

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE PENSION COMMISSIONERS**  
**BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 4, 2018**

The Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles met in the LAFPP Sam Diannitto Boardroom, located at the Los Angeles Fire and Police Pensions Building, 701 East 3rd Street, Suite 400, Los Angeles 90013 on Thursday, October 4, 2018.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Corinne T. Babcock, President  
Adam Nathanson, Vice President  
George Aliano  
Ken Buzzell  
Ruben Navarro  
Brian Pendleton  
Paul M. Weber

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Pedram Salimpour, MD  
Belinda Vega

**DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND  
POLICE PENSIONS:** Raymond P. Ciranna, General Manager  
William Raggio, Executive Officer  
Tom Lopez, Chief Investment Officer  
Joseph Salazar, Assistant General Manager  
Rhonda Ketay, Commission Executive Assistant

**CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE:** Anya Freedman, Assistant City Attorney

President Babcock called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. All the above-listed Commissioners were present at the start of the meeting.

**A. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION**

**1. STATUS OF CONTRACT WITH LOS ANGELES FIREMEN'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION FOR HEALTH PLAN ADMINISTRATION AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION**

General Manager Ciranna gave an update on the status of contract negotiations to the Board. Mr. Bob Steinbacher, president of LAFRA, provided public comment. The Board discussed administrative fees with Mr. Steinbacher. Commissioner Aliano discussed LAFRA's requirements for the release of claims data with General Manager Ciranna. The report was received and filed.

**2. STATUS OF CONTRACT WITH LOS ANGELES POLICE RELIEF ASSOCIATION FOR HEALTH AND DENTAL PLAN ADMINISTRATION AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION**

General Manager Ciranna gave an update on the status of contract negotiations to the Board. Commissioners Aliano and Pendleton discussed LAPRA's requirements for the release of claims data with General Manager Ciranna. Commissioner Buzzell clarified that Harbor Police and Airport Police enrolled in the Fire and Police Pension Plan are included in the medical coverage provided by LAPRA. The report was received and filed.

3. STATUS OF CONTRACT WITH LOS ANGELES POLICE PROTECTIVE LEAGUE FOR DENTAL PLAN ADMINISTRATION AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

General Manager Ciranna gave an update on the status of contract negotiations and stated that LAPPL's board approved the proposed contract on October 3, 2018. The report was received and filed.

4. STATUS OF CONTRACT WITH UNITED FIREFIGHTERS OF LOS ANGELES CITY FOR HEALTH AND DENTAL PLAN ADMINISTRATION AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

General Manager Ciranna gave an update on the status of contract negotiations to the Board. Mr. Tony Gamboa, president of UFLAC, provided public comment. The report was received and filed.

5. CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF FLAT-RATE FOR MEDICARE DEPENDENT SUBSIDY AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

The Board may recess into closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(4) in order to confer with legal counsel regarding a significant exposure to and threat of litigation (one case).

At Commissioner Buzzell's request, the Board went into closed session.  
Upon reconvening in open session, President Babcock stated there was no public report.

Mr. Greg Mack, Chief Benefits Analyst, Pensions Division, discussed the report with the Board.  
Ms. Corina Lee, LAPPL, answered questions from the Board.  
Ms. Elsa Moy provided public comment.

Resolution 19054

Commissioner Aliano moved that the Board table the item to a future Board meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Buzzell and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Aliano, Buzzell, Nathanson, Navarro, Pendleton, Weber, and President Babcock – 7; nays, none.

6. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH SKILLPATH TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF THE CONTRACT AND INCREASE THE CONTRACT AUTHORITY FOR DEPARTMENT TRAINING

The report was approved as submitted.

Commissioner Pendleton stepped out of the board room prior to the vote.

**Resolution 19055**

Commissioner Navarro moved that the Board:

1. Approve the first amendment to the SkillPath (formerly National Seminars Training) contract as follows:
  - a) Expand the scope of work of the existing contract to include additional training topics;
  - b) Increase the contract authority by \$40,000 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$60,000; and,
2. Authorize the General Manager to execute the first amendment to the contract with SkillPath, which was seconded by Commissioner Aliano and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Aliano, Buzzell, Nathanson, Navarro, Weber, and President Babcock – 6; nays, none.

Mr. James Schiffhauer, Senior Personnel Analyst I, Administrative Services Section invited the Board to attend the next training seminar on November 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>.

**7. APPROVAL OF THE 2019 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION**

The report was approved as submitted.

**Resolution 19056**

Commissioner Buzzell moved that the Board adopt the 2019 Board Meeting Schedule, which was seconded by Commissioner Navarro and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Aliano, Buzzell, Nathanson, Navarro, Pendleton, Weber, and President Babcock – 7; nays, none.

