



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

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

Thursday – May 29, 2025

**Board Meeting Agenda
May 29, 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 April 28, 2025
 - b. Approval of Transcript - Board Meeting held April 28, 2025
 - c. Approval of Minutes - Executive Sessions during Board Meeting held April 28, 2025
4. Approval of Board Orders
 - a. Officer Vasilios Kefalas – Duty Disability
5. Consideration for Approval of Benefit Applications and Expenses
6. Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Investment Consultant Contract Extension*
7. Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Physician's Recommendation
8. Consideration for Approval of Applications for Disability / Reviews
 - a. Status Hearing for Officer William Molina – Duty Disability
 - b. Status Hearing for Officer Sara Hecker – Duty Disability
 - c. Hearing for Officer Mark Friar – Duty Disability.
 - d. Hearing for Officer Svetlana Klinger – Duty Disability
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
Jill Jaworski	Trustee
John Lally	Trustee, President
Jeffrey Levine	Trustee
Thomas Lonergan	Trustee
Brock Merck	Trustee
Brian Wright	Trustee, Secretary

Staff Present:

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

Consultants and Advisors Present:

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

Public in Attendance:

Ralph Licari *	Attorney
David DiSanti *	FOP
Beth Svec *	Police Officer
Sarah Hecker *	Police Officer
William Molina *	Police Officer
Svetlana Klinger *	Police Officer
Mark Friar *	Police Officer
Michael Rothman *	Attorney
David Klinger *	Spouse of Officer Klinger
Dr. Timothy Lubenow *^	Physician
Arthur R. Ehrlich *^	Attorney
Others in attendance not identified	

*Denotes partial attendance

^ Denotes remote attendance

ROLL CALL

Trustee Lally determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at approximately 9:11a.m.

REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

There were no advance requests made to address the Board. President Lally then asked if any of the public would like to address the Board.

There were two requests to address the Board, Attorney Ralph Licari and Police Officer Beth Svec.

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The first order of business was approval of the minutes and transcripts of the Board Meeting held April 28, 2025.

A motion was made by Trustee Lonergan, seconded by Trustee Wright, to approve the minutes and the transcript of the Board Meeting held on April 28, 2025.

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

The next order of business was approval of the minutes of the Executive Sessions of the Board Meeting held April 28, 2025.

A motion was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Lonergan, to approve the minutes of the Executive Sessions held during the Board Meeting on April 28, 2025.

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

APPROVAL OF BOARD ORDERS

The next order was approval to adopt and publish the Board's written decision and order in the disability hearing of Officer Vasilios Kefalas.

A motion was made by Trustee Lonergan, seconded by Trustee Wright, to adopt and publish the Board's written decision and order in the disability hearing of Officer Kefalas.

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

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF BENEFIT APPLICATIONS AND EXPENSES

DOCKET: SCHEDULE I-A Incurred Expenses for the month of May 2025

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

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-A Refunds of Member Contributions

A motion to approve the payments for Refunds of Member Contributions as detailed on Schedule II-A was made by Trustee Lonergan, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF BENEFIT APPLICATIONS AND EXPENSES - continued

DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-B Refunds of Surviving Spouse Contributions

A motion to approve the payments for Refunds of Surviving Spouse Contributions as detailed on Schedule II-B was made by Trustee Lonergan, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-C Refunds of Exempt Rank Contributions

A motion to approve the payments for Refunds of Exempt Rank Contributions as detailed on Schedule II-C was made by Trustee Lonergan, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

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 Lonergan, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-E Refund Unused Contributions Post Death

A motion to approve the payments for Refunds of Unused Contributions Post Death as detailed on Schedule II-E was made by Trustee Lonergan, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-G Refund of Annual Increase Contributions

A motion to approve the payments for Refunds of Annual Increase Contributions as detailed on Schedule II-G was made by Trustee Lonergan, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE III-A Annuities with a Summary Page

A motion to approve Annuities as detailed on Schedule III-A was made by Trustee Lonergan, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF BENEFIT APPLICATIONS AND EXPENSES - continued

DOCKET: SCHEDULE III-B Annuities to Widows with a Summary Page

A motion to approve Annuities to Widows as detailed on Schedule III-B was made by Trustee Lonergan, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE III-C Annuities to Children

A motion to approve Annuities to Children as detailed on Schedule III-C was made by Trustee Lonergan, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE IV Disability Applications - New

Officer Mohammad W. Darabaih

The Fund's physician Dr. Buchannan provided a brief explanation of the injury/illness to Officer Darabaih. *A motion to defer the matter subject to a full evidentiary hearing was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Levine.*

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

Sergeant Christopher J. Liakopoulos

The Fund's physician Dr. Buchannan provided a brief explanation of the injury/illness to Sergeant Liakopoulos.

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

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

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

A motion to award ordinary disability without prejudice pending a full evidentiary hearing was made by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Wright.

