



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

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

Thursday – July 24, 2025

Board Meeting Agenda
July 24, 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 – Investment Meeting held June 20, 2025
 - b. Approval of Transcript - Investment Meeting held June 20, 2025
 - c. Approval of Minutes – Board Meeting held June 26, 2025
 - d. Approval of Transcript - Board Meeting held June 26, 2025
 - e. Approval of Minutes - Executive Sessions during Investment Meeting held June 20, 2025
 - f. Approval of Minutes - Executive Sessions during Board Meeting held June 26, 2025
4. Approval of Board Orders
 - a. Officer Sara Hecker – Duty Disability
5. Consideration for Approval of Benefit Applications and Expenses
6. Consideration for Approval of Applications for Disability / Reviews
 - a. Hearing for Detective Mizel Brooks – Duty Disability
 - b. Hearing for Officer Demetrios Kereakes – Duty Disability
 - c. Hearing for Officer Sarah Peck – Duty Disability
7. Legal Review*
 - a. In-process case report
 - b. Other
8. Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Physician’s Recommendations
9. Approval of Authorized Signatories
10. Other Business

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

Board Members Present:

John Lally	Trustee, President
Jeffrey Levine *	Trustee, Vice President
Brian Wright	Trustee, Secretary
Melissa Conyears-Ervin *	Trustee
Jill Jaworski *^	Trustee
Thomas Lonergan	Trustee
Brock Merck	Trustee

Staff Present:

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

Consultants and Advisors Present:

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

Court Reporter

Vernetta McCree	Esquire Depositions
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Public in Attendance:

Ralph Licari *	Attorney
Demetrios Kereakes *	Police Officer
Mizel Brooks *	Police Officer
Sarah Peck *	Police Officer
David Klinger	Spectator
David DiSanti	FOP
Monica Ortiz	FOP

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 9:01 a.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Conyears-Ervin, seconded by Trustee Lonergan to allow Trustee Jaworski to later attend the meeting remotely.

ROLL CALL: For: Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Levine, Lonergan, Merck, Wright.
 Against: Merck (Yes for attendance, No for voting)
 Absent: Guzman, Jaworski.
 Motion passed providing Trustee Jaworski with attendance and voting rights.

REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

There were no advance requests or in-person requests to address the Board.

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The first order of business was approval of the minutes and transcript of the Investment Meeting held June 20, 2025 and approval of the minutes and transcript of the Board Meeting held June 26, 2025.

A motion was made by Trustee Merck, seconded by Trustee Lonergan, to approve the minutes and the transcript of the Investment Meeting held June 20, 2025, and approve the minutes and the transcript of the Board Meeting held June 26, 2025.

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

The next order of business was approval of the minutes of the Executive Sessions of the Investment Meeting held June 20, 2025.

A motion was made by Trustee Lonergan, seconded by Trustee Merck, to approve the minutes of the Executive Sessions of the Investment Meeting held June 20, 2025.

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

The next order of business was approval of the minutes of the Executive Sessions of the Board Meeting held June 26, 2025.

A motion was made by Trustee Lonergan, seconded by Trustee Merck, to approve the minutes of the Executive Sessions of the Board Meeting held June 26, 2025.

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

APPROVAL OF BOARD ORDERS

Attorney Reimer introduced the board order in the disability hearing of Officer Sarah Hecker.

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

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

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF BENEFIT APPLICATIONS AND EXPENSES

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

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

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

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

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

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-D Payments 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: Conyears-Ervin, Lally, Lonergan, Merck, Wright.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Guzman, Jaworski, Levine.

DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-E Refund of Unused Contributions Post Death

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

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

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE III-B-Revised Annuities to Widows Revised

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE III-C Annuities to Children Revised

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

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VII-Prior Service Requests – Portability for Other Law Enforcement 5/5-214.2

Officer Mark Mizera

Documentation was submitted pursuant to Section 5-214.2 of the Code for consideration of service credit while previously working for the Cook County Department of Corrections.

Records were reviewed and it was noted that Officer Mizera did not meet the statutory requirement of Section 5-214.2 of the Code to apply for this credit “in writing within 2 years after he or she begins employment”.

