

MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE PENSION COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 1, 2022

The Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles met on Thursday, December 1, 2022.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ken Buzzell, President
Sumi Parekh, Vice President
Rigo Arellano
William Chun (virtual participation)
Brian Churchill
Megan Hernandez (virtual participation)
Michael Lawson
Garrett Zimmon

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Andrea Ambriz

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND
POLICE PENSIONS: Joseph Salazar, Interim General Manager
William S. Raggio, Executive Officer
Tom Lopez, Interim Chief Investment Officer
Greg Mack, Acting Assistant General Manager
Evangelina Masud, Commission Executive Assistant

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

President Buzzell called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. All of the above-listed Commissioners were present at the start of the meeting.

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call

B. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS WITHIN THE BOARD'S JURISDICTION

There were no public comments.

C. DISABILITY CASES

DISABILITY CLAIM – NEW CLAIM – TIER 5

Nichole S. Hollick

(P)

Police Officer II

As recommended by Staff and concurred in by the applicant, a service-connected disability pension is granted at 60% for neck and psyche and is subject to review no later than two years from now. Motion made by Commissioner Churchill, seconded by Commissioner Parekh and adopted by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Arellano, Chun, Churchill, Hernandez, Lawson, Parekh, Zimmon, and President Buzzell – 8 (Commissioner Hernandez was present for the roll call vote on this item but failed to affirmatively vote either “yes” or “no,” and therefore is deemed to have voted “yes.” L.A. Admin. Code Sec. 21.19.); nays - none; absent, Commissioner Ambriz. Ms. Hollick was represented by Thomas J. Wicke, Esq. of Lewis, Marenstein, Wicke, Sherwin and Lee.

DISABILITY CLAIM – NEW CLAIM – TIER 5

Thomas G. Trejo

(P)

Police Officer II

As recommended by Staff and concurred in by the applicant, a service-connected disability pension is granted at 55% for his lower back only, and due to the nature of the disability, no foreseeable purpose for review. Motion made by Commissioner Arellano, seconded by Commissioner Parekh and adopted by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Arellano, Chun, Churchill, Hernandez, Lawson, Parekh, Zimmon, and President Buzzell – 8; nays - none; absent, Commissioner Ambriz. Mr. Trejo was represented by Corina Lee of Los Angeles Police Protective League.

Alternative 2

1. Police Officer III Kyle E. Rice. Mr. Rice will be represented by Corina Lee of Los Angeles Police Protective League.

This item was continued until the December 15, 2022 Board meeting.

D. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

1. CONSIDERATION OF THE JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022 PENSION AND HEALTH BENEFITS VALUATIONS AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

Mr. Greg Mack, Acting Assistant General Manager, Pensions Division introduced The Segal Group and provided a brief summary of the report. Messrs. Paul Angelo, Senior Vice President and Actuary and Andy Yeung, Vice President and Actuary of The Segal Group presented and discussed this item with the Board. The report was approved as submitted.

Resolution 23091

Commissioner Parekh moved that the Board:

1. Adopt the pension and health valuation reports submitted by Segal for plan funding purposes for the period ending June 30, 2022; and,
2. Adopt the Governmental Accounting Standards (GAS) 67 and 74 Actuarial Valuations for plan financial reporting purposes as of June 30, 2022,

which was seconded by Commissioner Arellano and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Arellano, Chun, Churchill, Hernandez, Lawson, Parekh, Zimmon and President Buzzell – 8; nays, none.

2. CONSIDERATION OF CONTINUING TO SET THE RETIREE HEALTH ACTUARIAL VALUATION ASSUMPTIONS ANNUALLY AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

Mr. Greg Mack, Acting Assistant General Manager, Pensions Division provided a brief summary. Messrs. Paul Angelo, Senior Vice President and Actuary and Andy Yeung, Vice President and Actuary of The Segal Group were available for questions. The report was approved as submitted.

Resolution 23092

Commissioner Parekh moved that the Board continue to set the retiree health actuarial valuation assumptions annually, as recommended by Segal,

which was seconded by Commissioner Churchill and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Arellano, Chun, Churchill, Hernandez, Lawson, Parekh, Zimmon and President Buzzell – 8; nays, none.

