Annuities to Children REVISED**

*A motion to approve the REVISED Annuities to Children as detailed on Schedule III-C (Continued) was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.*

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

**DOCKET: SCHEDULE IV Disability Benefits**

Niagara Craig, Claiming Duty Disability

*A motion to award Niagara Craig 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:           Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Levine, Stiscak.  
                          Against:    0.  
                          Absent:     Guzman, Jaworski.

Shana K. Knight, Claiming Occupational Disease Disability

No report from IME.

*A motion to defer this claim was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.*

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

Edward J. Rollins, Claiming Duty Disability

*A motion to award Edward Rollins 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:           Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Levine, Stiscak.  
                          Against:    0.  
                          Absent:     Guzman, Jaworski.

Iwona Wrobel, Claiming Duty Disability

*A motion to defer Iwona Wrobel disability benefits, subject to a full evidentiary hearing, was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.*

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

## CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF BENEFIT APPLICATIONS AND EXPENSES – continued

### **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:           Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Levine, Stiscak.  
                          Against:    0.  
                          Absent:     Guzman, Jaworski.

### **DOCKET: SCHEDULE VII-A 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 requests – **AARON BURNS** and **MANUEL SOTO** - to purchase additional pension credit for prior law enforcement service under 40 ILCS 5/5-214.2 as detailed on Schedule VII-A was made by Trustee Stiscak, seconded by Trustee Lappe. per guidelines established in the Pension Act.*

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

General docketed items completed.

### **ELECTION UPDATE**

Executive Director Kevin Reichart informed the Board that electronic voting would begin the next day, April 26 through May 15, 2024, to fill the unexpired term of the Police Officer representative on the Board. Emails will be sent throughout the day to all eligible active police officers, or rank equivalent and members in receipt of disability benefits eligible to vote.

### **HEARINGS**

#### **DOCKET: SCHEDULE VIII-A DISABILITY HEARINGS**

##### Anthony Graffeo – Duty Disability

Attorney for Officer Graffeo appeared before the Board and requested a continuance.

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

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

##### Roberto Ramirez – Duty Disability Claim

Attorney for Officer Ramirez appeared before the Board and requested a continuance.

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

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



