

MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE PENSION COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 3, 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, August 3, 2017.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ruben Navarro, President
Corinne T. Babcock, Vice President
George Aliano
Sam Diannitto (Participated Telephonically)
Adam Nathanson
Brian Pendleton
Pedram Salimpour, MD
Belinda Vega
Robert von Voigt

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

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: Anya Freedman, Deputy City Attorney
Joshua Geller, Deputy City Attorney

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

Mr. Ken Buzzell, Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association, announced the passing of Mr. Arthur Burdorf, a former member of the Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners from 1980 to 1984, and requested that the meeting be adjourned in his memory.

Item F was taken out of order.

Deputy City Attorney Joshua Geller took the City Attorney chair at this time.

F. DISABILITY CASES

DISABILITY CLAIM – COURT-ORDERED REHEARING – TIER 5

Tracy L. Andres

(P)

Police Officer II (Retired)

The prior Board Action of September 3, 2015 granting a nonservice-connected disability pension of 30% is adjusted to 50% with no foreseeable purpose for review. Motion made by President Navarro, seconded by Commissioner von Voigt and adopted by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Aliano, Babcock, Diannitto, Nathanson, Pendleton, Salimpour, Vega, von Voigt, and President Navarro – 9; nays, none. Ms. Andres was not present but was represented by Thomas J. Wicke, Esq. of Lewis, Marenstein, Wicke, Sherwin and Lee. (JG)

DISABILITY CLAIM – NEW CLAIM – TIER 3

Marc M. Tessier

(P)

Police Officer II (Retired)

As recommended by Staff and concurred in by the applicant, the prior Board Action of April 16, 2015 granting a service pension of 33.7863% is rescinded. A service-connected disability pension is granted at 53% with no foreseeable purpose for review. Motion made by Commissioner Babcock, seconded by Commissioner von Voigt and adopted by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Aliano, Babcock, Diannitto, Nathanson, Pendleton, Salimpour, Vega, von Voigt, and President Navarro - 9; nays - none. Mr. Tessier was not present nor was he represented. (JG)

Deputy City Attorney Anya Freedman took the City Attorney chair at this time.

A. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

1. APPROVAL TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAM SERVICES AND RECORD REVIEWS AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

Mr. Kyle Susswain, Senior Management Analyst II, Disability Pensions Section presented the report to the Board.

Commissioner Vega asked why a request for information (RFI) was prepared prior to a request for proposals (RFP) and was answered that the RFI was used to gauge if there was interest from other companies and possible other services available. Commissioner Babcock wanted to know if any of the companies were based in California and was answered that only one company based in California replied to the RFI.

RESOLUTION 18014

Commissioner Aliano moved that the Board authorize the General Manager to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for independent medical exam services and record reviews, which was seconded by Commissioner Pendleton and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Aliano, Babcock, Diannitto, Nathanson, Pendleton, Salimpour, Vega, von Voigt, and President Navarro – 9; nays – none.

2. HEADQUARTER FACILITY PROJECT – CLOSE OUT REPORT AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

Ms. Jennifer Shimatsu, Management Assistant, Administrative Operations Division presented her report to the Board. The Board discussed parking and possible ways to generate income from the Neptune Building. The report was received and filed.

Deputy City Attorney Joshua Geller took the City Attorney chair at this time.

B. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

1. PRESENTATION BY ACTIVE COMMODITY GLOBAL EQUITY MANAGER MELLON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

Messrs. Fred McCrae, Director and Senior Relationship Manager, Will Cazalet, Managing Director and Head of Active Equity Strategies, and Wesley Boggs, Vice President and Senior Portfolio Manager from Mellon Capital Management Corporation presented their report to the Board.

Deputy City Attorney Anya Freedman took the City Attorney chair at this time.

Following Item B1, President Navarro clarified that the retiree health “working group” will actually be an Ad Hoc Committee of the Board and only Board members will be able to vote on matters being considered by the Committee. He also announced the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Retiree Health Plans will take place on August 14, 2017. The meeting will be open to the public in accordance with the Brown Act.