3. AMENDMENT TO REAMS ASSET MANAGEMENT UNCONSTRAINED FIXED INCOME CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF U.S. TREASURIES AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

Mr. Derek Niu, CFA, Investment Officer II, Investments Division presented the report to the Board. The report was approved as submitted.

Resolution 23093

Commissioner Zimmon moved that the Board:

1. Authorize Staff to temporarily arrange the purchase and sale of up to \$800,000,000 (Eight hundred million dollars) of short-term U.S. Treasuries with maturities up to 2 years and the authorization will end on June 30, 2023;
2. Authorize Staff to negotiate and add an addendum to the Reams Asset Management (Reams) Unconstrained Fixed Income contract to include this type of service at no additional cost; and,

3. Authorize the Interim General Manager, on behalf of the Board, to execute the addendum for the purchase and sale of short-term U.S. Treasuries, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form,

which was seconded by Commissioner Arellano and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Arellano, Chun, Churchill, Lawson, Hernandez, Parekh, Zimmon and President Buzzell – 8; nays, none.

4. REVIEW OF HARDING LOEVNER L.P.'S CONTRACT FOR EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY MANAGEMENT AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

Messrs. Tom Lopez, Interim Chief Investment Officer, Investments Division, and Ryan Sullivan, Senior Consultant, RVK presented and discussed this item with the Board. The report was approved as submitted.

Resolution 23094

Commissioner Churchill moved that the Board:

1. Approve a one-year contract renewal with Harding Loevner L.P. for Emerging Markets Equity advisory services;
2. Authorize the Interim General Manager to review and negotiate the terms and conditions with Harding Loevner L.P. for Emerging Markets Equity advisory services for the period February 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024; and,
3. Authorize the President of the Board, on behalf of the Board, to execute the contract with Harding Loevner L.P. for Emerging Markets Equity advisory services, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form,

which was seconded by Commissioner Arellano and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Arellano, Chun, Churchill, Hernandez, Lawson, Parekh, Zimmon and President Buzzell – 8; nays, none.

5. CONSIDERATION OF GOVERNMENTAL SIDE-A FIDUCIARY LIABILITY INSURANCE AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

Ms. Myo Thedar, Chief Benefits Analyst, Administrative Operations Division presented the report to the Board. The report was approved as submitted.

Resolution 23095

Commissioner Zimmon moved that the Board:

- 1) Authorize the Interim General Manager to negotiate and execute the required documents with our current broker Segal Select Insurance Services, Inc., to purchase the new Governmental Side-A Directors & Officers liability insurance policy, at an annual cost not to exceed \$63,500; and
- 2) Request a Waiver of Recourse Endorsement (estimated at \$50 annually per insured person) to be paid by the insured person and not by System assets,

which was seconded by Commissioner Parekh and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Arellano, Chun, Churchill, Hernandez, Lawson, Parekh, Zimmon and President Buzzell – 8; nays, none.

6. PRESENTATION BY PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS INTERNATIONAL SMALL CAP EQUITY MANAGER

Mr. Brian Pattinson, CFA, Portfolio Manager and Ms. Teri M. Smith, Managing Director, Institutional Sales and Relationship Management of Principal Asset Management presented and discussed this item with the Board. The report was received and filed.

7. PRESENTATION BY WESTWOOD MANAGEMENT CORP., DOMESTIC SMALL CAP VALUE EQUITY STRATEGY

Messrs. Matthew R. Lockridge, Senior Vice President, Head of U.S. Value, Senior Portfolio Manager and Kenneth R. Nostro, Senior Vice President, Institutional Sales and Client Service presented and discussed this item with the Board. The report was received and filed.

E. INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

1. Benefits Actions approved by Interim General Manager on November 17, 2022

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.