A motion to deny the request to purchase service credit while previously working for the Cook County Department of Corrections, since Officer Mizera failed to meet the statutory requirement to apply in writing within 2 years from beginning employment, as detailed on Schedule VII, was made by Trustee Merck, seconded by Trustee Lonergan.

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

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF BENEFIT APPLICATIONS AND EXPENSES - continued

Officer Karol Rumatowski

Documentation was submitted pursuant to Section 5-214.2 of the Code for consideration of service credit while previously working for the Cook County Sheriff's Department.

Records were reviewed and it was noted that Officer Rumatowski did not meet the statutory requirement of Section 5-214.2 of the Code to apply for this credit "in writing within 2 years after he or she begins employment".

A motion to deny the request to purchase service credit while previously working for the Cook County Sheriff's Department, since Officer Rumatowski failed to meet the statutory requirement to apply in writing within 2 years from beginning employment, as detailed on Schedule VII, was made by Merck, seconded by Trustee Lonergan.

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

President Lally informed, Trustee Jaworski entered the meeting remotely.

Officer Benjamin Fabunmi

Documentation was submitted pursuant to Section 5-214.2 of the Code for consideration of service credit while previously working for the Indiana State Prison as a Corrections Officer.

Records were reviewed and it was noted that there is no provision within the Pension Code to permit purchase of service credit for out-of-state law enforcement.

A motion to deny the request to purchase service credit while previously working for the Indiana State Prison, since the Pension Code does not provide for purchase of service credit for out-of-state law enforcement, as detailed on Schedule VII, was made by Trustee Merck, seconded by Trustee Lonergan.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VII-A Prior Service Requests – Military Prior to CPD Service 5/5-214.3

Officer Anthony R. Chavez

Officer Kelvin J. Choe

Officer Joseph R. Salamon

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

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

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

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR DISABILITY / REVIEWS

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VIII Disability Hearings

A motion to appoint attorney Rick Reimer as the Hearing Officer for all disability cases scheduled to be heard at this meeting, was made by Trustee Lonergan, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

Detective Mizel Brooks – Duty Disability Hearing

This hearing was conducted pursuant to Article 5 of the Illinois Pension Code concerning the duty disability claim of Detective Mizel Brooks.

Attorney Ralph Licari appeared before the Board requesting a continuance until the September 25, 2025 Board Meeting.

Trustee Levine entered the meeting.

A motion to grant a continuance until September 25, 2025 board meeting, was made by Trustee Lonergan, seconded by Trustee Wright.

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

Officer Demetrios Kereakes – Duty Disability Hearing

This hearing was conducted pursuant to Article 5 of the Illinois Pension Code concerning the duty disability claim of Officer Demetrios Kereakes.

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

A short break was taken while Atty. Licari went to get his client.

During final testimony, Trustee Conyears-Ervin left the meeting.

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 Lonergan.

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 Lonergan, seconded by Trustee Wright.

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

Officer Demetrios Kereakes – Duty Disability Hearing - continued

A motion to award duty disability at 75%, was made by Trustee Lonergan, there was not a second to the motion.

Motion failed for lack of motion.

A motion to award duty disability at 50%, was made by Trustee Lonergan, seconded by Trustee Wright.

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

A short recess was taken before the start of the hearing for Officer Peck.

Officer Sarah Peck – Duty Disability Status Hearing

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

Officer Peck appeared before the Board with Attorney Ralph Licari as counsel, on her claim for 75% duty disability benefits. 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 Wright, seconded by Trustee Levine.

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 Lonergan, seconded by Trustee Levine.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Levine to continue the matter for Dr. Hendrix to review the claimant's submission and to supply a supplemental report to respond to the allegations made by Officer Peck.

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

LEGAL REVIEW

Fund Counsel Sarah Boekman referred the Board to the confidential litigation summary provided in the Board materials.

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 Lonergan, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES

Executive Director Kevin Reichart briefed the Trustees for the need to update authorized signatories, who have the authority to execute any and all written instruments, agreements, documents, and contracts on behalf of the Policemen's Annuity & Benefit Fund of Chicago ("Fund").

A motion for approval to update the authorized signatories, who have the authority to execute any and all written instruments, agreements, documents, and contracts on behalf of the Policemen's Annuity & Benefit Fund of Chicago ("Fund") was made by Trustee Lonergan, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

None

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

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