

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE PENSION COMMISSIONERS**  
**BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 17, 2019**

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 17, 2019.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Corinne T. Babcock, President  
George Aliano  
Ken Buzzell  
Ruben Navarro  
Brian Pendleton  
Pedram Salimpour, MD  
Paul M. Weber

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Adam Nathanson  
Belinda Vega

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND  
POLICE PENSIONS: Raymond P. Ciranna, General Manager  
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 8:34 a.m. All the above-listed Commissioners were present at the start of the meeting with the exception of Commissioners Aliano and Weber who arrived at 8:42 a.m. and 9:05 a.m. respectively.

**A. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION**

**1. 2018 ANNUAL AUDIT PLAN AND FORECAST STATUS REPORT AND PROPOSED 2019 ANNUAL AUDIT PLAN AND FORECAST AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION**

Ms. Cynthia Varela, Departmental Audit Manager, Internal Audit Section discussed the report with the Board.

Ms. Elsa Moy provided public comment.

The report was approved as submitted.

Resolution 19103

Commissioner Buzzell moved that the Board:

1. Review the status report to the 2018 Annual Audit Plan and Forecast; and,
  2. Review and approve the proposed 2019 Annual Audit Plan and Forecast, which was seconded by Commissioner Navarro and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Buzzell, Navarro, Pendleton, Salimpour and President Babcock – 5; nays – none.
2. SECOND QUARTER UPDATE FOR THE 2018-19 BUSINESS PLAN AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

The report was approved as submitted.

Resolution 19104

Commissioner Buzzell moved that the Board that the Board authorize a revision to the Business Plan for Project No. 6 – Implementation of New Accounting Software and defer this Project to next year and instruct staff to include this project in the 2019-20 Business Plan, which was seconded by Commissioner Navarro and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Buzzell, Navarro, Pendleton, Salimpour and President Babcock – 5; nays – none.

B. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

1. DISCUSSION OF IN-HOUSE REAL ESTATE DIRECT INVESTING

Ms. Annie Chao, Investment Officer II, Mr. Tom Lopez, Chief Investment Officer, Investments Division and Ms. Jennifer Young Stevens from The Townsend Group discussed the report with the Board. Commissioner Pendleton and President Babcock discussed the feasibility of direct investing and Commissioner Buzzell questioned whether there would be any savings. The report was received and filed.

*Commissioner Aliano joined the meeting at 8:42 a.m.  
Commissioner Weber joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m.*

Item E was taken out of order.

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

E. DISABILITY CASE

Alternative 2

DISABILITY CLAIM – SURVIVING SPOUSE – TIER 5

Kim T. Pape

Surviving Spouse of Edward A. Pape, Jr. (P)

Captain I

The prior Board Action of February 16, 2017 granting a nonservice-connected survivor pension is set aside and a service-connected survivor pension is granted. Motion made by Commissioner Salimpour, seconded by Commissioner Navarro and adopted by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Aliano, Buzzell, Navarro, Pendleton, Salimpour, Weber, and President Babcock - 7; nays – none; absent, Commissioners Nathanson and Vega. Assistant Chief Jon Peters, LAPD, Sgt. II Rex Ingram, LAPD, and Jeffrey Caren, M.D., testified regarding Captain Pape. Mrs. Pape was present and was represented by Thomas J. Wicke, Esq. of Lewis, Marenstein, Wicke, Sherwin and Lee.

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

*President Babcock recessed the meeting for a break at 10:35 a.m., and reconvened at 10:50 a.m.*

B. REPORTS TO THE BOARD - CONTINUED

2. REAL ESTATE PERFORMANCE REVIEW BY THE TOWNSEND GROUP

Ms. Annie Chao, Investment Officer, Investments Division and Ms. Jennifer Young Stevens from The Townsend Group discussed the report with the Board. Mr. Tom Lopez, Chief Investment Officer, Investments Division joined Ms. Chao and Ms. Young Stevens at the table to answer questions from the Board. The report was received and filed.

3. RECENT EQUITY MARKET DRAWDOWN

Ms. Becky Gratsinger, CEO and Senior Consultant, and Mr. Jim Voytko, President and Senior Consultant from RVK discussed the report with the Board. The report was received and filed.

4. CYBER SECURITY POSTURE FOR LAFPP AND OUR BUSINESS PARTNERS

Mr. Bob Yan, Information Systems Manager II, Systems Section discussed the report with the Board. The report was received and filed.

5. QUARTERLY TRAVEL REPORT FOR COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

The report was received and filed.

6. VERBAL UPDATE ON DROP PROGRAM

General Manager Ciranna reported that the second reading of the Ordinance in City Council

was approved without discussion. The Department scheduled eleven meetings to educate members on the pending changes to the DROP program, nine of which have been held to date. There were 494 new entries into DROP in 2018.

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

8. General Manager's Report

a. Monthly Report

b. Marketing Cessation Information

c. Benefits Actions approved by General Manager on December 20, 2018 and January 3, 2019

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 20, 2018.