DISCONTINUED PENSIONS – TIER 2 – 10

Jerry L. Jackson	Fire Service	Retired:	02-20-83	Died:	10-06-22
Ronald W. Rogers	Fire Service	Retired:	07-15-90	Died:	09-05-22
Luther J. Bedrosian	Police Service	Retired:	01-03-89	Died:	10-13-22
Vincent Dunn	Police Service	Retired:	10-01-68	Died:	07-21-21
Dan J. Hunnicutt	Police Service	Retired:	07-05-04	Died:	04-28-22

Earl D. Knouse	Police Service	Retired: 06-30-78	Died: 10-03-22
Jack W. Rogers	Police Service	Retired: 06-01-78	Died: 09-30-22
Walter F. Smith	Police Service	Retired: 02-10-91	Died: 10-04-22
Charles N. Olds	Fire Disability	Retired: 10-01-69	Died: 09-16-22
Barbara J. Fenley	Fire Widow	Retired: 03-01-71	Died: 10-02-22

DISCONTINUED PENSIONS – TIER 3 – 1

Dolores M. Otte	Fire Widow	Retired: 02-26-11	Died: 10-12-22
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DISCONTINUED PENSIONS FORMER SPOUSE – TIER 2 – 1

Patricia Teichert	Police Service	Retired: 07-05-04	Member Died: 04-28-22
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ELIGIBLE SURVIVING SPOUSE'S PENSION – TIER 2 – 7

<u>Name</u>	<u>Deceased Member</u>	<u>Member's Class</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Margaret R. Dickinson	Lewis E. Dickinson	Fire Service	09-28-22
Lenny M. Jackson	Jerry L. Jackson	Fire Service	10-07-22
Judy R. Stolrow	David R. Stolrow	Fire Service	08-23-22
Connie V. Hickman	Charles D. Hickman	Police Service	10-08-22
Norma K. Smith	Walter F. Smith	Police Service	10-05-22
Sharon F. Smith	Dwayne B. Smith	Fire Disability	10-22-22
Lenore M. Harrison	Kenneth W. Harrison	Police Disability	08-15-22

ELIGIBLE SURVIVING SPOUSE'S PENSION – TIER 5 – 2

<u>Name</u>	<u>Deceased Member</u>	<u>Member's Class</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Jeanne P. Mims	Leon Mims, Jr.	Police Service	10-11-22
Margarita Richards	Donald E. Richards	Police Service	09-27-22

SURVIVING CHILD'S PENSION – TIER 3 – 1

Surviving child benefits are now payable to Julia J. Ravega, surviving child of deceased Police Detective II, Jesus Ravega, effective November 19, 2022 due to the attainment of age 18 and the continuation of full-time student status. Pension payments will be paid to the mother and legal guardian, Jeanette A. Ravega, for the benefit of Julia J. Ravega, effective November 1, 2022.

SURVIVING CHILD'S PENSION – TIER 5 – 1

Surviving child benefits are now payable to Kailyn R. Harris, surviving child of deceased Police Detective III, Kimberly L. Jones Harris, effective October 19, 2022 due to the attainment of age 18 and the continuation of full-time student status. Pension payments will be paid to the father and legal guardian, Delmus Harris, III, for the benefit of Kailyn R. Harris, effective November 1, 2022.

DISCONTINUE SURVIVING CHILD'S PENSION – TIER 5 – 1

Discontinue the pension payable to Cameron Hernandez, surviving child of deceased Fire Engineer, Alfredo Hernandez, effective November 1, 2022, due to the attainment of age 22 on November 2, 2022.

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 James H. Blocker, Police Service Pensioner, is to be paid to his former spouse, Carolyn Blocker, effective September 25, 2022. Ms. Blocker will receive cost of living adjustments.

MODIFIED PARTIAL PAYMENT OF PENSION – TIER 3 – 1

In accordance with the City Attorney's advice, a designated proportion of the community property interest of the pension payable to William M. Acosta, Police Service Pensioner, being withheld for his former spouse, Mavy Acosta, since June 1, 2022, should be released effective November 1, 2022.

MODIFIED PARTIAL PAYMENT OF PENSION – TIER 5 – 3

In accordance with the City Attorney's advice, a designated proportion of the community property interest of the pension payable to Julie H. Wolfe, Fire Service Pensioner, being withheld for her former spouse, James D. Wolfe, since August 1, 2022, should be released effective November 1, 2022.

