



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

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY – August 29, 2024

Board Meeting Agenda
August 29, 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 – Board Meeting held July 25, 2024
 - b) Approval of Transcript - Board Meeting held July 25, 2024
 - c) Approval of Minutes - Executive Sessions during Board Meeting held July 25, 2024
4. Approval of Board Orders
 - a) Officer Cynthia Donald – Duty Disability
 - b) Officer Andrew Kutella – Duty Disability
 - c) Officer Denise Burciaga – Credit for Other Service 40ILCS 5/5-214
5. Consideration for Approval of Benefit Applications and Expenses
6. Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Fiduciary and Cyber Liability Insurance Renewal
7. Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Disabled Child Annuity Claim
 - a) Thomas J. Flynn by Linda Horras, mother
8. Consideration for Approval of Applications for Disability / Reviews
 - a) Hearing for Officer Jeffery Shafer – Duty Disability
 - b) Hearing for Officer Samantha Webb - Duty Disability
 - c) Hearing for Officer Noah Ball– Duty Disability
 - d) Status Review for Officer Richard Arroyo– Duty Disability
 - e) Status Review for Officer Robert J. Smith - Duty Disability (Continuance Requested)
 - f) Motion To Reconsider - Officer Roberto Ramirez
9. Legal Review*
 - a) In-process case report
 - b) Other
10. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Infrastructure RFP*
11. Discussion Regarding Cash Flow and Possible Action Regarding the Liquidation of Investments to Assist in the Payment of Benefits
12. Other Business

*Topics may be discussed in closed session in accordance with the applicable Open Meetings Act provisions.

Board Members Present:

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| Melissa Conyears-Ervin* | Trustee |
| Jill Jaworski* | Trustee |
| John Lally | Trustee |
| Michael Lappe* | Trustee |
| Jeffrey Levine* | Trustee, Vice President |
| Brock Merck | Trustee |
| Michael Stiscak | President, Recording Secretary |

Staff Present:

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| Kevin Reichart | Executive Director |
| Sarah Boeckman | Board Counsel |
| Paul Rzeszutko | Benefits Manager |
| Bob Crawford | Disability Manager |

Consultants and Advisors Present:

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| Dr. Susan Buchanan* | Board Physician |
| Richard Reimer | Board Attorney/Hearing Officer |
| Craig Goesel* | Agent/Fiduciary Liability and Cyber Insurance (Alliant) |
| DeAnna Jones* | NEPC Consultants |
| Kevin Leonard* | NEPC Consultants |

City of Chicago Office of the Treasurer Staff

Public in Attendance:

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| Ralph Licari* | Attorney |
| Michael Rothman* | Attorney |
| Samantha Webb* | Police Officer, CPD |
| Noah Ball* | Police Officer, CPD |
| Richard Arroyo* | Sergeant, CPD |
| Rosemarie Giambalvo* | Retiree, CPD |
| Beth Svec | Police Officer, CPD |
| Walter Metcalfe* | Retiree, CPD |
| Robin Kroll*^ | Psychologist |

Others in attendance not identified

*Denotes partial attendance

^ Denotes remote attendance

ROLL CALL

President Stiscak determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at approximately 9:09 a.m.

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 two requests; Officer Beth Svec and retired Officer Wayne Metcalfe.

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Whereupon Trustee Levine joined the proceedings

The first order of business was review of the minutes of the Board Meeting held July 25, 2024 and the transcript of the Board meeting held July 25, 2024.

A motion to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting held July 25, 2024 and to approve the transcript of the Board Meeting held July 25, 2024, was made by Trustee Stiscak, seconded by Trustee Lally.

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

The next order of business was review of the minutes of the Executive Sessions from the Board Meeting held July 25, 2024.

A motion to approve the minutes from the Executive Board Meeting sessions held July 25, 2024, was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

APPROVAL OF BOARD ORDERS

Officer Cynthia Donald

Application; Duty Disability

Board Counsel provided a draft order to the Board.

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

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

Officer Andrew Kutella

Application; Duty Disability

Board Counsel provided a draft order to the Board.

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

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

APPROVAL OF BOARD ORDERS - continued

Officer Denise Burciaga

Application; Credit for Other Service 40ILCS 5/5-214 and 5/5-214.2

Board Counsel provided a draft order to the Board.

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

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

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, Merck, 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, Merck, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman.

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF BENEFIT APPLICATIONS AND EXPENSES – continued

DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-D Refunds of Partial Payments to Heirs

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

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-E Refunds of Unused Accumulations

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

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

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, Merck, Stiscak.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman.

DOCKET: SCHEDULE IV Disability Benefits

Child Disability Benefit to Officer Andrew Kutella for minor child Braxton Kutella

A motion to award Officer Andrew Kutella a disability child benefit for Braxton Kutella was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

Officer Sarah L Peck, Claiming Duty Disability

A motion to move Sarah Peck claim to a full evidentiary hearing regarding her disability application was made by Trustee Stiscak, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VII Prior Service Requests - MILITARY

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

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

General docketed items completed.

Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Fiduciary and Cyber Liability Insurance Renewal

The Board was presented options from Alliant for consideration of Fiduciary Insurance and the Cyber Liability Insurance Renewal. It was noted that the renewal options presented were based upon national industry standards of coverage. These options were also presented to the other City pension funds. Following questions from trustees,

A motion to accept the 2024/2025 Fiduciary Insurance Renewal Policy, option #2, consistent with Alliant’s recommendation, was made by Trustee Lally, and seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

A second motion to accept the Cyber Liability Renewal Policy consistent with Alliant’s recommendation, was made by Trustee Lally, and seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Disabled Child Annuity Claim from Linda Horras, Mother of

Thomas J. Flynn by Linda Horras, Mother

Linda Horras was to provide evidence to the Board regarding her son’s disablement. The applicant requested a postponement to a future date.

NEPC INFRASTRUCTURE RFP

A motion was made by Trustee Stiscak, seconded by Trustee Lappe, to go out of order of the published agenda in consideration of item #10, NEPC Infrastructure RFP.

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

A motion to enter into executive session per 2 (c) 7 of the open meetings act was made by Trustee Stiscak, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

Whereupon, Trustee Conyears-Ervin joined the meeting.

Whereupon, Trustee Jaworski left the meeting.

A motion to exit executive session and return to open session was made by Trustee Stiscak, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

A motion to approve an allocation to Brookfield Global Transition Fund II for \$25 million, consistent with the recommendation from NEPC, was made by Trustee Stiscak, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

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 Lally.

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

HEARINGS

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VIII-A DISABILITY HEARINGS

Officer Jeffrey Shafer – Duty Disability Claim

The disability hearing is to be rescheduled.

Officer Samantha Webb – Duty Disability Claim

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

Officer Webb appeared before the Board, with counsel, on her claim for a duty disability benefit. The records were reviewed and testimony was taken from claimant.

A motion to enter into executive session per 2 (c) (4) of the open meetings act was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

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

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

A motion to deny Officer Webb a duty disability benefit was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Stiscak.

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

A motion to approve Officer Webb to continue to receive ordinary disability benefit at 50% of salary as provided for in the Pension Act for her injury was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VIII-A DISABILITY HEARINGS - continued

Officer Noah Ball – Duty Disability Hearing

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

Officer Ball appeared before the Board, with counsel, on his claim for a duty disability benefit. The records were reviewed and testimony was taken from claimant and Dr. Robin Kroll.

A motion to enter into executive session per 2 (c) (4) of the open meetings act was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Conyears-Ervin.

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

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

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

A motion to grant Officer Ball a duty disability benefits at 75% of salary as provided for in the Pension Act, subject to reevaluation in six months, was made by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Lally.

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

Officer Richard Arroyo – Disability Status Review

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

Officer Arroyo appeared before the Board, with counsel, on his claim for a duty disability benefit. The records were reviewed and testimony was taken from claimant.

Whereupon, Trustee Lappe left the meeting.

A motion to enter into executive session per 2 (c) (4) of the open meetings act was made by Trustee Stiscak, seconded by Trustee Lally.

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

A motion to exit executive session and return to open session was made by Trustee Stiscak, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VIII-A DISABILITY HEARINGS - continued

Officer Richard Arroyo – Disability Status Review - continued

A motion to terminate Officer Richard Arroyo’s duty disability benefits effective as of the end of August as provided for in the Pension Act was made by Trustee Stiscak, seconded by Trustee Lally.

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

Officer Robert J Smith – Disability Status Review

A motion to grant a continuance for Officer Robert Smith’s disability status review to the September 2024 Board meeting was made by Trustee Stiscak, seconded by Trustee Lally.

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

Officer Roberto Ramirez – Motion to Reconsider

The Motion to Reconsider the Board’s decision to deny the duty disability claim and ordinary disability claims of Officer Roberto Ramirez at the July 25, 2024 meeting.

Officer Ramirez’s counsel appeared in front of the Board.

A motion to enter into executive session per 2 (c) (4) of the open meetings act was made by Trustee Merck, seconded by Trustee Conyears-Ervin.

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

A motion to exit executive session and return to open session was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Stiscak.

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

A motion to approve Officer Roberto Ramirez with ordinary disability benefits as provided for in the Pension Act was made by Trustee Merck, seconded by Trustee Lally.

ROLL CALL: For: Merck, Lally,
 Against: Conyears-Ervin, Levine, Stiscak.
 Absent: Guzman, Jaworski, Lappe.
 Motion did not pass granting ordinary disability.

Other Business

Executive Director Reichart informed the Trustees that a member emailed to extend the September 18, 2024 deadline for submitting nominating petitions, claiming the Fund did not offer 12 weeks prior to election date, and due to the Democratic National Convention officers did not have sufficient time to get signatures. The Trustees took no action to adjust the timeline.

All business concluded.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Stiscak and seconded by Trustee Conyears-Ervin.

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

No further consideration was taken by the Trustees.