2. PRESENTATION BY ACTIVE COMMODITY GLOBAL EQUITY MANAGER KBI GLOBAL INVESTORS LIMITED

Messrs. Simon Padley, Senior Vice President Business Development and Client Services, and Noel O’Halloran, Chief Investment Officer and Director from KBI Global Investors Limited presented their report to the Board.

3. SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEW OF CORE AND SPECIALIZED MANAGER PRIVATE EQUITY PROGRAMS AND THE COMMODITIES ALLOCATION TO PRIVATE EQUITY BY PORTFOLIO ADVISORS

Messrs. Todd Hughes, CFA and Managing Director, Gregory Garrett, Managing Director, and Ms. Liz Campbell, Senior Vice President, from Portfolio Advisors presented their report to the Board.

Deputy City Attorney Joshua Geller took the City Attorney chair at this time.

4. FAIRVIEW CAPITAL PORTFOLIO UPDATE

Ms. Cynthia Tseng, CFA and Partner, and Ms. Lesley Nettles, Principal from Fairview Capital presented their report to the Board.

Deputy City Attorney Anya Freedman took the City Attorney chair at this time.

5. 2017 ANNUAL MEMBER SURVEY – SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Ms. Carol Tavares, Senior Management Analyst I, Communications and Education Section presented the results of the survey to the Board. The Board made several suggestions to improve member participation in future surveys.

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

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

8. General Manager's Report

a. Benefits Actions approved by General Manager on July 20, 2017

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 July 20, 2017.

DISCONTINUED PENSIONS – TIER 1 – 2

Mary Lou Richardson	Police Widow	Retired:	07-30-97	Died:	06-22-17
Olga W. Stovall	Police Widow	Retired:	07-09-05	Died:	06-06-17

DISCONTINUED PENSIONS – TIER 2 – 14

Connie S. Gupton	Police Service	Retired:	03-31-85	Died:	06-11-17
Gilbert F. Jones II	Police Service	Retired:	06-14-92	Died:	06-11-17
Beauford Phelps, Jr.	Police Service	Retired:	07-01-68	Died:	06-16-17
Michael G. Sullivan	Police Service	Retired:	06-30-93	Died:	06-08-17
Richard J. Van Nort	Police Service	Retired:	03-06-94	Died:	04-25-17
Donald H. Westfall	Police Service	Retired:	06-27-93	Died:	02-23-17
Juanita M. Clemens	Fire Widow	Retired:	05-01-08	Died:	06-17-17
Esther E. Lloyd	Fire Widow	Retired:	01-27-85	Died:	06-16-17
Emily M. Owens	Fire Widow	Retired:	12-21-14	Died:	06-21-17
Leona M. Friederich	Police Widow	Retired:	09-17-05	Died:	06-08-17
Connie S. Gupton	Police Widow	Retired:	07-10-01	Died:	06-11-17
Joan I. Kelley	Police Widow	Retired:	06-01-78	Died:	06-22-17
Elizabeth Rautert	Police Widow	Retired:	03-07-03	Died:	06-02-17
Elizabeth A. Seyler	Police Widow	Retired:	06-22-05	Died:	06-02-17

DISCONTINUED PENSIONS – TIER 5 – 4

Frank W. Adair	Police Service	Retired:	07-14-02	Died:	04-06-17
Roger L. Fonnet	Fire Service	Retired:	04-21-02	Died:	06-05-17
Paul G. Glasgow	Police Service	Retired:	05-01-02	Died:	05-19-17
C. E. Kindelberger	Police Service	Retired:	01-27-02	Died:	06-16-17

DISCONTINUED PENSIONS FORMER SPOUSE – TIER 5 – 1

Stephanie M. Kindelberger	Police Service	Retired:	07-01-07	Member Died:	06-16-17
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ELIGIBLE SURVIVING SPOUSE'S PENSION – TIER 2 – 4

<u>Name</u>	<u>Deceased Member</u>	<u>Member's Class</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Juanita F. Fitzgerald	Jerry L. Fitzgerald	Fire Service	05-18-17
Diana S. Scholfield	John E. Scholfield	Fire Service	05-27-17
Marco L. Gupton	Connie S. Gupton	Police Service	06-12-17
Inge Soviak	Andrew Soviak	Police Service	04-18-17