In accordance with the City Attorney's advice, a designated proportion of the community property interest of the pension payable to Richard L. Bengtson, Police Service Pensioner, being withheld for his former spouse, Stephanie E. Knox, since April 19, 2021, should be released effective November 1, 2022.

In accordance with the City Attorney's advice, a designated proportion of the community property interest of the pension payable to Herman W. Van Twist, Police Service Pensioner, being withheld for his former spouse, Grete Van Twist, since August 14, 2022, should be released effective November 1, 2022.

DEFERRED SERVICE PENSION – TIER 3 – 1 **CORRECTION**

Police

Steven K. Cohen	Police Officer II	Eff:	10-21-22	11 Years	268 Days
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DEFERRED SERVICE PENSION – TIER 5 – 2

Police

Shannon C. Cisneros	Detective III	Eff:	11-17-22	23 Years	48 Days
Nicole Kittle	Detective II	Eff:	09-03-22	25 Years	108 Days

SERVICE PENSION – TIER 3 – 2

Police

Shawn E. Anderson	Police Officer II	Eff:	09-25-22	27 Years	194 Days
David M. Brown	Lieutenant I	Eff:	10-09-22	27 Years	119 Days

SERVICE PENSION – TIER 4 – 1

Police

Stefani K. Valdes	Detective I	Eff:	10-23-22	25 Years	16 Days
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SERVICE PENSION – TIER 5 – 8

Fire

Daniel D. Kush	Firefighter III	Eff:	09-28-22	20 Years	13 Days
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Harbor

Jaime A. Navarro	Port Police Lieutenant	Eff:	10-09-22	24 Years	23 Days
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Police

Kirk L. Barnes	Police Officer II	Eff:	10-09-22	20 Years	14 Days
James H. Blocker	Detective III	Eff:	09-25-22	32 Years	130 Days
Jeffrey T. Briscoe	Detective II	Eff:	10-01-22	26 Years	355 Days
Leslie A. Mariscal Munoz	Sergeant I	Eff:	10-09-22	22 Years	182 Days
Arturo Ornelas	Police Officer II	Eff:	09-25-22	25 Years	134 Days
Luis Topete	Detective II	Eff:	10-09-22	25 Years	10 Days

SERVICE PENSION/DROP – TIER 3 – 1

Police

Osbaldo P. Ramos	Sergeant II	Eff:	10-01-22	28 Years	97 Days
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SERVICE PENSION/DROP – TIER 5 – 10

Fire

Wayne S. Bowman	Engineer	Eff:	07-02-22	28 Years	0 Days
Omar F. Carrera	Fire Captain I	Eff:	06-01-22	29 Years	26 Days
Dennis P. Degeeter	Firefighter III	Eff:	06-05-22	27 Years	124 Days

Police

Gary N. Copeland	Police Officer III	Eff:	06-01-22	28 Years	5 Days
Irma A. Foster	Police Officer III	Eff:	02-01-22	26 Years	33 Days
Megan D. Glaister	Sergeant I	Eff:	06-02-22	27 Years	25 Days
Richard D. Krynsky	Sergeant I	Eff:	06-01-22	25 Years	338 Days
Drake A. Madison	Police Officer III	Eff:	06-10-22	25 Years	0 Days
Catarino G. Perez, Jr.	Police Officer II	Eff:	06-01-22	25 Years	6 Days
Kevin M. Scott	Police Officer III	Eff:	06-01-22	27 Years	0 Days

DISCONTINUE DROP – TIER 3 – 2

Police

Chevelle Q. Eldridge	Retired:	01-22-19	Exit Close of:	11-29-22
Mariano Garde, Jr.	Retired:	02-01-22	Exit Close of:	10-31-22

DISCONTINUE DROP – TIER 4 – 1

Police

Michael C. Brausam	Retired:	12-01-17	Exit Close of:	11-30-22
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DISCONTINUE DROP – TIER 5 – 8

Fire

Robert E. Curtis	Retired:	01-02-19	Exit Close of:	11-30-22
Paul Ybarra	Retired:	11-02-17	Exit Close of:	11-01-22