ROLL CALL: For: Jaworski, Levine, Lonergan, Merck, Wright.
 Against: 0.
 Abstain: Lally
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman.
Motion passed 5-0-1

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF BENEFIT APPLICATIONS AND EXPENSES – continued

DOCKET: SCHEDULE V Payment of Death Benefits with Summary

A motion to approve the payment of Death Benefits as indicated on Schedule V was made by Trustee Lonergan, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VI PENSION CREDIT FOR LEAVE IN SERVICE 5/5-212

Military documentation, while on leave in service, was verified for Lieutenant James C. Labbe and for Officer Norell C. Liboy to purchase military service credit as detailed in Schedule VI, pursuant to Section 5-212 of the Code.

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

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

PRIOR SERVICE REQUESTS

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VII-A Prior Service Requests 5/5-214.2

Prior service in a law enforcement capacity was verified for purchase of service credit as detailed in Schedule VII-A, pursuant to Section 5-214.2 of the Code.

A motion to approve the request to purchase pension credit for law enforcement service as detailed on Schedule VI, was made by Trustee Jaworski, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VII-C Prior Service Requests – Military 5/5-214.3

Detective Richard L. King

Military service prior to CPD employment was verified for purchase of military service credit as detailed in Schedule VII-C, pursuant to Section 5-214.3 of the Code.

A motion to approve both prior service requests for service credit under Section 5-214.2 and 5-214.3 as detailed on Schedule VII was made by Trustee Lonergan, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING INVESTMENT CONSULTANT CONTRACT EXTENSION

Trustee Lally stated this was covered as part of the investment meeting.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PHYSICIAN'S RECOMMENDATION

A motion to approve the Physician's Recommendation in the Board's materials was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Lonergan.

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

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR DISABILITY / REVIEWS

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VIII Disability Hearings

A motion to appoint attorney 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: Jaworski, Lally, Levine, Lonergan, Merck, Wright.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman.

Officer William Molina – Duty Disability Status Hearing

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

Officer Molina appeared before the Board with Attorney Michael Rothman as counsel, on his continued claim for a 75% duty disability benefit. Records were reviewed and testimony was then taken from the claimant.

Whereupon Trustee Conyears-Ervin entered the meeting during the testimony.

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 Jaworski.

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

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

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

Trustee Levine temporarily left the meeting.

A motion to terminate Officer Molina's disability benefit effective June 30, 2025 was made by Trustee Jaworski, seconded by Trustee Conyears-Ervin.

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

A short recess was taken.

Trustee Levine returned to the meeting.

Officer Sarah Hecker – Duty Disability Status Hearing

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

Officer Hecker appeared before the Board, with Attorney Ralph Licari as counsel, on her continued claim for a 75% duty disability benefit. Records were reviewed and testimony was then 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 Wright, seconded by Trustee Levine.

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

Whereupon Trustee Jaworski left the meeting.

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

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

A motion to terminate duty disability based upon testimony and records from the Fund's treating physician's, for the knee injury only, was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Conyears-Ervin.

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

The motion passes.

Officer Mark Friar – Duty Disability Status Hearing

This status hearing was conducted pursuant to Article 5 of the Illinois Pension Code concerning the duty disability application of Officer Mark Friar.

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

A motion to enter into executive session for deliberation per 2 (c) 4 and 2 (c) 11 of the Open Meetings Act was made by Trustee Conyears-Ervin, seconded by Trustee Wright.

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

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

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

Further records and testimony was then taken from the claimant.

Officer Mark Friar – Duty Disability Status Hearing – continued

Another motion to enter into executive session for deliberation per 2 (c) 4 and 2 (c) 11 of the Open Meetings Act was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Wright.

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

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

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

A motion to award Officer Friar a duty disability benefit at 75% was made by Trustee Conyears-Ervin, seconded by Trustee Wright.

ROLL CALL: For: Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Wright.
 Against: Levine, Lonergan, Merck,
 Absent: Guzman, Jaworski.
 Motion did not pass.

A motion to award Officer Friar with an ordinary disability benefit, was made by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

A short recess was taken.

Whereupon Trustee Conyears-Ervin left the meeting.

Officer Svetlana Klinger – Duty Disability Hearing

This hearing was conducted pursuant to Article 5 of the Illinois Pension Code concerning the duty disability application of Officer Svetlana Klinger.

Officer Klinger appeared before the Board, with Attorney Ehrlich as counsel, on her claim for a 75% duty disability benefit. Remote testimony was taken from Officer Klinger's doctor, Dr. Lubenow, regarding an IME that he performed on Officer Klinger.

Testimony ended with all parties agreeing to continue the hearing on July 28, 2025.

A motion to commence and continue the hearing until July 28, 2025, was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Wright.

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

LEGAL and OTHER BUSINESS

None.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Lonergan.

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