
MINUTES

Audio Conference Meeting of the Retirement Board of Trustees of the
FIREMEN'S ANNUITY AND BENEFIT FUND OF CHICAGO
20 S. Clark Street, Suite 300, Chicago, IL 60603
Conducted in accordance with Executive Order 2020-07, dated March 16, 2020

Regular Meeting No. 1072
Wednesday, April 1, 2020
9:00 a.m.

Firemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago
Special Audio Meeting No. 1071A
April 1, 2020, 9:00 a.m.
20 S. Clark Street, Suite 300, Chicago IL 60603
Agenda

1. Roll Call
 - A. Request from Members of the Public to Address the Board
2. Consideration for Approval of the Following Matters * **
 - A. Occupational Disease Disability
 - i. EMT BC Michael Carbone, District 1
 - ii. EMT Engineer, Peter J. Krouse, Engine 65
 - iii. EMT Capt. Kevin J. O'Connor, 2nd District Relief
 - iv. PIC Joseph Davillo, Ambulance 51 Atty: Jerome Marconi DEFFERED
 - B. Duty Disability
 - i. AC Kristy M. Gaichas, Ambulance 79
 - ii. PIC Elizabeth Mazor, South Relief.....DEFERRED
3. Miscellaneous
 - A. Old Business/New Business

Note: All times are approximate

** Denotes Action Item*

*** Matters Discussed May Require Executive Session in Accordance with the Open Meetings Act.*

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1. ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT TELEPHONICALLY: President Daniel Fortuna, Vice-President Anna Valencia, Secretary Anthony Martin and Trustees Melissa Conyears-Ervin, Timothy McPhillips, Annette Nance-Holt, William Murphy and Reshma Soni. [was clerk present???

OTHERS PRESENT TELEPHONICALLY: Attorneys Mary Pat Burns, and Vincent Pinelli, Executive Director Steve Swanson, Deputy Director Lori Lund, Fund Staff Marc Torres and Kristy Maufas, Fund physicians Daniel Samo and Michael Peters, Mark Myslinski from the City Treasurers and Fund member LeAnn McKay. Other members of the public may have been present electronically but failed to identify themselves.

The audio meeting was recorded consistent with the Executive Order 2020-07 of Governor Pritzker filed on March 16, 2020. Specifically Section 6 of the Executive Order, consistent with the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, allows for the meeting to be conducted by audio conference versus an in-person meeting of the trustees.

A. REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: (None)

5. HEARINGS:

B. OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE DISABILITY APPLICATION:

The Secretary presented an application for occupational disease disability benefits made to and sworn by:

14061 MICHAEL A. CARBONE, EMT BATTALION CHIEF, DISTRICT 1

The application for disability having been witnessed in the office of the Fund, accompanied by staff accountant's letter as to amounts and all necessary records. After review of the relevant records by the Board and its Physician, a hearing having been held and after due deliberation, on motion by Martin, second by McPhillips to grant occupational disease disability benefits.

By roll call vote occupational disease disability benefits were granted pursuant to Illinois Compiled Statutes, 40 ILCS 5/6-151.1 and the express findings of the Board, in the amount of \$8,293.03 a month, beginning February 12, 2020.

The vote was:

*Yeas: Conyears-Ervin, Fortuna, Martin, McPhillips, Murphy, Nance-Holt, Soni, Valencia
Nays: None*

HEARINGS:

OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE DISABILITY APPLICATION:

14061 MICHAEL A. CARBONE, EMT BATTALION CHIEF, DISTRIST 1

On motion of Martin, second by McPhillips to schedule a reexamination of Mr. Carbone's disability status consistent with the Board's policy.

The vote was:

Yeas: Conyears-Ervin, Fortuna, Martin, McPhillips, Murphy, Nance-Holt, Soni, Valencia

Nays: None

After review of the Findings of Fact prepared by Fund counsel, on motion by Martin, second by McPhillips to adopt the Findings in the Carbone matter.

The vote was:

Yeas: Conyears-Ervin, Fortuna, Martin, McPhillips, Murphy, Nance-Holt, Soni, Valencia

Nays: None

The Secretary presented an application for occupational disease disability benefits made to and sworn by:

15503 KEVIN J. O'CONNOR, EMT CAPTAIN, 2ND DISTRICT RELIEF

The application for disability having been witnessed in the office of the Fund, accompanied by staff accountant's letter as to amounts and all necessary records. After review of the relevant records by the Board and its Physician, a hearing having been held and after due deliberation, on motion by Martin, second by McPhillips to grant occupational disease disability benefits.

*By roll call vote **occupational disease disability benefits were granted** pursuant to Illinois Compiled Statutes, 40 ILCS 5/6-151.1 and the express findings of the Board, in the amount of **\$7,384.65 a month and \$30.00 a month each for minor children Quinn and Elle, beginning February 24, 2020.***

The vote was:

Yeas: Conyears-Ervin, Fortuna, Martin, McPhillips, Murphy, Nance-Holt, Soni, Valencia

Nays: None

On motion of Martin, second by McPhillips to schedule a reexamination of Mr. O'Connor's disability status consistent with the Board's policy.

