



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

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday – October 22, 2025

Board Meeting Agenda
October 22, 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 September 19, 2025
 - b. Approval of Transcript - Board Meeting held September 19, 2025
 - c. Approval of Minutes - Executive Sessions during Board Meeting held September 19, 2025
4. Consideration for Approval of Benefit Applications and Expenses
5. Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Investment Manager ReUp/New Fund*
6. Consideration for Approval of Applications for Disability / Reviews
 - a. Status Review for Officer Anthony Graffeo - Duty Disability
 - b. Hearing for Officer Svetlana Klinger – Duty Disability
7. Legal Review*
 - a. In-process case report
 - b. Other
8. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the 2025 Gift Checks
9. 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
Brian Wright	Trustee, Secretary
Max Budovitch	Trustee
Melissa Conyears-Ervin *	Trustee
Annette Guzman *	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:

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

Court Reporter

Tom (no last name provided) Esquire Depositions

Public in Attendance:

David DiSanti *	FOP
Svetlana Klinger*	Police Officer
David Klinger *	Spouse of Officer Klinger
Arthur Ehrlich *	Attorney
Monica Ortiz *	FOP
John Catanzara *	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 9:08 a.m.

REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

There were no advance requests or any 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 Board Meeting held September 19, 2025.

A motion was made by Trustee Lonergan, seconded by Trustee Merck, to approve the minutes and the transcript of the Board Meeting held September 19, 2025.

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

The next order of business was approval of the minutes of the Executive Sessions during the Board Meeting held September 19, 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 September 19, 2025.

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

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF BENEFIT APPLICATIONS AND EXPENSES

DOCKET: SCHEDULE I-A Incurred Expenses for the month of October, 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: Budovitch, Lally, Lonergan, Merck, Wright.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Conyears-Ervin, Guzman, Jaworski.

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

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

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

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-E was made by Trustee Lonergan, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE III-A Annuities with a Summary Page and a Revised Annuity

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

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

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE IV Disability Applications - New**Officer Edmund Zablocki**

The Fund's physician Dr. Buchanan provided a brief summary of the injury/illness to Officer Edmund Zablocki who is seeking an Occupational Heart Disability benefit. Dr. Buchanan cited that the cardiologist records stated, there was not enough information to provide an opinion for a heart condition.

The Board briefly discussed that further medical records are needed to determine if the disability can be a heart condition. When further medical records are submitted, the Board may reconsider the heart disability claim.

A motion to award Officer Zablocki with an Ordinary disability without prejudice, was made by Trustee Lonergan, seconded by Trustee Wright.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE V Payment of Death Benefits with Summary

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

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

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

Explosive Technician James Wynn

Military documentation, while on leave in service, was verified to purchase military service credit as detailed in Schedule VI, pursuant to Section 5-212 of the Code.

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

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

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

Officer Wilson Fantauzzi

Documentation was submitted pursuant to Section 5-214.2 of the Code for consideration of service credit while previously working as a Detention Aide for the City of Chicago while participating to the Municipal Pension Fund of Chicago, as detailed in Schedule VII.

Records were reviewed and it was noted that Officer Fantauzzi meets the statutory filing requirement of Section 5-214.2 of the Code however, he must still submit a letter from the Municipal Pension Fund that he has forfeited all rights to benefits with them for payments to be accepted by PABF.

A motion to approve the application request of Officer Fantauzzi to purchase service credit while previously working for the City of Chicago. Furthermore, to purchase service credit at PABF, the officer must supply a verification letter from the Municipal Pension Fund certifying that all MEABF pension rights have been forfeited, as detailed on Schedule VII, was made by Trustee Lonergan, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

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

Officer Larry Tello III

Documentation was submitted by Officer Larry Tello III pursuant to Section 5-214.3 of the Code for consideration to purchase up to 2 years of prior military service as detailed in Schedule VII.

Records were verified.

A motion to approve the request of Officer Tello to allow purchase of prior military service, not to exceed two years, as detailed on Schedule VII, was made by Trustee Lonergan, seconded by Trustee Merck.

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

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING INVESTMENT MANAGER REUP/NEW FUND

The Board decided to skip this matter.

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR DISABILITY / REVIEWS

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 Wright.

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

DOCKET: SCHEDULE VIII Disability Hearings

Officer Anthony J. Graffeo – 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 Anthony Graffeo.

Officer Graffeo was informed that he and his counsel did not need to be present at the meeting since Hearing Officer Rick Reimer was recommending to continue this case following an examination for the officer's PTSD claim.

A motion to continue the current 75% duty disability benefit and to accept the recommendation of the Fund's hearing officer, to continue this status hearing for Officer Graffeo until medical evidence is presented to address the officer's PTSD claim, was made by Trustee Wright and seconded by Trustee Lonergan.

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

The Board went out of order to agenda item #8, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE 2025 GIFT CHECKS, since Officer Klinger and her counsel was not yet present for the disability hearing.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE 2025 GIFT CHECKS

Executive Director Kevin Reichart, t provided a brief summary regarding issuing 2025 gift checks. He noted that this this year there are currently 1,159 annuitants and widows receiving benefits under the Federal Poverty Level. As a historic practice, the Board has authorized gift check payments of \$500 to each annuitant who meets the minimum poverty limit, the total cost would be \$579,500.

A motion was made allocating \$579,500 from the Gift Reserve to provide \$500 gift checks to a group of minimum annuitants and widows in 2025, was made by Trustee Lonergan and seconded by Trustee Wright.

ROLL CALL: For: Budovitch, Lally, Lonergan, Merck, Wright.
Against: 0.
Absent: Convears-Eryn, Guzman, Jaworski.

The Board went out of order again to consider agenda item #7, LEGAL REVIEW.

LEGAL REVIEW

There was nothing to discuss.

The Board took short break while still waiting for Officer Klinger and her counsel to arrive.

Officer Svetlana Klinger – Duty Disability Hearing

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

Officer Klinger appeared before the Board with Attorney Arthur Ehrlich as counsel, on her continued claim for 75% duty disability. Records were reviewed and testimony was taken from the claimant.

During the proceedings, Trustee Guzman entered the meeting.

Later in the proceedings, Trustee Conyears-Eryin entered the meeting.

Officer Svetlana Klinger – Duty Disability Hearing - continued

The Trustees discussed entering executive session.

Hearing Officer Rick Reimer excused himself from attending the executive session deliberation on Officer Klinger.

A motion to enter into executive session at 10:33 am for deliberation per 2 (c) 4 of the Open Meetings Act was made by Trustee Lonergan, seconded by Trustee Wright.

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

A motion to return to open session at 11:00 am was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Lonergan.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Merck to overrule the motion seeking to exclude the letter and testimony of Dr. Levin.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Merck to overrule the motion to remove and exclude the 2023 Board Disability Procedural Rules and Regulations.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Merck to overrule the motion to exclude the medical records and testimony of Dr. Weber and Dr. Candido.

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

Following those motions, President Lally noted for the record that based on the concerns articulated by Counsel for Officer Klinger, relating to the medical records and testimony of Dr. Weber and Dr. Candido, the Board would order two additional IMEs for the alleged CPRS and orthopedic disabilities, and that the Board would allow Officer Klinger to select IME physicians from the list of Fund approved physicians, consistent with the Board's rules.

A final motion was made Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Lonergan to continue this matter until further physician reports are obtained.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board decided that Agenda item #5 for the INVESTMENT MANAGER REUP/NEW matter be discussed at the next Investment Meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Conyears-Ervin, seconded by Trustee Wright.

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