*The Board recessed the regular meeting at 10:05 a.m. to convene the Special Board meeting.  
The regular meeting reconvened at 10:50 a.m.*

*President Babcock recessed the meeting for a break at 10:51 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.*

**B. REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

**1. PRESENTATION BY REAMS ASSET MANAGEMENT, LP CORE FIXED INCOME MANAGER**

Messrs. Mark Egan, CFA and Managing Director, and Todd Thompson, CFA and Portfolio Manager from Reams Asset Management gave their presentation to the Board. The report was received and filed.

2. DISCUSSION OF SEPARATELY MANAGED REAL ESTATE PORTFOLIO BY AEW

Messrs. Mark Boysen and Tom Mallehey, Director from AEW Capital Management gave their presentation to the Board. The report was received and filed.

*Deputy City Attorney Joshua Geller took the City Attorney Chair at this time.*

3. QUARTERLY PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE REPORT BY RVK

Ms. Becky Gratsinger, CEO and Senior Consultant and Mr. Ryan Sullivan, Consultant from RVK presented their report to the Board.

Ms. Elsa Moy provided public comment.

The report was received and filed.

*Assistant City Attorney Anya Freedman took the City Attorney Chair at this time.*

4. REPORT PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7514.7

Mr. Adam Perez, Management Analyst, and Ms. Susan Liem, Investment Officer II, Investments Division, discussed the report with the Board. The report was received and filed.

5. President Babcock asked if any Board Member made any expenditure to influence State legislative or administrative action to which their reply was negative.

6. Miscellaneous correspondence from money managers, consultants, etc. – Received and Filed.

7. General Manager's Report

a. Benefits Actions approved by General Manager on September 20, 2018

Pursuant to Resolution 04008, adopted by the Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners on August 7, 2003, the following benefit actions have been approved by the General Manager on September 20, 2018.

DISCONTINUED PENSIONS – TIER 1 – 1

Alta E. Peters	Police Widow	Retired:	06-09-96	Died:	08-11-18
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DISCONTINUED PENSIONS – TIER 2 – 9

Robert L. Secor	Fire Service	Retired:	02-23-73	Died:	07-17-18
Raymond J. Cynar	Police Service	Retired:	03-07-82	Died:	07-31-18
Ronald W. Fuson	Police Service	Retired:	07-22-73	Died:	08-09-18
John K. Kaylor	Police Service	Retired:	06-17-90	Died:	08-28-18
Leon F. Russell	Police Service	Retired:	02-10-80	Died:	07-26-18
Gary J. Wright	Police Disability	Retired:	10-26-73	Died:	07-29-18

Nancy M. Loust	Police Widow	Retired:	11-14-17	Died:	06-26-18
Lucretia R. Oliver	Police Widow	Retired:	02-13-16	Died:	08-17-18
Mary C. Reeves	Police Widow	Retired:	03-04-10	Died:	06-03-18

DISCONTINUED PENSIONS – TIER 5 – 1

Vernon B. Larson	Fire Service	Retired:	05-01-02	Died:	08-20-18
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ELIGIBLE SURVIVING SPOUSE'S PENSION – TIER 2 – 10

<u>Name</u>	<u>Deceased Member</u>	<u>Member's Class</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Lynn M. Schwickerath O'Neill	James J. O'Neill	Fire Service	07-21-18
Myrna L. Secor	Robert L. Secor	Fire Service	07-18-18
Barbara C. Young	Thomas J. Young	Fire Service	07-22-18
Wanda Y. Borowitz	Frank W. Borowitz	Police Service	06-19-18
Sandra J. Cynar	Raymond J. Cynar	Police Service	08-01-18
Mary A. Funk	Robert L. Funk	Police Service	07-17-18
Audra K. Mc Elrea	Donald E. Mc Elrea	Police Service	08-12-18
Martha J. Merritt	Charles W. Merritt	Police Service	07-23-18
Alice M. Diannitto	Sam Diannitto	Fire Disability	08-25-18
Susan Wright	Gary J. Wright	Police Disability	07-30-18

ELIGIBLE SURVIVING SPOUSE'S PENSION – TIER 5 – 2

<u>Name</u>	<u>Deceased Member</u>	<u>Member's Class</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Sharon J. Larson	Vernon B. Larson	Fire Service	08-21-18
Gloria A. Mahaffey	Charles E. Mahaffey	Police Service	07-20-18

SURVIVOR BENEFIT PURCHASE PROGRAM – TIER 2 – 3

<u>Name</u>	<u>Member's Class</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Survivor Benefit %</u>
Frank C. Accardo	Fire Service	09-01-18	100%
James W. Young	Fire Service	09-01-18	35%
Robert O. Baumgartner	Police Disability	09-01-18	80%

SURVIVING CHILD'S PENSION – TIER 3 – 1

Surviving child benefits being withheld due to non-submission of Letters of Guardianship are now payable to Jeremiah E. Moore, surviving child of deceased Police Officer II, Darryl L. Moore, effective April 30, 2003 due to the attainment of age 18 and the continuation of full-time student status.

