



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

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

Thursday – May 28, 2026

**Board Meeting Agenda
May 28, 2026, 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 April 20, 2026
 - b. Approval of Transcript – Investment Meeting held April 20, 2026
 - c. Approval of Minutes – Board Meeting held April 22, 2026
 - d. Approval of Transcript – Board Meeting held April 22, 2026
 - e. Approval of Minutes - Executive Sessions during the Investment Meeting held April 20, 2026
 - f. Approval of Minutes - Executive Sessions during the Board Meeting held April 22, 2026
4. Consideration for Approval of Benefit Applications and Expenses
5. Consideration for Approval of Applications for Disability / Reviews
 - a. Consideration of 7 Motions Submitted by Officer Svetlana Klinger – Duty Disability
 - b. Disability Hearing for Officer Svetlana Klinger – Duty Disability (Continued)
6. Legal Review*
 - a. In-process case report
 - b. Other
7. 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
Saul Del Rivero *	Trustee
Annette Guzman *	Trustee
Steven Mahr *	Trustee
Brock Merck	Trustee

Staff Present:

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

Consultants and Advisors Present:

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

Court Reporter

Vernetta McCree	Esquire Depositions
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Public in Attendance:

Svetlana Klinger *	Police Officer
David Klinger *	Attendee
David Di Santi *	FOP
Dr. Jason Koh*^	

Others in attendance not identified

*Denotes partial attendance

^ Denotes remote attendance

ROLL CALL

At the May 28, 2026 Board meeting, Trustee Lally determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at approximately 9:11 a.m.

A request to participate remotely was made by Trustee Conyears-Ervin.

A motion was made by Trustee Mahr, seconded by Trustee Guzman to allow Trustee Conyears-Ervin to participate remotely.

ROLL CALL:	For:	Guzman, Lally, Mahr, Wright.
	Against:	0.
	Contingent:	Merck – Yes to participate - No to vote.
	Absent:	Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin, Del Rivero.

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 Investment Meeting held April 20, 2026 and the minutes and the transcript of the Board meeting held April 22, 2026.

A motion was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Merck to approve the minutes and transcript of the Investment Meeting held April 20, 2026 and the minutes and the transcript of the Board meeting held April 22, 2026.

ROLL CALL:	For:	Guzman, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
	Against:	0.
	Absent:	Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin, Del Rivero.

The next order of business was approval of the minutes of the Executive Sessions of the Investment Meeting held April 20, 2026.

A motion was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Guzman to approve the minutes of the Executive Sessions of the Investment Meeting held April 20, 2026.

ROLL CALL:	For:	Guzman, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
	Against:	0.
	Absent:	Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin, Del Rivero.

The next order of business was approval of the minutes of the Executive Sessions of the Board Meeting held April 22, 2026.

A motion was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Guzman to approve the minutes of the Executive Sessions of the Board Meeting held April 22, 2026.

ROLL CALL:	For:	Guzman, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
	Against:	0.
	Absent:	Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin, Del Rivero.

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF BENEFIT APPLICATIONS AND EXPENSES

DOCKET: SCHEDULE I-A Incurred Expenses for the month of May 2026

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

ROLL CALL: For: Guzman, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin, Del Rivero.

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 Merck, seconded by Trustee Mahr.

ROLL CALL: For: Guzman, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin, Del Rivero.

DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-B Refund 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 Merck, seconded by Trustee Mahr.

ROLL CALL: For: Guzman, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin, Del Rivero.

DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-B Revised Refund of Surviving Spouse Contributions

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

ROLL CALL: For: Guzman, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin, Del Rivero.

DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-C REFUND TRANSFER TO SERS

A motion to approve the payments for Refund Transfer to State Employees' Retirement System as detailed on Schedule II-C was made by Trustee Merck, seconded by Trustee Guzman.

ROLL CALL: For: Guzman, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin, Del Rivero.

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 Merck, seconded by Trustee Mahr.

ROLL CALL: For: Guzman, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin, Del Rivero.

DOCKET: SCHEDULE II-E Refund of Unused Annuity Accumulations

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

ROLL CALL: For: Guzman, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin, Del Rivero.

DOCKET: SCHEDULE III-A Annuities with a Summary Page

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

ROLL CALL:	For:	Guzman, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
	Against:	0.
	Absent:	Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin, Del Rivero.

DOCKET: SCHEDULE III-A Annuities Revised

A motion to approve Annuities Revised as detailed on Schedule III-A(Revised), was made by Trustee Merck, seconded by Trustee Mahr.

ROLL CALL:	For:	Guzman, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
	Against:	0.
	Absent:	Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin, Del Rivero.

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 Guzman, seconded by Trustee Mahr.

