

MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE PENSION COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2019

Minutes of the Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners herein are reported in action format. The entire discussion related to each item is accessible in audio format upon request.

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, April 18, 2019.

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

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 8:31 a.m. All the above-listed Commissioners were present at the start of the meeting.

The first order of business was to congratulate Ms. Robyn Wilder, Chief Benefits Analyst, Pensions Division on her upcoming retirement and to present her with a Certificate of Appreciation and the Distinguished Service Medal award from the Board for her years of outstanding service.

Item F was taken out of order.

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

F. DISABILITY CASE

Commissioner Aliano recused himself from the case.

DISABILITY CLAIMS – REVIEW REQUESTED BY PENSIONER – TIER 2

Richard Szabo
(retired)

(P)

Lieutenant II

Prior Board Action of August 11, 1994 granting a service-connected disability pension of 70% is adjusted to 75% with no foreseeable purpose for review. Motion made by Commissioner Vega, seconded by Commissioner Salimpour and adopted by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Buzzell, Nathanson, Navarro, Pendleton, Salimpour, Vega, Weber, and President Babcock – 8; nays – none. Captain George Aliano (retired) testified regarding Mr. Szabo's work history. Mr. Szabo was present and 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.
Commissioner Aliano rejoined the meeting at this time.

A. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

1. THIRD QUARTER UPDATE FOR THE 2018-19 BUSINESS PLAN AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

Ms. Diana Pointer, Senior Management Analyst II, and Mr. Elijah Hernandez, Management Assistant, Administrative Services Section presented the report to the Board.

Commissioners Navarro and Salimpour stepped out of the board room prior to the vote.

Resolution 19140

Commissioner Buzzell moved that the Board:

- 1) Authorize a second revision of the (Phase 4B) Milestone date for Project No. 4 – PARIS (Pension and Retirement Information System) Implementation from June 30, 2019 to December 31, 2019; and,
- 2) Instruct staff to include this Project in the 2019-20 Final Business Plan, which was seconded by Commissioner Pendleton and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Aliano, Buzzell, Nathanson, Pendleton, Vega, Weber, and President Babcock – 7; nays – none.

B. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

1. LAFRA PRESENTATION OF THE FIRE MEDICAL PPO PLAN

General Manager Ciranna briefly discussed this opportunity for the Associations to present information regarding their respective medical and dental plans for the new plan year beginning July 1, 2019. The following presentations by the Associations, as

stipulated in the new contracts, will be the first time that the Board has heard from the Associations regarding their medical and dental plan renewals and premiums. The presentations will provide pertinent information in which the Board can make informed decisions concerning the health and welfare of retirees. Additionally, the Board has the opportunity to ask questions of each of the third-party providers.

Mr. Bob Steinbacher, President of LAFRA, presented LAFRA's report to the Board. Ms. Heather Leavitt from Bradawn Insurance Services, Inc. was available for questions from the Board. The report was received and filed.

Commissioner Salimpour recused himself from the following item and left the board room.

2. LAFRA PRESENTATION OF THE KAISER PERMANENTE HMO AND SENIOR ADVANTAGE PLANS

Mr. Bob Steinbacher, President of LAFRA, presented LAFRA's report to the Board. Ms. Heather Leavitt from Bradawn Insurance Services, Inc. was available for questions from the Board. The report was received and filed.

Commissioner Salimpour rejoined the meeting at this time.

3. LAPRA PRESENTATION OF THE ANTHEM BLUE CROSS PPO AND ANTHEM BLUE CROSS CALIFORNIACARE PLUS HMO PLANS

Mr. Garrett Zimmon, Director of LAPRA, Ms. Bettina Taylor, Lead Consultant and Ms. Dawna Gray, President from Bradawn Insurance Services, Inc. presented their report to the Board. The report was received and filed.

Commissioner Salimpour recused himself from the following item and left the board room.

4. LAPRA PRESENTATION OF THE KAISER PERMANENTE HMO AND KAISER SENIOR ADVANTAGE PLANS

Mr. Garrett Zimmon, Director of LAPRA, Ms. Bettina Taylor, Lead Consultant and Ms. Dawna Gray, President from Bradawn Insurance Services, Inc. presented their report to the Board. The report was received and filed.

Commissioner Salimpour rejoined the meeting at this time.

5. LAPRA PRESENTATION OF THE ANTHEM BLUE CROSS DHMO (DENTAL) AND ANTHEM BLUE CROSS DPPO (DENTAL) PLANS

Mr. Garrett Zimmon, Director of LAPRA, Ms. Bettina Taylor, Lead Consultant and Ms. Dawna Gray, President from Bradawn Insurance Services, Inc. presented their report to the Board. The report was received and filed.

