

MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE PENSION COMMISSIONERS
BENEFITS COMMITTEE – MAY 24, 2005

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 Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at Firestation 112, 444 South Harbor Blvd., San Pedro, CA 90731.

COMMITTEE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Thomas A. Dawson, Chair
George Aliano

**OTHER COMMISSIONERS
PRESENT:** None

**DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND
POLICE PENSIONS:** Gary Mattingly, General Manager
D. Edward Griffiths, Asst. General Manager
Michael Perez, Asst. General Manager

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

Chair Dawson called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

All of the above Commissioners were present at the start of the meeting.

**HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDY FOR DISABILITY PENSIONERS WITH LESS THAN 10
YEARS OF SERVICE (REFERRED 12/02/04)**

After discussion the Committee will Table this item until Lita Payne speaks with the CAO’s office. The Committee would like to know what information the CAO would want prior to conducting the actuarial study so that this information can be included in the study and whether they would use the study we would have done. Lita Payne will gather information from LACERS regarding this benefit being given to the civilian employees.

DISCUSSION REGARDING POST-RETIREMENT REMARRIAGE CLAUSE (REFERRED
03/03/05)

After discussion the Committee will ask the Board for approval to conduct an update of the actuarial study for a 50% continuance pension with a 3% COLA cap. The City Attorney recommends that the male/female gender be blended into the actuarial report.

DISCUSSION REGARDING TIER 1 MINIMUM PENSION AMOUNT (REFERRED
03/03/05)

After discussion the Committee will Table this item. Mr. Lee Kebler of the LA Retired Fire and Police Association will survey the retirees regarding this issue. He will try and determine what the particular circumstances of the minimum pension beneficiaries are. He will report back to the Committee once the survey has been completed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Cliff Ruff of the Los Angeles Police Protective League asked the Committee to consider the issue of allowing members of the DROP program to leave their money in DROP once they leave the program.

Mr. Cliff Ruff asked the Committee to support reopening Tier 5 for members who did not transfer when the Tier was previously open for transfers. He believes that some of the members were not fully informed when they made the decision not to transfer into Tier 5. Mr. Ruff said if there is an added cost, the members should pay it.

Mr. Ken Buzzell came before the Committee and made the same requests as Mr. Ruff.

Ms. Elsa Moi came before the Committee and said that the members should have other investment options regarding the DROP program. The Committee chair explained that there are no other options as the program was created through the meet and confer process.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.