



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

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

FRIDAY – November 22, 2024

Board Meeting Agenda
November 22, 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 October 21, 2024
 - b. Approval of Transcript - Investment Meeting held October 21, 2024
 - c. Approval of Minutes – Board Meeting held October 24, 2024
 - d. Approval of Transcript - Board Meeting held October 24, 2024
 - e. Approval of Minutes - Executive Session during Investment Meeting held October 21, 2024
 - f. Approval of Minutes - Executive Sessions during Board Meeting held October 24, 2024
4. Consideration for Approval of Benefit Applications and Expenses
5. Consideration for Approval of Applications for Disability / Reviews
 - a. Hearing for Officer Nilofer Nanlawala – Duty Disability
 - b. Hearing Officer Iwona Wrobel - Duty Disability
 - c. Status Review for Officer Vasilios Kefalas – Duty Disability
6. Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Physician’s Recommendations
7. Legal Review*
 - a. In-process case report
 - b. Other
8. Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Administrative Review Matter: Conlan v. PABF*
9. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Securities & Litigation Firm RFP*
10. Consideration and Possible Action Regarding 2025 Meeting Dates and Holidays
11. 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
Michael Lappe	Trustee
Jeffrey Levine	Trustee, Vice President
Brock Merck	Trustee
Michael Stiscak	President, Recording Secretary

Staff Present:

Kevin Reichart	Executive Director
Sarah Boeckman	Board Counsel
Paul Rzeszutko	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
Beth Svec*	Police Officer, CPD-LOA
David Di Santi *	Retired, CPD
Thomas Lonergan*	Retired, CPD
John Catanzara*	Retired, FOP
Robert Trotter *	Police Officer, CPD
Monica Ortiz *	Police Officer, FOP

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 9:06 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. One request, John Catanzara, President Fraternal Order of Police.

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The first order of business was review of the minutes and transcripts of the Investment Meeting held on October 21, 2024.

A motion was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe to approve the minutes and transcripts the Investment meeting held on October 21, 2024.

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

The next order of business was review of the minutes and transcripts of the regular Meeting held on October 24, 2024.

A motion was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe to approve the minutes and transcripts of the regular meeting held on October 24, 2024.

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

The next order of business was review of the Executive Session minutes held during the meeting on October 21, 2024.

A motion was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Merck to approve the Executive Session minutes held during the meeting on October 21, 2024.

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

The next order of business was review of the Executive Session minutes held during the regular meeting on October 24, 2024.

A motion was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe to approve the Executive Session minutes held during the meeting on October 24, 2024.

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

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF BENEFIT APPLICATIONS AND EXPENSES

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-A Refunds of Member Contributions

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

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-B Refunds of Surviving Spouse Contributions

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

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

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-D Refunds Payment to Heirs of Deceased Annuitants

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

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-G Refunds Annual Increase Contributions

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

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

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE IV-A Disability Applications - New

Ordinary Disability for Officer Yesica Solis

Dr. Buchanan provided the Board with a brief medical summary of the injury incurred by Officer Solis.

A motion to award Officer Yesica Solis a 50% ordinary disability as detailed in Schedule IV-A was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE IV-B Disability Benefits Revised

Due to city wage contract agreements, retroactive salary increases were provided to officers whereas their disability rate is to be adjusted accordingly.

A motion to approve revised disabilities as detailed in Schedule IV-B was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VII-A Pension Credit – Portability 5/5-214.2

Documentation reviewed, Detective Waukeesha D Pickens.

A motion to deny the portability request for Detective Pickens to purchase pension credit for service under 40 ILCS 5-5-214.2 as detailed on Schedule VII-A was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe, per guidelines established under the Pension Act.

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

Documentation reviewed, Officer Maverick Porter II.

A motion to deny the portability request for Officer Porter II to purchase pension credit for service under 40 ILCS 5-5-214.2 as detailed on Schedule VII-A was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe, per guidelines established under the Pension Act.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VII-B – Military 5/5-214.3

Military documentation verified, Detective Jerry Crisp.