President Babcock recessed the meeting for a break at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

6. UFLAC PRESENTATION OF THE ANTHEM BLUE CROSS PPO, ANTHEM BLUE CROSS HMO, ANTHEM BLUE CROSS VIVITY PLANS, ANTHEM HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT/HIGH DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLAN, ANTHEM MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PPO AND ANTHEM MEDICARE ADVANTAGE HMO PLANS

Mr. Freddy Escobar, President, introduced Mr. Domingo Albarran, Treasurer, and Mr. Chris Wan, Controller of UFLAC. Ms. Jennifer Lincicum from Fickewirth Benefits Advisors presented their report to the Board. The report was received and filed.

7. UFLAC PRESENTATION OF THE METLIFE PPO (DENTAL), METLIFE HMO (DENTAL) AND METLIFE DIRECT REIMBURSEMENT NETWORK (DENTAL) PLANS

Ms. Jennifer Lincicum from Fickewirth Benefits Advisors presented their report to the Board. The report was received and filed.

8. LAPPL PRESENTATION OF THE DELTA DENTAL PPO (DENTAL) AND DELTA DENTAL HMO (DENTAL) PLANS

Ms. Corina Lee, Director, Benefit Chair of LAPPL and Ms. Jennifer Lincicum from Fickewirth Benefits Advisors presented their report to the Board. The report was received and filed.

9. QUARTERLY TRAVEL REPORT FOR COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

Mr. William Raggio, Executive Officer, Administrative Operations Division gave a brief update to the Board. The report was received and filed.

Items B.11 and B.12 were taken out of order.

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

12. General Manager's Report

- a. Monthly Report

- b. Marketing Cessation Information

- c. Benefits Actions approved by General Manager on April 4, 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 April 4, 2019.

DISCONTINUED PENSIONS – TIER 2 – 6

Harold L. Dally

Fire Service

Retired: 06-29-74

Died: 02-23-19

Harry J. Desilva	Fire Service	Retired:	08-01-72	Died:	03-12-18
Harold M. Brust	Police Service	Retired:	07-03-82	Died:	10-19-18
Arthur T. Ficke	Police Disability	Retired:	08-24-99	Died:	02-08-19
Richard K. Groller	Police Disability	Retired:	01-21-99	Died:	02-20-19
Cheryl L. Mc Williams	Police Widow	Retired:	11-16-04	Died:	01-05-19

DISCONTINUED PENSIONS – TIER 5 – 2

John E. Kent	Police Service	Retired:	07-01-11	Died:	02-17-19
John L. Thacker	Police Service	Retired:	02-03-08	Died:	02-24-19

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 Reid F. Morthel, Police Service Pensioner, is to be withheld for his former spouse, Dorothy M. Morthel, effective March 1, 2019. Ms. Morthel will receive cost of living adjustments.

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 Freddie A. Ruiz, Fire Service Pensioner, is to be withheld for his former spouse, Rita D. Ruiz, effective March 1, 2019. Ms. Ruiz 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 Christopher E. Villavicencio, Fire Service Pensioner, is to be paid to his former spouse, Elizabeth Villavicencio, effective April 1, 2019. Ms. Villavicencio will receive cost of living adjustments.

DESIGNATED PARTIAL PAYMENT OF PENSION – TIER 2 – 2

In accordance with the City Attorney's advice, a designated proportion of the community property interest of the pension payable to John S. Locker, Police Service Pensioner, which was paid to his deceased former spouse, Patricia M. Locker, has been designated to her beneficiaries, Christi A. Locker, and Jennifer B. Pearson, effective November 6, 2018. Ms. Locker and Ms. Pearson 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 Dennis M. Koontz, Fire Disability Pensioner, which was paid to his deceased former spouse, Mary L. Koontz, has been designated to her beneficiaries, Brandon R. and Michael Koontz, effective December 5, 2018. They will receive cost of living adjustments.

DESIGNATED 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 Frank H. King, Jr., Police Service Pensioner, which was paid to his deceased former spouse, Linda C. King, has been designated to her beneficiary, Shawn P. Woolfolk, effective May 19, 2018. Mr. Woolfolk will receive cost of living adjustments.

DISCONTINUE PARTIAL PAYMENT OF PENSION – TIER 2 – 1

In accordance with the City Attorney's advice, the designated proportion of the community property interest of the pension payable to Aaron Martin, Police Disability Pensioner, which was being paid to his former spouse, Nancy Martin, has been discontinued due to her death on October 31, 2018. Ms. Martin's portion reverts to the member effective November 1, 2018.