DISCONTINUE GUARDIANSHIP – MINOR'S PENSION - TIER 5 – 1

Discontinue the pension payable to Dave L. Owen as the Conservator of Derek R. Norman, minor child of deceased Police Officer II, Ryan S. Norman, effective September 15, 2018, due to the attainment of age 18 by Derek R. Norman on September 16, 2018.

Pension benefits will be paid to Derek R. Norman, as he remains a full-time student.

#### CONSERVATORSHIP –TIER 2 – 1

A certified copy of the Letters of Conservatorship for the person Mary A. Fass, issued in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Case Number LP 015584, appointing Russell Fass, Jr., Ronald Fass and Randall Fass, Conservator for the person Mary A. Fass, dependent child of deceased Fire Service Pensioner, Russell C. Fass, effective January 18, 2011, has been filed with this office.

Pension payments will be paid to Russell Fass, Jr., Ronald Fass and Randall Fass for the benefit of Mary A. Fass, effective April 16, 2018.

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#### DEPENDENT CHILD'S PENSION – TIER 2 – 2

Dependent child benefits are now payable to Celeste N. Gradi, dependent child of deceased Fire Disability Pensioner, Harry E. Gradi, effective July 7, 2017.

A certified copy of the Letters of Conservatorship for the Person and the Estate of Celeste N. Gradi, issued in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Case Number MP 030 436, appointing Paulette G. Dotson, Conservator for the Person and the Estate of Celeste N. Gradi, dependent child of deceased Fire Disability Pensioner, Harry E. Gradi, effective April 23, 2018, has been filed with this office.

Pension payments will be paid to Paulette G. Dotson for the benefit of Celeste N. Gradi, effective July 7, 2017.

Dependent child benefits are now payable to Roy G. Young, dependent child of deceased Fire Disability Pensioner, Thurman M. Young, effective March 2, 2017.

#### PARTIAL PAYMENT OF PENSION – TIER 5 – 2

In accordance with the City Attorney's advice, a designated proportion of the community property interest of the pension payable to Jose M. Couce, Jr., Fire Service Pensioner, is to be paid to his former spouse, Cathy L. Couce, effective September 1, 2018. Ms. Couce will receive cost of living adjustments.

In accordance with the City Attorney's advice, a designated proportion of the community property interest of the pension payable to Michael G. Graychik, Harbor Service Pensioner, is to be withheld for his former spouse, Laurie L. Graychik, effective September 16, 2018. Ms. Graychik will receive cost of living adjustments.

#### PARTIAL PAYMENT OF SURVIVING SPOUSE'S PENSION – TIER 2 – 1

In accordance with the City Attorney's advice, a designated proportion of the community property interest of the Surviving Spouse Pension payable to Lynn M. Schwickerath O'Neill, surviving spouse of deceased Police Service Pensioner, James J. O'Neill, is to be paid to Rosemary L. Peck, the designated beneficiary of his deceased former spouse, Patricia Sandoval, effective July 21, 2018. Ms. Peck will receive cost of living adjustments.

DESIGNATED PARTIAL PAYMENT OF PENSION – TIER 5 – 2

In accordance with the City Attorney's advice, a designated proportion of the community property interest of the pension payable to Allen R. Killion, Police Service Pensioner, which was paid to his deceased former spouse, Gail W. Killion, has been designated to her beneficiaries, Holly L. Woo, Wendy L. Zerkel, Dean J. Woo and Shaun A. Woo, effective August 15, 2016. They will receive cost of living adjustments.

In accordance with the City Attorney's advice, a designated proportion of the community property interest of the pension payable to Frank H. King, Jr., Police Service Pensioner, which was paid to his deceased former spouse, Linda C. King, has been designated to her beneficiary, Shavon C. Woolfolk, effective May 19, 2018. Ms. Woolfolk will receive cost of living adjustments.

DISCONTINUE PARTIAL PAYMENT OF PENSION – TIER 2 – 1

In accordance with the City Attorney's advice, a designated proportion of the community property interest of the pension payable to Michael F. Sheehan, Police Service Pensioner, which was being paid to Kelly M. Kirkman, the designated beneficiary of his deceased former spouse, Nancy L. O'Connor, has been discontinued. This portion paid to Ms. Kirkman reverts to the member, effective September 1, 2018.

