

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	
City of Chicago Office of the Treasurer Staff		

Public in Attendance:

Ralph Licari	
Monica Ortiz	
John Catanzara	
Tom Lonergan	

Attorney Police Officer, CPD (FOP) Retiree, CPD (FOP) Retiree, CPD

*Denotes partial attendance

^ Denotes remote attendance

ROLL CALL

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 one request; annuitant John Catanzara, Fraternal Order of Police President.

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The first order of business was review of the minutes of the regular Investment Meeting held March 25, 2024; the transcript from the Investment meeting held March 25, 2024; minutes from the Regular Board meeting held March 28, 2024; and the transcript from the Regular Board meeting held March 28, 2024; and the transcripts from the Regular Board meeting held March 28, 2024. *A motion to approve the minutes and transcripts from the Board Meetings held March 25, 2024 and March 28, 2024, as cited, was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.*

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

The next order of business was the review of the minutes of the Executive Sessions held March 25, 2024. *A motion to approve the minutes from the Executive Sessions held March 25, 2024, was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.*

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

The next order of business was the review of the minutes of the Executive Sessions held March 28, 2024. *A motion to approve the minutes from the Executive Sessions held March 28, 2024, was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.*

ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF BOARD ORDERS

Officer Kimberlee Powe

Status Review-Duty Disability

Board Counsel provided a draft order to the Board.

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

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

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.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-A Refunds of Contributions

ROLL CALL:

 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 byTrustee Lappe.ROLL CALL:For:Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Levine, Stiscak.

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	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) wasmade 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.Abaset:Converse Jacuarda

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.

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

Shana K. Knight, Claiming Occupational Disease Disability

No report from IME.

ROLL CALL:

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:

Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Levine, Stiscak. For: 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. 0. Against: 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.

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VIII-A DISABILITY HEARINGS Continued

Nilofer Nanlawala – Duty Disability Claim Officer Nanlawala requested a continuance due to health reasons. 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. Guzman, Jaworski. Absent:

2024 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Executive Director Kevin Reichart provided an updated conference schedule for 2024. A motion to approve the 2024 revised conference schedule was made by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Lappe. ROLL CALL: For: Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lappe, Levine, Stiscak. Against: 0. Absent: Guzman, Jaworski.

THE BOARD REVIEWED AND DISCUSSED THE AGENDA OF SCHEDULED ITEMS.

Jan Ashley De Jesus – Duty Disability Claim Attorney for Officer DeJesus appeared before the Board. Due to an imminent lack of a quorum this matter is continued.

Felipe Zamorano – Duty Disability Claim

Attorney for Officer Zamorano appeared before the Board. Due to an imminent lack of a quorum this matter is continued.

For:

OTHER BUSINESS

None

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

ROLL CALL:

Conyears-Ervin, Jaworski, Lally, Levine, Stiscak. Against: 0.

Absent: Guzman, Lappe.