DISCONTINUED PENSIONS – TIER 1 – 1

Robert L. Saitman	Police Disability	Retired:	09-23-76	Died:	11-03-18
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DISCONTINUED PENSIONS – TIER 2 – 13

Bruce L. Blackwell	Fire Service	Retired:	03-01-92	Died:	11-10-18
Milton Joffe	Fire Service	Retired:	06-30-82	Died:	11-08-18
Nicholas Maricich	Fire Service	Retired:	01-23-72	Died:	10-26-18
William D. Anderson	Police Service	Retired:	07-06-86	Died:	10-27-18
Abel S. Armas	Police Service	Retired:	03-23-85	Died:	11-13-18
John W. Bettfreund	Police Service	Retired:	07-02-75	Died:	11-09-18
George H. Eilers	Police Service	Retired:	09-18-95	Died:	11-12-18
Harley E. Hunnel	Police Service	Retired:	04-08-68	Died:	10-24-18
Robert G. Miller	Police Service	Retired:	07-13-80	Died:	11-13-18
Gerald E. Mc Hale	Fire Disability	Retired:	02-13-86	Died:	11-08-18
John A. White	Fire Disability	Retired:	03-21-02	Died:	11-24-18
Margaret Frlot	Police Widow	Retired:	09-12-13	Died:	06-01-18
Kay D. Whitehead	Police Widow	Retired:	04-11-15	Died:	11-19-18

DISCONTINUED PENSIONS – TIER 3 – 1

Lucien A. Daigle	Police Service	Retired:	10-04-17	Died:	10-31-18
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DISCONTINUED PENSIONS – TIER 5 – 1

William W. Sweeney                      Police Service                      Retired:    04-01-07                      Died:    11-03-18

DISCONTINUED PENSIONS FORMER SPOUSE – TIER 3 – 1

Regina D. Daigle                      Police Service                      Retired:    10-04-17                      Member Died:    10-31-18

ELIGIBLE SURVIVING SPOUSE'S PENSION – TIER 1 – 2

<u>Name</u>	<u>Deceased Member</u>	<u>Member's Class</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Beverly J. Bales	Daniel A. Bales	Police Disability	10-28-18
Rosanne M. Phillips	Robert R. Phillips	Police Disability	10-27-18

ELIGIBLE SURVIVING SPOUSE'S PENSION – TIER 2 – 6

<u>Name</u>	<u>Deceased Member</u>	<u>Member's Class</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Geraldine N. Blackwell	Bruce L. Blackwell	Fire Service	11-11-18
Winifred F. Maricich	Nicholas Maricich	Fire Service	10-27-18
Carol L. Anderson	William D. Anderson	Police Service	10-28-18
Jeanette G. Obrymski	Chester R. Obrymski	Police Service	09-22-18
Kathryn R. Mc Hale	Gerald E. Mc Hale	Fire Disability	11-09-18
Barbara J. Dufalla	George S. Dufalla	Police Disability	10-21-18

ELIGIBLE SURVIVING SPOUSE'S PENSION – TIER 5 – 1

<u>Name</u>	<u>Deceased Member</u>	<u>Member's Class</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Sheryl A. Jacobellis	Michael A. Jacobellis	Police Service	10-24-18

ELIGIBLE SURVIVOR BENEFIT PURCHASE PROGRAM PENSION – TIER 1 – 1

<u>Name</u>	<u>Deceased Member</u>	<u>Member's Class</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Susan K. Guy	Jerry W. Guy	Police Disability	10-17-18

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>
Sara B. Hunnel	Harley E. Hunnel	Police Service	10-25-18

INCREASE SURVIVING CHILD'S PENSION – TIER 5 – 1

Increase the pension payable to Richard A. Moorman, surviving child of deceased Fire Captain II, David T. Moorman, effective December 14, 2018, due to the attainment of age 22 by Elizabeth L. Moorman.

DISCONTINUE SURVIVING CHILD'S PENSION – TIER 5 – 1

Discontinue the pension payable to Elizabeth L. Moorman, surviving child of deceased Fire Captain II, David T. Moorman, effective the close of December 13, 2018, due to the attainment of age 22 on December 14, 2018.

DEFERRED SERVICE PENSION – TIER 3 – 1

Police

Guadalupe M. Alaniz	Police Officer II	Eff:	12-02-18	10	Years	0	Days
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SERVICE PENSION – TIER 5 – 3

Police

Manuel Arreygue, Jr.	Police Officer III +3	Eff:	11-11-18	28	Years	6	Days
Henry R. Colebrooke	Police Officer II	Eff:	11-25-18	29	Years	249	Days
Michelle Y. Lewis	Police Officer II	Eff:	11-25-18	22	Years	122	Days

SERVICE PENSION/DROP – TIER 4 – 2

Police

Richard A. Arvizu	Detective III	Eff:	10-11-18	28	Years	157	Days
Keith A. Bertonneau	Lieutenant II	Eff:	10-01-18	28	Years	132	Days