The vote was:

Yeas: Conyears-Ervin, Fortuna, Martin, McPhillips, Murphy, Nance-Holt, Soni, Valencia

Nays: None

HEARINGS:

OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE DISABILITY APPLICATION:

15503 KEVIN J. O'CONNOR, EMT CAPTAIN, 2ND DISTRICT RELIEF

After review of the Findings of Fact prepared by Fund counsel, on motion by Martin, second by McPhillips to adopt the Findings in the O'Connor matter.

The vote was:

Yeas: Conyears-Ervin, Fortuna, Martin, McPhillips, Murphy, Nance-Holt, Soni, Valencia

Nays: None

The Secretary presented an application for occupational disease disability benefits made to and sworn by:

15733 PETER J. KROUSE, EMT FIRE ENGINEER, ENGINE 65

The application for disability having been witnessed in the office of the Fund, accompanied by staff accountant's letter as to amounts and all necessary records. After review of the relevant records by the Board and its Physician, a hearing having been held and after due deliberation, on motion by Martin, second by McPhillips to grant occupational disease disability benefits.

*By roll call vote **occupational disease disability benefits were granted** pursuant to Illinois Compiled Statutes, 40 ILCS 5/6-151.1 and the express findings of the Board, in the amount of **\$5,996.58 a month and \$30.00 a month for minor child Morgan, beginning February 11, 2020, paid to date of death February 12, 2020.***

The vote was:

Yeas: Conyears-Ervin, Fortuna, Martin, McPhillips, Murphy, Nance-Holt, Soni, Valencia

Nays: None

After review of the Findings of Fact prepared by Fund counsel, on motion by Martin, second by Nance-Holt to adopt the Findings in the Krouse matter.

The vote was:

Yeas: Conyears-Ervin, Fortuna, Martin, McPhillips, Murphy, Nance-Holt, Soni, Valencia

Nays: None

HEARINGS:

DUTY DISABILITY APPLICATION:

The Secretary presented an application for duty disability benefits made to and sworn by:

16364 KRISTY M. GAICHAS, AMBULANCE COMMANDER, AMBULANCE 79

The application for disability having been witnessed in the office of the Fund, accompanied by staff accountant's letter as to amounts and all necessary records. After review of the relevant records by the Board and its Physician, a hearing having been held and after due deliberation, on motion by Martin, second by McPhillips to grant duty disability benefits.

*By roll call vote **duty disability benefits were granted** pursuant to Illinois Compiled Statutes, 40 ILCS 5/6-151 and the express findings of the Board, in the amount of **\$7,815.75 a month, beginning February 12, 2020.***

The vote was:

Yeas: Conyears-Ervin, Fortuna, Martin, McPhillips, Murphy, Nance-Holt, Soni, Valencia

Nays: None

On motion of Martin, second by McPhillips to schedule a reexamination of Ms. Gaichas's disability status consistent with the Board's policy.

The vote was:

Yeas: Conyears-Ervin, Fortuna, Martin, McPhillips, Murphy, Nance-Holt, Soni, Valencia

Nays: None

After review of the Findings of Fact prepared by Fund counsel, on motion by Martin, second by McPhillips to adopt the Findings in the Gaichas's matter.

The vote was:

Yeas: Conyears-Ervin, Fortuna, Martin, McPhillips, Murphy, Nance-Holt, Soni, Valencia

Nays: None

There being no further business to discuss, on motion of Martin, second by McPhillips and by unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned.

1. ROLL CALL:**EXHIBIT 1****A. REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:****2 HEARINGS:****A. OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE DISABILITY APPLICATIONS:**

15733 PETER J KROUSE, EMT FIRE ENGINEER, ENGINE 65

Ent CFD:	12/01/1999	\$5,996.58	beginning 02/11/2020 *
		\$30.00	a month for 1 minor child, MORGAN

*Paid to date of death, 2/12/20

14061 MICHAEL A CARBONE, EMT BATTALION CHIEF, DISTRICT 1

Ent CFD:	05/01/1990	\$8,293.03	beginning 02/12/2020
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15503 KEVIN J OCONNOR, EMT CAPTAIN, 2ND DISTRICT RELIEF

Ent CFD:	02/02/1998	\$7,384.65	beginning 02/24/2020
		\$30.00	a month each for 2 minor children, QUINN, ELLIE

B. DUTY DISABILITY APPLICATION:

16364 KRISTY M GAICHAS, AMBULANCE COMMANDER, AMBULANCE 79

Ent CFD:	05/16/2003	\$7,815.75	beginning 02/12/2020
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3. MISCELLANEOUS:**A. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:**