Police

Michael W. Mullins	Retired:	12-01-17	Exit Close of:	11-30-22
Louis P. Paglialonga	Retired:	07-01-20	Exit Close of:	10-31-22
John E. Radtke	Retired:	01-31-19	Exit Close of:	11-30-22
Theresa M. Skinner	Retired:	10-01-20	Exit Close of:	10-31-22
Calixto Valdivia	Retired:	10-05-21	Exit Close of;	10-31-22
Jason A. Zabel	Retired:	09-01-20	Exit Close of:	10-31-22

MODIFIED PARTIAL PAYMENT OF DROP FUNDS – TIER 3 – 1

In accordance with the City Attorney’s advice, a designated proportion of the community property interest of the DROP funds payable to William M. Acosta, Police Service Pensioner, being withheld for his former spouse, Mavy Acosta, since May 31, 2022, should be released effective November 1, 2022.

MODIFIED 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 Julie H. Wolfe, Fire Service Pensioner, being withheld for her former spouse, James D. Wolfe, since July 31, 2022, should be released effective November 1, 2022.

2. Other business relating to Department operations

Interim General Manager Salazar gave the following updates:

- Fund total is at \$28.6 billion this week.

- A three-year lease has been executed with a new tenant on the 1st floor of our building. It is a retail business that sells avant-garde fashion designed and created in Los Angeles, antiques, and tea/tea ware (*Ito Art Fashion / Fox and Moon Tea*).
- The lease with KC Beauty has been extended for three additional years.
- The 2023 Recommended Conferences list will be emailed to Commissioners.
- Staff met with the Fire and Police Relief Associations and police and fire union representatives for the first discussion on our new health plan administration contracts on Tuesday. The discussion went well, and we are meeting again in two weeks.
- Reminder that we will have our department holiday function after the 12/15/22 Board meeting at 1 p.m.

F. CONSENT ITEMS

1. DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE TELECONFERENCING OPTION FOR BOARD MEETINGS PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361 AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

Resolution 23096

Commissioner Parekh moved that the Board adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, LAFPP is committed to preserving public access and participation in meetings of the Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, all LAFPP Board meetings are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code §§ 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend and participate as the LAFPP Board conducts its business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, at Section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 State of Emergency proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020, remains active; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2021, the Board met via teleconference and/or in the Board room and determined by majority vote, pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(B)-(C), that due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency, meeting in person without continuing to provide a teleconference and/or videoconference option for Board members and the public, as permitted by the Brown Act, would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 remains a public health concern in Los Angeles, with a High or Substantial rate of community transmission.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(B)-(C), the Board finds that holding Board meetings in person without continuing to provide a teleconference and/or videoconference option for Board members and the public, as permitted by the Brown Act, would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3)(A) and (B)(i), the Board finds that the COVID-19 State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of all Board members to meet safely in person.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board instruct staff to report back on December 15, 2022, and every thirty (30) days or fewer through February 2023, for the Board to reconsider the circumstances of the State of Emergency and determine, as required by Assembly Bill 361, whether that State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and/or state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

which was seconded by Commissioner Lawson and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Arellano, Chun, Churchill, Hernandez, Lawson, Parekh, Zimmon and President Buzzell – 8; nays, none.

2. STATUS AND DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

Resolution 23097

Commissioner Parekh moved that the Board:

- 1) Approve the status of the Future Agenda Item Requests as reflected on Attachment I (Active Items); and
- 2) Approve the status of the Future Agenda Item Requests as reflected on Attachment II (Completed Items),

which was seconded by Commissioner Lawson and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Arellano, Chun, Churchill, Hernandez, Lawson, Parekh, Zimmon and President Buzzell – 8; nays, none.

3. CONTRACTOR DISCLOSURE REPORT: THIRD QUARTER 2022

Received and filed.

Commissioner Parekh moved that the Board approve the consent items, which was seconded by Commissioner Lawson and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Arellano, Chun, Churchill, Hernandez, Lawson, Parekh, Zimmon and President Buzzell – 8; nays, none.

G. CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no items referred for consideration.

H. CLOSED SESSION

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

Commissioner Hernandez left the board meeting for the remainder of the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

The Board met in closed session.

2. 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 Buzzell stated there was no public report.

President Buzzell called for public comment to which there was none.

Meeting ended at 10:26 a.m.



for
President



Secretary