SERVICE PENSION/DROP – TIER 5 – 9

Fire

James V. Como	Captain I	Eff:	02-05-18	27	Years	140	Days
Joe M. Flores	Captain I	Eff:	04-02-18	30	Years	200	Days
Ernesto R. Reyes	Firefighter III	Eff:	03-06-18	30	Years	1	Day
Todd O. Tsujimura	Apparatus Operator	Eff:	03-01-18	27	Years	241	Days

Police

James P. Edwards	Detective II	Eff:	11-01-18	28	Years	66	Days
Carlos R. Gonzalez	Detective I	Eff:	09-01-18	25	Years	30	Days
Dana R. Harris	Detective III	Eff:	10-01-18	30	Years	154	Days
Gregory L. Hoyte	Lieutenant I	Eff:	11-01-18	31	Years	184	Days
Guadalupe L. Ruiz	Detective II	Eff:	10-01-18	25	Years	17	Days

DISCONTINUE DROP – TIER 5 – 7

Fire

Scott L. Miller	Retired:	01-02-14	Exit Close of:	12-31-18
Michael A. Samudio	Retired:	06-01-16	Exit Close of:	12-31-18

Police

Fidel Gonzalez	Retired:	01-02-14	Exit Close of:	12-31-18
Robert T. Irwin	Retired:	01-02-14	Exit Close of:	12-31-18
Isaac M. Martinez	Retired:	10-01-16	Exit Close of:	12-31-18
Marie V. Tucker	Retired:	01-02-14	Exit Close of:	12-31-18
Jorge Villegas	Retired:	10-01-15	Exit Close of:	12-07-18

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 T. Irwin, Police Service Pensioner, is to be paid to his former spouse, Arlene A. Irwin, effective December 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 A. Samudio, Fire Service Pensioner, is to be withheld for his former spouse, Maria Samudio, effective December 31, 2018.

ELIGIBLE MINOR CHILD/CHILDREN APPLICATION – TIER 5 – 1

<u>Name</u>	<u>Member's Class</u>	<u>Type % Rate</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kailee R. Horton-Davenport	Police Officer II	NSC w/o prejudice	02-15-15
Kristopher R. Horton-Davenport (Krystal E. Horton)		40%	

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DISCONTINUED PENSIONS – TIER 1 – 2

John Lopez	Police Service	Retired:	01-01-80	Died:	01-30-18
Mary L. Choquette	Police Widow	Retired:	11-29-01	Died:	11-24-18

DISCONTINUED PENSIONS – TIER 2 – 6

Ronald C. Derby	Fire Service	Retired:	01-02-00	Died:	10-19-18
Donald B. Barnett	Police Service	Retired:	06-29-80	Died:	12-06-18
Edward T. Doyle	Police Service	Retired:	03-14-69	Died:	11-24-18
Alfonso C. Rodriguez	Police Service	Retired:	01-12-92	Died:	11-14-18
William W. Brodt	Police Disability	Retired:	07-10-86	Died:	12-01-18
Patricia J. Lansdowne	Police Widow	Retired:	11-02-82	Died:	10-30-18

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 Ramiro R. Moreno, Police Disability Pensioner, is to be withheld for his former spouse, Debra Lee-Moreno, effective December 1, 2018. Ms. Moreno will receive cost of living adjustments.

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 Dwight M. Gillett, Police Service Pensioner, is to be withheld for his former spouse, Dana D. Gillett, effective December 1, 2018. Ms. Gillett will receive cost of living adjustments.

SERVICE PENSION/DROP – TIER 5 – 2

Fire

Ernest D. Bobadilla	Battalion Chief	Eff:	08-01-18	39	Years	315	Days
Louis S. Navarro	Captain II	Eff:	02-05-18	28	Years	46	Days

d. Other business relating to Department operations

General Manager Ciranna gave the following updates:

1. The Department's new pension administration system, "PARIS", went live on January 9th.
2. Department staff and key staff from Conduent/Avenu are working to ensure a smooth transition to the new MyLAFPP member self-service portal.
3. The first direct deposit prenote Test in November 2018 alerted staff that approximately 140 account numbers needed to be updated. To date, 85 account numbers have been updated and an additional prenote test was scheduled for January 9, 2019 to prevent benefit payment delays. Commissioner Buzzell suggested checking addresses with the Associations.
4. Member survey feedback has been positive.
5. Medicare at 55 for Public Safety employees will need to be re-introduced in the House for 2019.
6. With the shutdown of federal government services, outside tax counsel is unable to obtain additional information on the proposed 115 Trust at this time.

Ms. Elsa Moy provided public comment.

C. CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No items were referred for consideration.

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

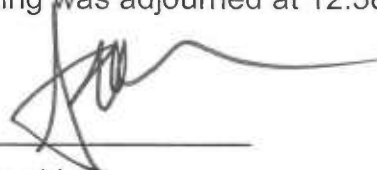


There were no public comments.

*President Babcock recessed the regular meeting at 12:14 p.m. to convene the Special Board meeting. The regular meeting reconvened at 12:37 p.m.*

Upon reconvening the regular meeting, President Babcock stated there was no public report.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.



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President



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Secretary