ROLL CALL:	For:	Guzman, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
	Against:	0.
	Absent:	Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin, Del Rivero.

DOCKET: SCHEDULE III-C Annuities to Children

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

ROLL CALL:	For:	Guzman, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
	Against:	0.
	Absent:	Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin, Del Rivero.

DOCKET: SCHEDULE IV Disability Benefits - New

Detective Chris Matias

The Fund's physician Dr. Buchanan provided a brief summary of the injury/illness to Detective Chris Matias who is seeking a Duty Disability benefit.

Trustee Del Rivero entered the meeting.

Following the report from Dr. Buchanan, a motion to award Detective Matias with an Ordinary Disability without prejudice subject to a full evidentiary hearing was made by Trustee Lally, seconded by Trustee Guzman.

ROLL CALL:	For:	Del Rivero, Guzman, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
	Against:	0.
	Absent:	Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin.

DOCKET: SCHEDULE V Death Benefits with a Summary Page

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

ROLL CALL:	For:	Del Rivero, Guzman, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
	Against:	0.
	Absent:	Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin .

Officer Daria Vasko

ROLL CALL: For: Del Rivero, Guzman, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
Against: 0.
Absent: Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin .

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Against: 0.
Absent: Budovitch, Coneyears-Ervin .

ROLL CALL: For: Del Rivero, Guzman, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
Against: 0.
Absent: Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin .

ROLL CALL: For: Del Rivero, Guzman, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
Against: 0.
Absent: Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin.

CONSIDERATION OF 7 MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY OFFICER SVETLANA KLINGER – DUTY DISABILITY

The hearing began with Hearing Officer Rich Reimer and Officer Svetlana Klinger addressing her seven (7) motions. Following testimony from Officer Klinger, the Board decided to enter into Executive Session.

A motion to enter into executive session per 2 (c) (4) of the Open Meetings Act at approximately 10:04. a.m. was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Merck.

ROLL CALL:	For:	Del Rivero, Guzman, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
	Against:	0.
	Absent:	Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin

Hearing Officer Rick Reimer left the meeting and was not present during the Executive Session.

A motion to exit executive session and return to open session at approximately 10:11 a.m. was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Merck.

ROLL CALL:	For:	Del Rivero, Guzman, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
	Against:	0.
	Absent:	Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin

No actions were taken while in Executive Session.

Hearing Officer Rick Reimer returned to the meeting.

The Board then addressed Officer Klinger's seven (7) motions.

Officer Klinger's First Motion

01 - MOTION TO PRESERVE OBJECTIONS, LIMIT PREJUDICIAL USE OF NON-MEDICAL EVENETS, AND RESERVE ALL RIGHTS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND JUDICIAL REVIEW

A motion was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Guzman to deny Officer Klinger's motion for "MOTION TO PRESERVE OBJECTIONS, LIMIT PREJUDICIAL USE OF NON-MEDICAL EVENETS, AND RESERVE ALL RIGHTS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND JUDICIAL REVIEW."

ROLL CALL:	For:	Del Rivero, Guzman, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
	Against:	0.
	Absent:	Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin

Officer Klinger's Second Motion

02 - MOTION TO STRIKE IMPROPER BOARD FINDING, CLARIFY THE RECORD, AND PRESERVE DUE PROCESS RIGHTS

A motion was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Guzman to deny Officer Klinger's motion for "MOTION TO STRIKE IMPROPER BOARD FINDING, CLARIFY THE RECORD, AND PRESERVE DUE PROCESS RIGHTS."

ROLL CALL:	For:	Del Rivero, Guzman, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
	Against:	0.
	Absent:	Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin.

CONSIDERATION OF 7 MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY OFFICER SVETLANA KLINGER – DUTY DISABILITY-continued

Officer Klinger's Third Motion

03 – APPLICANT'S MOTION OBJECTING TO RESTRICTIONS ON WITNESS TESTIMONY, TO STRIKE THE HEARING OFFICER'S LIMITATION ON DR. KOH'S TESTIMONY, AND FOR RELATED RELIEF

A motion was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Guzman to deny Officer Klinger's motion for "APPLICANT'S MOTION OBJECTING TO RESTRICTIONS ON WITNESS TESTIMONY, TO STRIKE THE HEARING OFFICER'S LIMITATION ON DR. KOH'S TESTIMONY, AND FOR RELATED RELIEF."

