

MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE PENSION COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 5, 2017

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, January 5, 2017.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Pedram Salimpour, MD, President
Ruben Navarro, Vice President
George Aliano
Sam Diannitto (Participated Telephonically)
Brian Pendleton
Robert von Voigt

COMMISSIONER ABSENT: Corinne T. Babcock
Adam Nathanson
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: Alan Manning, Assistant City Attorney

President Salimpour called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. All the above-listed Commissioners were present at the start of the meeting.

A. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

1. STATUS REPORT ON OUTSTANDING INTERNAL AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

Ms. Erin Kenney, Departmental Audit Manager, and Mr. James Yeung, Internal Auditor IV, Internal Audit Section discussed the recommendations with the Board. The board report was approved as submitted.

Ms. Elsa Moy provided public comment.

RESOLUTION 17066

Commissioner Navarro moved that the Board review, receive, and file the Status Report on Outstanding Internal Audit Recommendations, which was seconded by Commissioner Aliano and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Aliano, Diannitto, Navarro, Pendleton, von Voigt, and President Salimpour – 6; nays – none.

2. STATUS UPDATE TO 2016 ANNUAL AUDIT PLAN AND FORECAST AND PROPOSED 2017 ANNUAL AUDIT PLAN AND FORECAST AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

Ms. Erin Kenney, Departmental Audit Manager, and Mr. James Yeung, Internal Auditor IV, Internal Audit Section discussed the report with the Board. The board report was approved as submitted.

RESOLUTION 17067

Commissioner Navarro moved that the Board:

1. Review the status update to the 2016 Annual Audit Plan and Forecast; and,
2. Review and approve the proposed 2017 Annual Audit Plan and Forecast, which was seconded by Commissioner von Voigt and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Aliano, Diannitto, Navarro, Pendleton, von Voigt, and President Salimpour – 6; nays – none
3. TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE ACCOUNT TO THE FURNITURE, OFFICE AND TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

Mr. Mark Granado, Senior Management Analyst I, Administrative Services Section, presented the report to the Board. The board report was approved as submitted.

RESOLUTION 17068

Commissioner von Voigt moved that the Board authorize a transfer of \$40,000 from Account 9500 - Unappropriated Balance (UB Account) to Account 7300 - Furniture, Office, and Technical Equipment (Equipment Account) to purchase a Los Angeles Fire and Police Pensions (LAFPP) department vehicle, which was seconded by Commissioner Navarro and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Aliano, Diannitto, Navarro, Pendleton, von Voigt, and President Salimpour – 6; nays – none

B. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

1. PRESENTATION BY THE TOWNSEND GROUP "VIEW OF THE WORLD"

This item was continued.

2. PRESENTATION BY THE TOWNSEND GROUP OF REAL ESTATE FEES

This item was continued.

3. President Salimpour asked if any Board Member made any expenditure to influence State legislative or administrative action to which their reply was negative.
4. Miscellaneous correspondence from money managers, consultants, etc. – Received and Filed.
5. General Manager's Report

a. Benefits Actions approved by General Manager on December 15, 2016

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 December 15, 2016.

DISCONTINUED PENSIONS – TIER 1 – 3

Dennis E. Tindall	Police Service	Retired:	07-06-86	Died:	10-18-16
Genevieve L. O'Grady	Police Widow	Retired:	02-03-90	Died:	05-12-16
Elena M. Prettyman	Police Widow	Retired:	12-01-04	Died:	10-20-16

DISCONTINUED PENSIONS – TIER 2 – 8

Walter R. Brey	Fire Service	Retired:	06-29-80	Died:	10-12-16
Francis M. Brown	Fire Service	Retired:	06-26-76	Died:	11-07-16
Fred A. Knepp	Police Service	Retired:	06-01-78	Died:	10-04-16
William A. Mazzoni	Police Service	Retired:	07-30-67	Died:	06-09-16
Bob C. Medina	Police Disability	Retired:	03-28-95	Died:	11-13-16
Catharine Romps	Fire Widow	Retired:	09-12-70	Died:	09-01-16
Margaret A. Hoffman	Police Widow	Retired:	10-09-15	Died:	10-25-16
Janet M. Tappan	Police Widow	Retired:	10-29-89	Died:	10-31-16

DISCONTINUED PENSIONS – TIER 3 – 1

John L. Hardin	Police Service	Retired:	12-31-09	Died:	06-25-16
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ELIGIBLE SURVIVING SPOUSE'S PENSION – TIER 2 – 5

