



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

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

Thursday – February 27, 2025

Board Meeting Agenda
February 27, 2025, 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 January 23, 2025
 - b. Approval of Transcript - Board Meeting held January 23, 2025
 - c. Approval of Minutes – Investment Meeting held January 27, 2025
 - d. Approval of Transcript - Investment Meeting held January 27, 2025
 - e. Approval of Minutes - Executive Sessions during Board Meeting held January 23, 2025
 - f. Approval of Minutes - Executive Sessions during Investment Meeting held January 27, 2025
4. Approval of Board Orders
 - a. Lieutenant Michael D. Keeney - Duty Disability
5. Consideration for Approval of Benefit Applications and Expenses
6. Consideration for Approval of Applications for Disability / Reviews
 - a. Disabled Child Annuity Claim – Thomas J. Flynn by Linda Horras, mother
 - b. Hearing for Officer Tasha Flippin – Duty Disability
 - c. Hearing for Officer Zarak Khan – Duty Disability
 - d. Status Hearing for Officer Daniel A. Johnson – Duty Disability
 - e. Status Hearing for Officer Sara Hecker – Duty Disability
7. Legal Review*
 - a. In-process case report
 - b. Other
8. 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 |
| Annette Guzman * | Trustee |
| Jill Jaworski * | Trustee |
| John Lally | Trustee, President |
| Jeffrey Levine * | Trustee, Vice President |
| Thomas Lonergan | Trustee |
| Brock Merck | Trustee |
| Brian Wright | Recording Secretary |

Staff Present:

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| Kevin Reichart | Executive Director |
| Bob Crawford | Disability Manager |
| Sarah Boeckman* | Board Counsel |

Consultants and Advisors Present:

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| Dr. Susan Buchanan* | Board Physician |
| Richard Reimer* | Board Attorney/Hearing Officer |

City of Chicago Office of the Treasurer Staff

City of Chicago Office of the Chief Financial Officer Staff

Public in Attendance:

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| Ralph Licari* | Attorney |
| Linda Horras* | Widow of Deceased CPD Officer |
| Thomas Horras*^ | Adult Child of Deceased CPD Officer |
| Sarah Peck* | CPD |
| Kenyatta Gaines | FOP |
| Beth Svec | CPD |
| Tasha Flippin | CPD |
| Zarak Kahn | CPD |
| Daniel Johnson | CPD |
| Rob Arroyo | Attorney |
| John Catanzara* | President, FOP |
| Others in attendance not identified | |

*Denotes partial attendance

^ Denotes remote attendance

ROLL CALL

Recording Secretary Wright determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at approximately 9:15 a.m.

PERMISSION OF BOARD MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY

As there is a physical quorum present and one Board Member requested to participate remotely, *a motion to allow remote participation for Board members under Section 7(a) of the Open Meetings Act was made by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Guzman.*

ROLL CALL: For: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally, Levine, Lonergan, Wright.
 Against: Merck (Yes to hear, no to vote)
 Absent: Jaworski.

The motion passed.

REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

There were no requests from any members of the public to address the Board.

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The first order of business was approval of the minutes and transcripts of the Board Meeting held January 23, 2025 and the Investment Meeting held January 27, 2025.

Trustee Lally noted a correction for the record for the Board Meeting held January 23, 2025. The motion to award Officer Willie B. Smith a duty disability at 75% did pass in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Lonergan to approve the minutes and the transcript of the Board Meeting held January 23, 2025 and the minutes and transcript of the Investment Meeting held January 27, 2025.

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

The next order of business was approval of the minutes of the Executive Sessions of the Board Meeting held January 23, 2025

A motion was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Merck to approve the minutes of the Executive Sessions held during the Board Meeting on January 23, 2025.

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

The next order of business was approval of the minutes of the Executive Sessions of the Investment Meeting held January 27, 2025

A motion was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Lonergan to approve the minutes of the Executive Sessions held during the Investment Meeting on January 27, 2025.

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

APPROVAL OF BOARD ORDERS

Lieutenant Michael D. Kenney

Application; Duty Disability

Board Counsel provided a draft order to the Board for Lieutenant Michael D. Keeney.

A motion to adopt and publish the Board Order as submitted for Lieutenant Michael D. Keeney was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF BENEFIT APPLICATIONS AND EXPENSES

DOCKET: SCHEDULE I-A Incurred Expenses for the Month of February 2025

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

ROLL CALL: For: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally, Levine, Lonergan, Merck, Wright.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: 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 Lonergan, seconded by Trustee Merck.

ROLL CALL: For: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally, Levine, Lonergan, Merck, Wright.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: 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 Lonergan, seconded by Trustee Merck.

ROLL CALL: For: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally, Levine, Lonergan, Merck, Wright.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: 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 Guzman, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF BENEFIT APPLICATIONS AND EXPENSES - continued

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

A motion to approve the Payments to Heirs of Deceased Annuitants as detailed on Schedule II-D was made by Trustee Merck, seconded by Trustee Guzman.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-E Refunds Unused Annuity Accumulations (Post Death)

A motion to approve the Refunds of Unused Annuity Accumulations as detailed on Schedule II-E was made by Trustee Merck, seconded by Trustee Guzman.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-F Refunds Unused Annuity Increase Contributions

A motion to approve the Refunds of Unused Annuity Accumulations as detailed on Schedule II-E was made by Trustee Merck, seconded by Trustee Lonergan.

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

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 Lonergan, seconded by Trustee Guzman.