ROLL CALL: For: Del Rivero, Guzman, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin

Officer Klinger's Fourth Motion

04 – APPLICANT'S COMBINED MOTION IN LIMINE AND MOTION TO STRIKE OR REDUCE WEIGHT OF DR. JAY LEVIN'S 2019 IME REPORTS, OPINIONS, 2023 LETTER, AND RELATED TESTIMONY

A motion was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Del Rivero to deny Officer Klinger's motion for "APPLICANT'S COMBINED MOTION IN LIMINE AND MOTION TO STRIKE OR REDUCE WEIGHT OF DR. JAY LEVIN'S 2019 IME REPORTS, OPINIONS, 2023 LETTER, AND RELATED TESTIMONY"

ROLL CALL: For: Del Rivero, Guzman, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin

Officer Klinger's Fifth Motion

05 – APPLICANT'S COMBINED MOTION IN LIMINE AND MOTION TO STRIKE OR REDUCE WEIGHT OF DR. CRAIG PHILLIPS' 2026 IME REPORT, DR LAUREN MATTEINI'S 2026 IME AND DR. TROY BUCK'S 2026 IME REPORT.

A motion was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Del Rivero to deny Officer Klinger's motion for "APPLICANT'S COMBINED MOTION IN LIMINE AND MOTION TO STRIKE OR REDUCE WEIGHT OF DR. CRAIG PHILLIPS' 2026 IME REPORT, DR LAUREN MATTEINI'S 2026 IME AND DR. TROY BUCK'S 2026 IME REPORT."

ROLL CALL: For: Del Rivero, Guzman, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin

Officer Klinger's Sixth Motion

06 – APPLICANT'S COMBINED MOTION IN LIMINE AND MOTION TO STRIKE OR REDUCE WEIGHT OF DR. KATHLEEN WEBER'S 2023, AND 2025 IME REPORTS, OPINIONS, AND RELATED TESTIMONY

A motion was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Del Rivero to deny Officer Klinger's motion for "APPLICANT'S COMBINED MOTION IN LIMINE AND MOTION TO STRIKE OR REDUCE WEIGHT OF DR. KATHLEEN WEBER'S 2023, AND 2025 IME REPORTS, OPINIONS, AND RELATED TESTIMONY"

ROLL CALL: For: Del Rivero, Guzman, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin

CONSIDERATION OF 7 MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY OFFICER SVETLANA KLINGER – DUTY DISABILITY-continued

Officer Klinger's Seventh Motion

07 – APPLICANT'S COMBINED MOTION IN LIMINE AND MOTION TO STRIKE OR REDUCE WEIGHT OF DR. KENNETH CANDIDO'S 2020, 2023, AND 2025 IME REPORTS, OPINIONS, AND RELATED TESTIMONY

A motion was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Mahr to deny Officer Klinger's motion for "APPLICANT'S COMBINED MOTION IN LIMINE AND MOTION TO STRIKE OR REDUCE WEIGHT OF DR. KENNETH CANDIDO'S 2020, 2023, AND 2025 IME REPORTS, OPINIONS, AND RELATED TESTIMONY"

ROLL CALL: For: Del Rivero, Guzman, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin

Disability Hearing for Officer Svetlana Klinger – Duty Disability (continued)

The continued 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 as *Pro Se* on her claim for Duty Disability. Records were reviewed and testimony was taken from the claimant.

A short break was taken at about 10:50 a.m., the hearing continued.

Dr. Koh appeared before the Board remotely to answer questions and provide testimony.

Following Dr. Koh's testimony another short break was taken.

Trustee Guzman left the meeting.

Following a short break, Officer Klinger's hearing continued.

Motion to recess until 2:00 p.m.

It being 12:50 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Del Rivero to recess until 2:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: For: Del Rivero, Guzman, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin

Following recess, the Board meeting resumed with roll call taken at 2:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL: For: Del Rivero, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
 Against: 0
 Absent: Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin, Guzman.

Further testimony was taken from Officer Klinger.

All parties rested their case, and the Board accepted Officer Klinger's closing statement as part of the record.

A motion to enter into executive session per 2 (c) (4) of the Open Meetings Act at approximately 2:33 p.m. was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Del Rivero.

ROLL CALL: For: Del Rivero, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin, Guzman.

Hearing Officer Rick Reimer left the meeting and was not present during the Executive Session.

A motion to exit executive session and return to open session at approximately 2:56 p.m. was made by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Mahr.

ROLL CALL: For: Del Rivero, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin, Guzman.

No actions were taken while in Executive Session.

Hearing Officer Rick Reimer returned to the meeting.

A motion to deny the application of Officer Klinger for duty disability benefits based on the Board-appointed physician's IME reports finding that Officer Klinger is not disabled from the May 14, 2018 incident was made by Trustee Merck, seconded by Trustee Wright.

ROLL CALL: For: Del Rivero, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin, Guzman.

LEGAL REVIEW

Nothing was discussed.

Other Business

Nothing was discussed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

ROLL CALL: For: Del Rivero, Lally, Mahr, Merck, Wright.
 Against: 0.
 Absent: Budovitch, Conyears-Ervin, Guzman.