

MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE PENSION COMMISSIONERS
BENEFITS COMMITTEE MEETING OF MAY 21, 2009

The Benefits Committee and members of the Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles met in Room 800, 360 East Second Street, on Thursday, May 21, 2009.

COMMITTEE

MEMBERS PRESENT: George Aliano, Chair
Mike Carter
Sam Diannitto

**OTHER COMMISSIONERS
PRESENT:**

None

**BENEFITS COMMITTEE
SUPPORT STAFF:**

D. Edward Griffiths, Assistant General Manager
William Raggio, Chief Management Analyst

**DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND
POLICE PENSIONS:**

Michael A. Perez, General Manager
Laura Guglielmo, Assistant General Manager
Barbara Nobregas, Commission Executive Assistant

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: Alan Manning, Assistant City Attorney

All of the above Commissioners were present at the start of the meeting. Chair Aliano called the meeting to order at 10:12 p.m.

1. REVIEW OF BENEFITS COMMITTEE AUDIT PLAN ASSIGNMENTS FOR DISPOSITION AND POSSIBLE COMMITTEE ACTION

Mr. William Raggio, Chief Management Analyst, Pensions Division reported the IFS Audit recommendations. He indicated that there were 29 recommendations, 10 of which are being handled this fiscal year and 19 to be handled in subsequent years. The Committee discussed a timeline to review the assignments.

MOTION

Commissioner Carter moved that the Benefits Committee establish a four-month timeline to review the progress of the IFS Audit recommendations, which was seconded by Commissioner Diannitto and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Carter, Diannitto and Chair Aliano – 3; nays, none.

2. REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM REIMBURSEMENT CLAIM FOR MEMBER WHO IS NOT THE PRIMARY SUBSCRIBER AND POSSIBLE COMMITTEE ACTION

Chair Aliano reported that he placed this item on the agenda for direction. The Committee determined that this issue should be handled at the Board level for direction.

MOTION

Commissioner Carter moved that the Benefits Committee forward to the Board, without a Committee recommendation, Mr. Jimmie M. Allen's request for a health insurance premium reimbursement, which was seconded by Commissioner Diannitto and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Carter, Diannitto and Chair Aliano – 3; nays, none.

3. REIMBURSEMENT OF MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PREMIUMS PAID BY HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM REIMBURSEMENT MEMBERS AND POSSIBLE COMMITTEE ACTION

Mr. Greg Mack, Senior Management Analyst II, Medical and Benefits Section summarized the board report.

MOTION

Commissioner Diannitto moved that Benefits Committee recommend to the Board an amendment to the rules governing the Health Insurance Premium Reimbursement (HIPR) Program to allow for the reimbursement of Medicare prescription drug premiums paid, as applicable, by program participants not to exceed their maximum subsidy, which was seconded by Commissioner Carter and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Carter, Diannitto and Chair Aliano – 3; nays, none.

4. DISCUSSION ON CHANGES TO RETIREE COLA

Chair Aliano discussed the option of changing the Charter language to protect retirees from a negative cost of living adjustment (COLA). The Committee decided not to pursue the matter because it is rare for retirees not to receive a cost of living increase. Mr. William Raggio,

Chief Management Analyst, Pensions Division, reported that the COLA issue on the LAFPP website has been updated so users may check on how the COLA is tracked. No Committee action was taken.


5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Lee Kebler, Director of the Los Angeles Retired Fire & Police Association, Inc. commented on the COLA issue. He reported that most of the Los Angeles Retired Fire & Police Association board members wish to leave the COLA issue as is.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 p.m.



Chair


Secretary