<u>Name</u>	<u>Deceased Member</u>	<u>Member's Class</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Rita A. Brey	Walter R. Brey	Fire Service	10-13-16
Grace Addison	Randall L. Addison	Police Service	10-03-16
Caroline Giufurta	Carlo B. Giufurta	Police Service	10-09-16
Stephanie K. Lueth	Wayne K. Lueth	Police Service	10-13-16
Mary D. Tanner	Floyd E. Tanner	Police Service	10-20-16

ELIGIBLE SURVIVING SPOUSE'S PENSION – TIER 5 – 1

<u>Name</u>	<u>Deceased Member</u>	<u>Member's Class</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Jannell Turner	Leo Turner, Jr.	Police Service	10-22-16

ELIGIBLE SURVIVOR BENEFIT PURCHASE PROGRAM PENSION – TIER 2 – 1

<u>Name</u>	<u>Deceased Member</u>	<u>Member's Class</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Martha P. May	Jerry L. May	Police Service	10-14-16

SURVIVING CHILD'S PENSION – TIER 3 – 1

Surviving child benefits are now payable to Alyssa M. Aragon, surviving child of deceased Police Officer II, Kenneth C. Aragon, effective December 27, 2016, due to the attainment of age 18 and the continuation of full-time student status.

SURVIVING CHILD'S PENSION – TIER 5 – 1

Surviving child benefits are now payable to Gabriella N. Hernandez, surviving child of deceased Police Officer II, Frank N. Hernandez, effective December 3, 2016, due to the attainment of age 18 and the continuation of full-time student status.

REINSTATE SURVIVING CHILD'S PENSION – TIER 5 – 1

Pension payable to Christopher G. Adams, surviving child of deceased Police Officer II, Marian L. Adams, reinstated effective October 1, 2016. Documentation has been submitted for full-time student status.

DECREASE SURVIVING SPOUSE'S PENSION – TIER 3 – 1

Decrease the pension payable to Renee Aragon, surviving spouse of deceased Police Officer II, Kenneth C. Aragon, due to the attainment of age 18 by Alyssa M. Aragon, effective December 27, 2016.

DISCONTINUE SURVIVING CHILD'S PENSION – TIER 4 – 1

Discontinue the pension payable to Emma C. Stavropoulos, surviving child of deceased Detective II, Anthony R. Stavropoulos, effective December 29, 2016, due to the attainment of age 22 on December 30, 2016.

DISCONTINUE SURVIVING CHILD'S PENSION – TIER 5 – 2

Discontinue the pension payable to Brandon L. Robinson, surviving child of deceased Firefighter III, Steven L. Robinson, effective August 1, 2016, due to the discontinuance of full-time student status.

Discontinue the pension payable to Tyler K. Stilson, surviving child of deceased Fire Captain II, Sean P. Stilson, effective November 1, 2016, due to the discontinuance of full-time student status.

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 David M. Fernimen, Fire Service Pensioner, is to be withheld for his former spouse, Nathalie A. Fernimen, effective December 1, 2016. Ms. Fernimen 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 Howard S. Sokol, Fire Service Pensioner, is to be paid to his former spouse, Shirley T. Cherry, effective December 4, 2016. Ms. Cherry will receive cost of living adjustments.

PARTIAL PAYMENT OF SURVIVING SPOUSE'S PENSION – TIER 5 – 1

In accordance with the City Attorney's advice, a designated proportion of the community property interest of the Surviving Spouse Pension payable to Jannell Turner, surviving spouse of deceased Police Service Pensioner, Leo Turner, Jr., is to be paid to his former spouse, Denise Turner, effective October 22, 2016. Ms. Turner will receive cost of living adjustments.

MODIFIED 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 Randall R. Main, Fire Service Pensioner, being withheld for his former spouse, Kathy S. Main, since July 1, 2016, should be released effective December 1, 2016. Ms. Main 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 Robert A. Fogelman, Fire Service Pensioner, being withheld for his former spouse, Delia Sarmiento, since September 30, 2016, should be released effective December 1, 2016. Ms. Sarmiento will receive cost of living adjustments.

GUARDIANSHIP – TIER 2 – 1

A certified copy of the Letters of Guardianship for Arla B. Knauff, issued in the State of Washington, County of Lewis, Case Number 15-4-00030-1, appointing Security State Bank Trust Department, Guardian for Arla B. Knauff, surviving spouse of deceased Police Lieutenant I, Vernon A. Knauff, effective November 2, 2016, has been filed with this office.

Pension payments will be paid to Security State Bank Trust Department for the benefit of Arla B. Knauff, effective December 1, 2016.

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

Discontinue the pension payable to Cynthia A. Hernandez as the Guardian of Gabriella N. Hernandez, minor child of deceased Police Officer II, Frank N. Hernandez, effective December 2, 2016, due to the attainment of age 18 by Gabriella N. Hernandez on December 3, 2016. There is one remaining minor child.