SERVICE PENSION/DROP – TIER 3 – 4

Police

George S. Brietigam	Sergeant II	Eff:	01-20-19	29	Years	8	Days
Mark R. Chavez	Sergeant I*	Eff:	01-24-19	29	Years	64	Days
Donald J. Goossens	Detective II	Eff:	11-15-18	27	Years	344	Days
Mark M. Richardson	Police Officer III	Eff:	12-01-18	29	Years	87	Days

SERVICE PENSION/DROP – TIER 4 – 1

Police

Luz M. Bednarchik	Police Officer II	Eff:	08-01-18	28	Years	33	Days
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SERVICE PENSION/DROP – TIER 5 – 31

Fire

Michael J. Castillo	Battalion Chief	Eff:	01-03-19	35	Years	5	Days
Dennis R. Clay	Inspector I	Eff:	11-02-18	29	Years	359	Days
Manuel Fierro	Firefighter III	Eff:	11-06-18	30	Years	321	Days
Arthur J. Gallegos	Firefighter III	Eff:	01-21-19	28	Years	125	Days
Gilbert R. Garcia	Captain I	Eff:	01-29-19	29	Years	249	Days
Christi L. Greer	Firefighter III	Eff:	01-22-19	29	Years	274	Days
Christopher M. Hart	Captain I	Eff:	01-21-19	29	Years	348	Days
Steve M. Hisson	Assistant Chief	Eff:	01-02-19	32	Years	79	Days
John M. O'Connor	Firefighter III	Eff:	01-22-19	30	Years	2	Days
Francisco Pacheco Jr.	Captain I	Eff:	08-04-18	31	Years	169	Days
Bryan W. Riley	Captain I	Eff:	08-04-18	30	Years	0	Days
Sean P. Wonders	Apparatus Operator	Eff:	08-12-18	28	Years	228	Days
Dean N. Zipperman	Battalion Chief	Eff:	01-02-19	32	Years	253	Days

Police

Ana E. Aguirre	Sergeant I	Eff:	01-01-19	25	Years	207	Days
Freddy A. Arroyo	Detective III	Eff:	01-21-19	29	Years	325	Days
John M. Ayala	Detective II	Eff:	01-22-19	28	Years	338	Days
Nadya P. Bennyworth	Police Officer II	Eff:	01-22-19	28	Years	222	Days
James G. Canales	Lieutenant I	Eff:	01-22-19	29	Years	95	Days
Keith B. Gordon	Lieutenant II	Eff:	01-24-19	25	Years	0	Days
Julius J. Guay	Lieutenant II	Eff:	08-01-18	25	Years	9	Days
April Harding	Sergeant I	Eff:	08-01-18	25	Years	5	Days
La Vita D. Jones	Detective II	Eff:	08-01-18	25	Years	8	Days

Monica A. Kelley	Police Officer II	Eff:	01-28-19	25	Years	147	Days
Manuel Martinez	Lieutenant I	Eff:	01-20-19	28	Years	322	Days
Michael Matsuda	Detective I	Eff:	01-23-19	30	Years	38	Days
Paula D. Meares	Detective II	Eff:	01-21-19	26	Years	152	Days
Roberto V. Morales	Sergeant I	Eff:	01-20-19	27	Years	133	Days
Charles W. Springer	Lieutenant II	Eff:	12-05-18	28	Years	189	Days
Miguel A. Terrazas	Detective I	Eff:	12-03-18	25	Years	187	Days
Loren S. Tiano	Lieutenant I	Eff:	12-01-18	32	Years	140	Days
Ernesto F. Velazquez	Police Officer III	Eff:	12-17-18	28	Years	222	Days

d. Other business relating to Department operations

General Manager Ciranna gave the following update:

1. USI, the Board's health care consultant, will be presenting their report on the Associations and Unions' plan renewals on May 2, 2019. Staff will also present several reports and recommendations to the Board at that meeting.
2. Ballots for the retired police member of the Board are due to the City Clerk's Office on April 23, 2019.
3. The annual Board Self Assessment Survey will be sent to the Commissioners later today or tomorrow.
4. LAFPP was outbid on Airways Business Center in Denver, Colorado.
5. Staff and City Attorneys conducted interviews of six firms for outside counsel for health and data privacy and security and recommends three.
Commissioner Navarro stated that the Board should interview the six firms and make their own selections for outside legal counsel.
6. New employees were introduced to the Board.

10. MBE/WBE/DVBE/LGBTBE BROKER USAGE

Ms. Miki Shaler, Management Analyst, Investments Division presented the report to the Board. The report was received and filed.

C. CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes

a. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 4, 2018

Motion

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

D. CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. President Babcock requested a report on whether the Fund has investments in coal.
2. Commissioner Nathanson requested a report on unfunded liabilities.
3. Commissioner Pendleton requested a report on the current process regarding Workers Compensation.

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

There were no public speakers.

G. CLOSED SESSION

1. 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.

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.

3. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISIONS (a) AND (d)(1) OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9 TO CONFER WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION, IN THE FOLLOWING CASE: Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Motor Liquidation Company fka General Motors Corporation v. JPMorgan Chase NA, Individually and as Administrative Agent, et al., United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of New York (Chapter 11 Case No. 09-50025 (reg), Adversary Case No. 09-00504 (reg)) AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

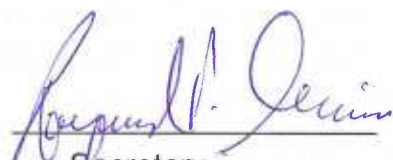
The Board met in closed session.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m.



President



Secretary