

MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE PENSION COMMISSIONERS
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 5, 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, November 5, 2009.

COMMITTEE

MEMBERS PRESENT: George Aliano, Chair
Sam Diannitto
Dean Hansell
Robert von Voigt

BENEFITS COMMITTEE

SUPPORT STAFF: William Raggio, Chief Management Analyst

**DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND
POLICE PENSIONS:**

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

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: Mary Jo Curwen, Deputy City Attorney

All of the above Commissioners were present at the start of the meeting. Chair Aliano called the meeting to order at 8:11 a.m.

1. SELECTION OF BENEFITS COMMITTEE CHAIR AND POSSIBLE COMMITTEE ACTION

MOTION

Commissioner Diannitto moved to nominate Commissioner Aliano to Chair the Benefits Committee, which was seconded by Commissioner Hansell and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Diannitto, Hansell, von Voigt and Chair Aliano – 4; nays, none.

2. ADMINISTRATION OF THE SURVIVOR BENEFIT PURCHASE PROGRAM

Mr. William Raggio, Chief Management Analyst, Pensions Division reported how the Survivor Benefit Purchase Program is administered. He noted the challenges of when someone other than a member enrolls in the program on behalf of the member and the issues dealing with the power of attorney. The Committee discussed if any criteria should be given to the doctor who determines the competency of a member. Commissioner Diannitto recommended that cases where the applicant and

staff disagree come before full Board to ensure the Board makes the final determination. Mr. Ken Buzzell and Mr. Lee Kebler publicly commented on the process and their concerns. The Committee continued discussing how to solve the power of attorney issue. General Manager Perez stated that staff would return to the full Board with a recommended approach along with how to address retroactive requests. The Committee agreed the issue should go to the full Board. Mr. Raggio then explained how the cost of living adjustment would be calculated for survivors and indicated as issues arise, staff would work with the City Attorney and the retirement associations.

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

Mr. William Raggio, Chief Management Analyst, Pensions Division reviewed the status of each of the recommendations made by Independent Fiduciary Services and stated the reason for the status code change. Commissioner Hansell suggested that 2b/04 and 2c/29 be changed to status code 4 = Recommended No Action, since staff disagreed with the recommendation. Mr. Raggio explained that staff took action to comply with the other recommendations.

MOTION

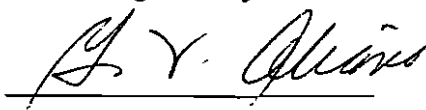
Commissioner Diannitto moved that the Benefits Committee recommend that the Board:

1. Determine that the status of Independent Fiduciary Services recommendations 2c/02, 2c/18, 2c/19 and 4c/03 be changed from "In Progress" to "Completed";
2. Determine that the status of Independent Fiduciary Services recommendations 2b/04, 2c/29, 2b/05, 2c/05, 2d/03 and 2d/04 be changed from "Implement at a Later Date" to "Completed";
3. Refer the Information Technology Data Integrity Audit Project to the Audit Committee; and,
4. Approve the status codes for the remaining items, which was seconded by Commissioner von Voigt and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Diannitto, Hansell, von Voigt and Chair Aliano – 4: nays, none.

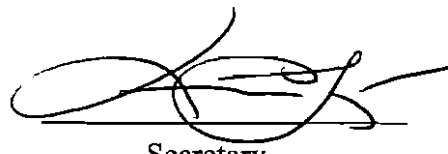
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 a.m.



Chair



Secretary