CONSERVATORSHIP – TIER 1 – 1

A certified copy of the Letters of Conservatorship, issued in the District Court of Colorado, County of Larimer, Case Number 2016CV30176, appointing Joseph D. Findley of Kaufman and Findley, PC, Conservator for Dorothy M. Clark, surviving spouse of deceased Firefighter, Robert L. Clark, effective September 21, 2016, has been filed with this office.

Pension payments will be paid to Joseph D. Findley of Kaufman and Findley, PC for the benefit of Dorothy M. Clark, effective December 1, 2016.

DEFERRED SERVICE PENSION – TIER 3 – 1

Police

Ariel T. Popoy	Police Officer II	Eff:	12-10-16	10 Years	80 Days
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SERVICE PENSION – TIER 5 – 1

Police

Tanya T. Rodda	Police Officer III	Eff:	10-30-16	20 Years	0 Days
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SERVICE PENSION/DROP – TIER 5 – 3

Police

David Garrido	Detective III	Eff:	10-03-16	28 Years	69 Days
Steve Newborn	Police Officer II	Eff:	10-03-16	25 Years	1 Day
Kevin R. Nida	Battalion Chief	Eff:	09-01-16	36 Years	75 Days

DISCONTINUE DROP – TIER 4 – 1

Police

Maria T. Dingman	Retired:	12-30-11	Exit Close of:	12-29-16
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DISCONTINUE DROP – TIER 5 – 3

Fire

Howard S. Sokol	Retired:	12-04-11	Exit Close of:	12-03-16
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Police

Teresa J. Akune	Retired:	08-01-14	Exit Close of:	11-09-16
Curtis R. Woodle	Retired:	11-03-14	Exit Close of:	11-30-16

PARTIAL PAYMENT OF DROP FUNDS – TIER 5 – 1

In accordance with the City Attorney's advice, a designated proportion of the community property interest of the DROP funds payable to Howard S. Sokol, Fire Service Pensioner, is to be paid to his former spouse, Shirley T. Cherry, effective December 3, 2016.

MODIFIED PARTIAL PAYMENT OF DROP FUNDS – TIER 5 – 2

In accordance with the City Attorney's advice, a designated proportion of the community property interest of the DROP funds payable to Robert A. Fogelman, Fire Service Pensioner, being withheld for his former spouse, Delia Sarmiento, since September 29, 2016, should be released effective December 1, 2016.

In accordance with the City Attorney's advice, a designated proportion of the community property interest of the DROP funds payable to Steven J. Tufts, Fire Service Pensioner, being withheld for his former spouse, Carole A. Mollison, since January 28, 2016, should be released effective December 1, 2016.

SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY PENSION – TIER 3 – 1

<u>Name</u>	<u>Member's Rank</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Board Date</u>
Anna M. Garza	Detective I	50%	11-17-16	11-17-16

b. Other business relating to Department operations

General Manager Ciranna gave the following update:

1. The City Attorney is drafting the Ordinance to implement certain provisions of Ballot Measure SSS, approved by voters in November 2016. Final adoption of the Ordinance by City Council should take place by the end of February or early March, 2017.
2. A letter is being drafted to the Mayor concerning mid-year updates on the status of department operations and the progress of the business plan.
3. Received an inquiry from the Controller's Office regarding the feasibility of consolidation of investment activities with other City systems, the recording process for private equity and fees, and AB 2833.
4. An educational article has been posted to the LAFPP website to address member concerns regarding the recent news about the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System's DROP Program.

C. CONSENT ITEMS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Regular Board meetings of August 20, 2015, July 21, 2016, August 4 and 18, 2016 and September 1, 2016
- b. Special Board meeting of August 18, 2016

2. APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AUTHORITY (NAVARRO) – IFEFP, CERTIFICATE SERIES SESSIONS – ANCILLARY BENEFIT PLANS; PUBLIC SECTOR 401, 403, 457 PLANS; AND HEALTH CARE COST MANAGEMENT

General Manager Ciranna encouraged all members of the Board to look at what is available for training and other educational seminars.

MOTION

Commissioner von Voigt moved that the board approve the consent items, which was seconded by Commissioner Aliano and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Aliano, Diannitto, Navarro, Pendleton, von Voigt, and President Salimpour – 6; nays, none.

D. CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no items referred for consideration.

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

There was no public comment.

F. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

1. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.81 TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) PARTICULAR, SPECIFIC INVESTMENTS AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

The Board met in closed session.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.



President


Secretary