ELIGIBLE SURVIVING SPOUSE'S PENSION – TIER 5 – 1

<u>Name</u>	<u>Deceased Member</u>	<u>Member's Class</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Linda L. Glasgow	Paul G. Glasgow	Police Service	05-20-17

SURVIVOR BENEFIT PURCHASE PROGRAM – TIER 2 – 1

<u>Name</u>	<u>Member's Class</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Survivor Benefit %</u>
Ross L. Williams	Fire Disability	07-01-17	95%

SURVIVOR BENEFIT PURCHASE PROGRAM – TIER 5 – 1

<u>Name</u>	<u>Member's Class</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Survivor Benefit %</u>
Paul J. Hernandez	Fire Service	07-01-17	90%

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>
Pamela J. Sullivan	Michael G. Sullivan	Police Service	06-09-17

ELIGIBLE SURVIVOR BENEFIT PURCHASE PROGRAM PENSION – TIER 5 – 1

<u>Name</u>	<u>Deceased Member</u>	<u>Member's Class</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Darlene L. Kindelberger	C. E. Kindelberger	Police Service	06-17-17

MINOR CHILD'S PENSION – GUARDIANSHIP – TIER 2 – 1

A certified copy of the Letters of Guardianship for the Estate of Macy M. Westfall, issued on June 14, 2017 in the State of Indiana, Vigo Superior Court, Case Number 84D03 1705 GU 3353, appointing Lucia A. Westfall, Guardian for Macy M. Westfall, minor child of deceased Sergeant II, Donald H. Westfall, effective June 14, 2017, has been filed with this office.

Pension payments will be paid to Lucia A. Westfall for the benefit of Macy M. Westfall, effective February 24, 2017.

DISCONTINUE SURVIVING CHILD'S PENSION – TIER 5 – 1

Discontinue the pension payable to Tatum L. Tatreau, surviving child of deceased Police Commander, James D. Tatreau, effective July 11, 2017, due to the attainment of age 22 on July 12, 2017.

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 Peter M. Benesch, Fire Service Pensioner, is to be paid to his former spouse, Randi S. Palmer, effective July 1, 2017. Ms. Palmer will receive cost of living adjustments.

DESIGNATED 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 Alfred Bei, Jr., Police Disability Pensioner, which was paid to his deceased former spouse, Ester Bei, has been designated to her beneficiary, Terrance T. White, effective March 23, 2016. Mr. White will receive cost of living adjustments.

DISCONTINUE PARTIAL PAYMENT OF PENSION – TIER 5 – 1

In accordance with the City Attorney's advice, the designated proportion of the community property interest of the pension payable to John D. Costa, Police Disability Pensioner, which was being withheld for Mayra P. Bretado, effective April 20, 2017, has been discontinued. Ms. Bretado's portion reverts to the member effective April 20, 2017.

CONSERVATORSHIP – TIER 1 – 1

A certified copy of the Limited Letters of Conservatorship for the Person and the Estate of Elane M. Murnane, issued in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Case Number BP105310, appointing Roxanne Gunther, Conservator for Elane M. Murnane, dependent child of deceased Fire Captain, Frank A. Murnane, effective May 5, 2017, has been filed with this office.

Pension payments will be paid to Roxanne Gunther for the benefit of Elane M. Murnane, effective July 1, 2017.

CONSERVATORSHIP – TIER 5 – 1

A certified copy of the Letters of Conservatorship for the Person and the Estate of Synorve Drake, issued in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Case Number 17STPB02349, appointing L.A. County Office of the Public Guardian, Conservator for Synorve Drake, retired Police Officer II, effective June 20, 2017, has been filed with this office.

Pension payments will be paid to L.A. County Office of the Public Guardian for the benefit of Synorve Drake, effective July 1, 2017.