DISCONTINUE PARTIAL PAYMENT OF PENSION – TIER 5 – 1

In accordance with the City Attorney's advice, a designated proportion of the community property interest of the pension payable to Lester W. Slack, Police Service Pensioner, which was being paid to his former spouse, Hattie K. Slack, has been discontinued. Ms. Slack's portion reverts to the member, effective September 1, 2018.

DEFERRED SERVICE PENSION – TIER 5 – 1

Police

Claudia B. Gray	Police Officer III	Eff:	06-12-18	24 Years	71 Days
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SERVICE PENSION – TIER 3 – 1

Police

Sean Horton	Detective I	Eff:	08-16-18	19 Years	269 Days
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SERVICE PENSION – TIER 5 – 3

Police

Rodney A. Carter	Sergeant I	Eff:	07-10-18	20 Years	0 Days
David G. Roward	Sergeant II	Eff:	08-05-18	22 Years	258 Days
David R. Salcedo	Police Officer II +2	Eff:	08-01-18	21 Years	153 Days

SERVICE PENSION/DROP – TIER 3 – 1

Police

Garold W. Newton	Sergeant I	Eff:	07-01-18	27 Years	239 Days
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DISCONTINUE DROP – TIER 3 – 1

Police

Ericka M. Long	Retired:	06-01-16	Exit Close of:	09-30-18
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DISCONTINUE DROP – TIER 5 – 12

Fire

Frank J. Correa	Retired:	10-02-13	Exit Close of:	09-30-18
Jose M. Couce, Jr.	Retired:	09-01-13	Exit Close of:	08-31-18
Donald F. Semenza	Retired:	10-06-13	Exit Close of:	09-30-18

Harbor

Michael G. Graychik	Retired:	02-03-14	Exit Close of:	09-15-18
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Police

Rita M. Gamino	Retired:	10-01-13	Exit Close of:	09-30-18
Ranald W. Holcombe	Retired:	07-01-16	Exit Close of:	09-30-18
Kenneth P. Leduc	Retired:	10-01-13	Exit Close of:	09-30-18
John P. Morena	Retired:	07-01-14	Exit Close of:	09-30-18
Donald E. Payne	Retired:	10-04-13	Exit Close of:	09-30-18
Edward R. Perez	Retired:	03-01-16	Exit Close of:	09-30-18
Robert von Voigt	Retired:	10-01-13	Exit Close of:	09-30-18
Eric C. Williams	Retired:	10-01-13	Exit Close of:	09-30-18

PARTIAL PAYMENT OF DROP FUNDS – TIER 5 – 3

In accordance with the City Attorney's advice, a designated proportion of the community property interest of the DROP funds payable to Jose M. Couce, Jr., Fire Service Pensioner, is to be paid to his former spouse, Cathy L. Couce, effective August 31, 2018.

In accordance with the City Attorney's advice, a designated proportion of the community property interest of the DROP funds payable to Michael G. Graychik, Harbor Service Pensioner, is to be withheld for his former spouse, Laurie L. Graychik, effective September 15, 2018.

In accordance with the City Attorney's advice, a designated proportion of the community property interest of the DROP funds payable to Ranald W. Holcombe, Police Service Pensioner, is to be withheld for his former spouse, Connie Holcombe, effective September 30, 2018.

SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY PENSION – TIER 5 – 1

<u>Name</u>	<u>Member's Rank</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Board Date</u>
Joseph J. Roznowski	Police Officer II	45%	06-21-17	09-06-18



b. Other business relating to Department operations

General Manager Ciranna gave the following updates:

1. There has been a request from the Mayor's Office to live stream video of the Board meetings. Also requested was a telephone system to allow remote public comment during meetings.
2. A request has been made to waive existing policy regarding reimbursement of Medicare Part D premiums retroactive to August 2012. Board members expressed their desire to follow the Department's existing policy.

C. CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Buzzell requested that the Board reconsider a past Board action regarding enrollment eligibility for all members in any new plan offered by the Associations as of January 1, 2018.

D. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS WITHIN THE BOARD'S JURISDICTION

There were no public comments.

E. CLOSED SESSION

1. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.81 TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) PARTICULAR, SPECIFIC REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

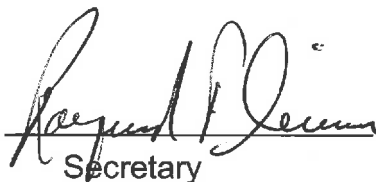
The Board met in closed session.

Upon reconvening in open session, President Babcock stated there was no public report.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.



President



Secretary