ROLL CALL: For: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Lally, Levine, Lonergan, Merck, Wright.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: 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 Lonergan, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE III-C Annuities to Children - Revised

A motion to approve the Revised Child Annuity as detailed on Schedule III-C was made by Trustee Lonergan, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF BENEFIT APPLICATIONS AND EXPENSES - continued

DOCKET: SCHEDULE IV Disability Applications - New

Lieutenant Galen Caldwell, Claiming Duty Disability

The Fund's physician, Dr. Buchanan provided a brief explanation of the injury/illness.

A motion to enter into executive session for deliberation per 2 (c) 4 of the Open Meetings Act was made by Trustee Merck, seconded by Trustee Wright.

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

Whereupon Trustee Jaworski joined the meeting.

A motion to return to open session was made by Trustee Conyears-Ervin, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

A motion to grant Lieutenant Galen Caldwell an Ordinary Disability benefit without prejudice subject to a full evidentiary hearing was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Guzman.

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

Officer Brian Roe, Claiming Ordinary Disability

The Fund's physician provided a brief explanation of the injury/illness.

A motion to grant Officer Brian Roe an Ordinary Disability benefit was made by Trustee Lally seconded by Trustee Lonergan.

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

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 Merck, seconded by Trustee Lonergan

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

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF BENEFIT APPLICATIONS AND EXPENSES - continued

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VI Pension Credit – Military Leave in Service 5/5-212

As detailed in Schedule VI, requests to purchase pension credit for military service while on leave from the city pursuant to Section 5-212 of the Code.

A motion to approve the requests to purchase pension credit for military while on leave from City service as detailed on Schedule VI was made by Trustee Guzman, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF BENEFIT APPLICATIONS AND EXPENSES - continued

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

Military documentation was verified for purchase of military credit.

A motion to approve requests to purchase pension credit for military service under 40 ILCS 5/5-214.3 as detailed on Schedule VII-A was made by Trustee Jaworski, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

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 Jaworski, seconded by Trustee Wright.

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

Officer Thomas M. Flynn– Disabled Child Annuity Claim

This hearing was conducted pursuant to Article 5 of the Illinois Pension Code concerning the disabled child annuity claim of Thomas J. Flynn, son of deceased. Officer Thomas M. Flynn. Thomas J. Flynn participated via Zoom (audio only) while his mother Linda K. Horras appeared in person, on his claim for a disabled child annuity benefit. The records were reviewed and testimony was taken from the claimant.

A motion to enter into executive session for deliberation per 2 (c) 4 of the Open Meetings Act was made by Trustee Conyears-Ervin, seconded by Trustee Levine.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VIII-A DISABILITY HEARINGS - continued

Officer Thomas M. Flynn– Disabled Child Annuity Claim - continued

A motion to return to open session was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

A motion to continue the matter of the disabled child annuity claim of Thomas L Flynn, subject to an independent medical exam by a Board –appointed doctor, was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

Whereupon Trustee Conyears-Ervin left the proceedings.

LEGAL REVIEW

Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Motion to Reconsider in Re: Klinger

Attorney Rob Arroyo appeared before the Board on the motion to reconsider making the continuance in the matter of the duty disability for Officer Svetlana Klinger a “final” continuance.

A motion to deny the motion to reconsider was made by Trustee, Lally, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VIII-A DISABILITY HEARINGS - continued

Officer Tasha Flippin – Duty Hearing

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

Officer Flippin appeared before the Board, with Attorney Ralph Licari as counsel, on her claim for a 75% duty disability benefit. Records were reviewed and testimony was taken from claimant.

A motion to enter into executive session for deliberation per 2 (c) 4 of the Open Meetings Act was made by Trustee Guzman, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VIII-A DISABILITY HEARINGS - continued

Officer Tasha Flippin – Duty Hearing

A motion to return to open session was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

A motion to continue this matter to the April 24, 2025 Board Meeting, pending the successful issuance and response to a subpoena to PA Ludwigsen was made by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Jaworski.

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

Officer Sara Hecker – Status Hearing

Officer Sara Hecker was not present at the meeting and was represented by Attorney Ralph Licari. Attorney Licari requested a continuance because he was not provided notice of the hearing and claimed that his client was not provided notice either.

A motion to grant Officer Hecker a continuance until the May 29, 2025 Board Meeting was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Levine.

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

Officer Zarak Kahn – Status Review

This status hearing was conducted pursuant to Article 5 of the Illinois Pension Code concerning the duty disability claim of Officer Zarak Kahn.

Officer Kahn appeared before the Board without counsel. Records were reviewed and testimony was taken from claimant and the claimant’s wife.

A motion to enter into executive session for deliberation per 2 (c) 4 of the Open Meetings Act was made by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Guzman.

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

A motion to return to open session was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

Whereupon Officer Kahn withdrew his application for Duty Disability.

Whereupon a brief recess was had.

Whereupon Trustee Guzman and Trustee Jaworski left the proceedings

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VIII-A DISABILITY HEARINGS - continued

Officer Daniel A. Johnson – Status Review

This status hearing was conducted pursuant to Article 5 of the Illinois Pension Code concerning the duty disability claim of Officer Daniel A. Johnson.

Officer Johnson appeared before the Board with Attorney Ralph Licari as counsel. Records were reviewed and testimony was taken from claimant.

A motion to enter into executive session for deliberation per 2 (c) 4 of the Open Meetings Act was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Wright.

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

A motion to return to open session was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Levine.

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

A motion to terminate the duty disability benefit of Officer Daniel A. Johnson effective March 31, 2025 was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Levine.

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

LEGAL REVIEW

Attorney Rick Reimer referenced the in-process case report included in the Board materials.

Other Business

None

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

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