A motion to approve Detective Crisp’s request to purchase pension credit for military service under 40 ILCS 5/5-214.3 as detailed on Schedule VII-B was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

Military documentation verified, Officer Regene Smith.

A motion to approve Officer Smith’s request to purchase pension credit for military service under 40 ILCS 5/5-214.3 as detailed on Schedule VII-B for Officer Regene Smith was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

General docketed items completed.

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VIII-A DISABILITY HEARINGS

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

Officer Nilofer Nanlawala – Duty Hearing

This hearing was conducted pursuant to Article 5 of the Illinois Pension Code concerning the disability claim of Officer Nilofer Nanlawala. Officer Nanlawala was not present and did not appear before the Board on her claim for a 75% duty disability benefit. Officer Nanlawala’s husband was present and he provided a request for continuance, which was entered into the records. The Board discussed the request for a continuance; records and documents presented were reviewed.

Whereupon Trustee Jaworski entered the meeting.

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

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

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

In light of three continuances already granted.

A motion to deny the request to provide Officer Nilofer Nanlawala with another continuance was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

Based upon review of medical records.

A motion to deny disability benefits to Officer Nilofer Nanlawala as detailed in Schedule VIII for the period of September 12, 2021 through on or about August 31, 2023 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 VIII-A DISABILITY HEARINGS – continued

Officer Iwona Wrobel – Duty Hearing

This hearing was conducted pursuant to Article 5 of the Illinois Pension Code concerning the disability claim of Officer Iwona Wrobel. Officer Wrobel 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 Lappe, seconded by Trustee Lally.

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

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

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

A motion to deny disability benefits to Officer Iwona Wrobel as detailed in Schedule VIII, for the period of May 12, 2023 through October 11, 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.

Officer Vasilios Kefalas – Duty Status Review

This hearing was conducted pursuant to Article 5 of the Illinois Pension Code concerning the continuation of duty disability benefits to Officer Vasilios Kefalas. The Pension Code requires examination at least once annually to continue on disability. Officer Kefalas appeared before the Board, without counsel, requesting another continuance.

Whereupon Trustee Conyears-Ervin entered the meeting.

In consideration of the request for a continuance and in consideration of the Pension Code requirement for an annual examination.

A motion was made to suspend disability benefits and to grant a continuation request to Officer Kefalas until such time he is prepared to again appear before the Board was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Levine.

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

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PHYSICIAN'S RECOMMENDATIONS

The next item is Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Physician Recommendations.

A motion to approve physician recommendations was made by Trustee Stiscak, seconded by Trustee Lally.

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

Meeting Agenda Item #7 (Legal Review), Item #8 (Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Administrative Review Matter: Conlon v. PABF) and #9 (Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Securities & Litigation Firm RFP)

A motion to enter into executive session per 2 (c) (11) of the Open Meetings Act for agenda items #7, #8, and #9 was made by Trustee Stiscak, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

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

Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Administrative Review Matter: Conlan v. PABF*

Review of settlement agreement with Sergeant Timothy Conlon.

A motion to approve Sergeant Conlon with 50% duty disability benefits consistent with the terms of the settlement agreement was made by Trustee Stiscak, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SECURITIES & LITIGATION FIRM RFP

Executive Director Kevin Reichart provided a brief summary regarding Security and Litigation firms who responded to the RFP.

A motion to retain the law firms who responded to the RFP as security litigation for the Fund with the Executive Director and Fund counsel to work on a schedule as discussed was made by Trustee Stiscak, seconded by Trustee Levine.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Executive Director Kevin Reichart discussed consideration of dates for the 2025 meetings and holidays.

A motion to adopt the 2025 Board Meeting Schedule with amendments to follow was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Lappe.

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

Executive Director Kevin Reichart informed, Mayor Brandon Johnson reappointed Trustee Jaworski, Trustee Guzman and Trustee Levine to remain as the Mayor’s appointed Trustees of the Fund expiring November 30, 2027.

Executive Director Kevin Reichart concluded the meeting by thanking and reading resolutions to Trustee Lappe and to Trustee Stiscak for their many years of dedicated and generous service as Trustees of the Fund.

ALL BUSINESS CONCLUDED

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

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