SERVICE PENSION – TIER 5 – 2

Police

Richard J. Alcala	Police Officer III	Eff:	06-25-17	22 Years	208 Days
Kenneth D. Pritchett	Sergeant I	Eff:	04-07-17	20 Years	325 Days

SERVICE PENSION/DROP – TIER 5 – 6

Fire

William B. Kusaba	Apparatus Operator	Eff:	03-02-17	27 Years	231 Days
James E. Nordquist	Firefighter III	Eff:	05-05-17	32 Years	19 Days
Scott R. Sanders	Apparatus Operator	Eff:	03-01-17	27 Years	121 Days
Sean R. Mills	Firefighter III	Eff:	05-01-17	28 Years	98 Days
Sidney T. Adlawan	Firefighter III	Eff:	05-01-17	30 Years	10 Days

Police

Patricia Luevanos	Police Officer III	Eff:	06-01-17	26 Years	183 Days
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DISCONTINUE DROP – TIER 3 – 2

Police

William Carter	Retired:	08-01-12	Exit Close of:	07-31-17
Rodney K. Peacock	Retired:	08-12-13	Exit Close of:	07-31-17

DISCONTINUE DROP – TIER 5 – 13

Fire

Vance D. Burnes	Retired:	08-01-12	Exit Close of:	07-31-17
Shawn L. Dean	Retired:	08-01-12	Exit Close of:	07-31-17
Thomas C. Moore	Retired:	08-13-12	Exit Close of:	07-31-17
Dean J. Stroud	Retired:	08-01-12	Exit Close of:	07-31-17

Police

Martin W. Bertsch	Retired:	08-02-12	Exit Close of:	07-31-17
Brian A. Collins	Retired:	09-02-14	Exit Close of:	07-31-17
Arthur R. Cota	Retired:	05-01-13	Exit Close of:	07-31-17

Robert C. Edgar	Retired:	03-03-14	Exit Close of:	07-31-17
Mario L. Gonzalez	Retired:	08-01-12	Exit Close of:	07-31-17
Martin J. Guerrero	Retired:	10-01-14	Exit Close of:	07-08-17
Charles A. Knolls	Retired:	08-01-12	Exit Close of:	07-31-17
Harry C. Lathrop	Retired:	02-25-13	Exit Close of:	07-31-17
Mark W. Sommer	Retired:	08-01-12	Exit Close of:	07-31-17

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 Thomas C. Moore, Fire Service Pensioner, is to be paid to his former spouse, Kathryn J. Moore, effective July 31, 2017.

ELIGIBLE SURVIVING SPOUSE APPLICATION – TIER 5 – 1

<u>Name</u>	<u>Member's Rank</u>	<u>Type % Rate</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Caroline J. Boyd (Jerome A. Boyd)	Battalion Chief	Service Pension Continuance: 60%	04-29-17

b. Other business relating to Department operations

Executive Officer William Raggio gave the following updates:

1. Commissioner Salimpour was reappointed by the Mayor and confirmed in City Council on July 26, 2017. His new term ends June 2022.
2. General Manager Ciranna requested that the Board complete the GM evaluation survey and the City Attorney evaluation survey.
4. An Unfair Employee Relations Practice claim has been filed by the L.A. Port Police and an additional claim was filed by the Airport Police Supervisor's Association.
5. The filing period for the Authorized Special Election closes on August 10, 2017.
6. Several suggested dates for the one-day strategic planning workshop have been emailed to the Board.
7. New iPads will be distributed to the Commissioners.

C. CONSENT ITEMS

1. Findings of Fact

1. Findings of Fact – Luke J. Butnick – Tier 5

MOTION

Commissioner von Voigt moved that the Board approve the consent item, which was seconded by Commissioner Babcock and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Aliano, Babcock, Diannitto, Nathanson, Pendleton, Salimpour, Vega, von Voigt, and President Navarro – 9; nays – none.

Commissioner Aliano left the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

D. CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

President Navarro requested a report on the Disability Rating Sheet, service-connected versus nonservice-connected disabilities.

Commissioner Babcock left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

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

There were no public comments.

G. CLOSED SESSION

1. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.81 TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) PARTICULAR, SPECIFIC INVESTMENTS AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

The Board met in closed session.


Commissioner Nathanson left the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

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

The Board met in closed session

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

The meeting was adjourned in the memory of Arthur Burdorf at 12:15 p.m.



President



Secretary