

**CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
BOARD OF PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT
Meeting of September 29, 2022**

MINUTES

On September 29, 2022, Jacqueline Dunn called the Public Board meeting of the Board of Pensions and Retirement to order at 9:37 AM. The meeting is a virtual meeting conducted by Microsoft Teams conference technology and pursuant to Section 21-1503 of the Philadelphia Code will be recorded. The recording will be made available to the public online on the Pension Board's website within 10 days. By joining the meeting, you are also consenting to the recording and your log-in email and/or phone number may become a part of the recording made available to the public.

Present: Jacqueline Dunn
Carol Stukes-Baylor
Marsha Green-Jones
Brian Coughlin
Aubrey Powers
Sharolyn Murphy
Kellan White
Paul Reed
Roosevelt Poplar

Also Attending: Francis Bielli – Board of Pensions
Bill Rubin – Board of Pensions
Shamika Taliaferro- Board of Pensions
Christopher DiFusco, Chief Investment Officer
Rob Dubow- Finance Director
James Cousounis, Chief Compliance Officer
Adam Coleman – Law Department
Francois Dutchie- City Solicitor Office
Bernard Buckley, Dominique Cherry – Investment Unit
Kristyn Bair, Tyrone Jordan, Neshea Bumpus – Investment Unit
Abdel-Aziz Ibrahim, Lavonia Jenkins - Investment Unit
Will Greene, Angela Myers– Loop Capital
Dave Smith – Marquette Associates
Jeff Francis, Bina Kumar, Brad Nyce, Christine Gibson, - Nationwide
Lindsay Sarenni – FIN News
Carl Gibbs – Sturdivant & Co.
Thomas Ginsberg
Reginald Scantlebury
Nick Hand- Controller's Office
Robert McDermott- City Council
Ron Stagliano- FOP

Jacqueline Dunn stated that the first order of business was the approval of the Virtual Procedures for the Board of Pensions Benefits meeting.

The motion to approve the Virtual Procedures carried 6-0-1 on a roll call vote with Aubrey Powers abstaining. Carol Stukes-Baylor not present.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2022

The motion to approve the Minutes of August 25, 2022, carried 7-0-1, on a roll call vote with Aubrey Powers abstaining.

CONSIDERATION OF (130) PENSION APPLICATIONS AND (117) WITHDRAWAL APPLICATIONS

The motion to approve carried 8-0 unanimously on a roll call vote.

APPLICATIONS FOR SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY BENEFITS

Case of Lee M. Ellingsworth, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits under Pension Plan “B”

This is an application submitted by Lee Ellingsworth, former Police Officer for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan “B”.

According to Mr. Ellingsworth on June 23, 2017, he responded to a “man with weapon” call and located the suspect in the basement of the home. The suspect became combative and resisted attempts to place him in custody. Mr. Ellingsworth states that during the struggle to place handcuffs on the suspect he injured his right hand, knuckle, and middle finger.

The motion to approve carried 8-0 unanimously on a roll call vote.

Case of Donna Sherwood, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits under Pension Plan “B”

This is an application submitted by Donna Sherwood, former Police Officer for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan “B”.

According to Ms. Sherwood on September 18, 2019, while attempting to restrain an unruly and combative male prisoner she was struck on the left side of her chest. Ms. Sherwood reports that she sustained injuries to her left shoulder, left arm, and upper chest area (left).

The Board voted as follows:

Brian Coughlin – Approve
Sharolyn Murphy – Deny
Aubrey Powers- Approve
Marsha Greene-Jones – Deny

Roosevelt Poplar – Approve
Paul Reed - Approve
Kellan White - Approve
Carol Stukes-Baylor - Approve

The motion to approve carried 6-2

Case of Joseph Wilson, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits under Pension Plan “D”

This is an application submitted by Joseph Wilson, former Police Sergeant for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan “D”.

According to Mr. Wilson on October 19, 2017, while on duty he was assaulted by a “man high on drugs”. The suspect kicked him on the left side several times striking his hand, forearm, shoulder, back, and neck.

The motion to approve carried 8-0 unanimously on a roll call vote

Case of Carlton V. Lane, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits under Pension Plan “J”

This is an **administrative** application submitted by Carlton Lane, former Correctional Officer with the Department of Corrections for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan “J”.

According to Mr. Lane, on January 11, 2019, while fighting with an unruly hostile inmate, he fell and struck his left shoulder on the ground.

The Board voted as follows:

Brian Coughlin – Deny
Sharolyn Murphy – Deny
Aubrey Powers – Deny
Marsha Greene-Jones – Deny

Roosevelt Poplar – Deny
Paul Reed - Deny
Kellan White - Deny
Carol Stukes-Baylor - Deny

The motion to approve failed 0-8. Motion denied.

Case of Rodney Wilson, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits under Pension Plan “Y”

This is an application submitted by Rodney Wilson, former Laborer with the Streets Department for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan “Y”.

According to Mr. Wilson, on February 27, 2017, while exiting his work truck he fell to the ground striking his left side, knee, hand, and breaking his left wrist.

The motion to approve carried 8-0 unanimously on a roll call vote.

Case of Jeffrey L. Ison, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits under Pension Plan “Y”

This is an application submitted by Jeffrey Ison, former Interceptor Services Worker I with the Water Department for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan “Y”.

According to Mr. Ison on November 5, 2020, while unloading a water pump from his work truck he injured his lower back. Mr. Ison reports that he was unable to stand or walk without pain.

The Board voted as follows:

Brian Coughlin – Abstain
Sharolyn Murphy – Deny
Aubrey Powers – Deny
Marsha Greene-Jones – Deny

Roosevelt Poplar – Abstain
Paul Reed – Abstain
Kellan White - Deny
Carol Stukes-Baylor - Abstain

The motion to approve failed 0-4-4. Motion denied.

Case of Thomas Tracy, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits under Pension Plan “B”

This is an application submitted by Thomas Tracy, former Police Officer for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan “B”.

According to Mr. Tracy on February 24, 2018, while subduing a combative and resistant suspect a struggle ensued. Mr. Tracy states that during the struggle he was punched in the face and his left shoulder was injured when the suspect pulled away.

The motion to approve carried 8-0 unanimously on a roll call vote.

Case of Kevin D. Bernard, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits under Pension Plan B

This is an application submitted by Kevin Bernard, former Police Sergeant for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan B.

According to Mr. Bernard on November 11, 2010, while conducting a vehicle stop and subsequent search the vehicle passengers were removed. A male passenger was identified as “man with a gun” and a struggle ensued. Mr. Bernard reports that during the clash he twisted and injured his left knee.

The Board voted as follows:

Brian Coughlin – Approve
Sharolyn Murphy – Deny
Aubrey Powers - Deny
Marsha Greene-Jones – Deny

Roosevelt Poplar – Approve
Paul Reed - Approve
Kellan White - Approve
Carol Stukes-Baylor – Approve

The motion to approve carried 5-3

Case of Larry O. Burnett, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits under Pension Plan “Y”

This is an application submitted by Larry Burnett, former Correctional Officer with the Department of Corrections for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Plan “Y”.

According to Mr. Burnett on July 12, 2020, while restraining a resistant inmate his right hand/wrist was injured. Mr. Burnett states that during the struggle they both fell to the floor landing on his extended right hand/wrist.

The motion to approve carried 8-0 unanimously on a roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Director’s Report

- Medical Panel Sub-Committee Opportunity posted on 9/27. Notice was sent to incumbent providers as well as prospective providers. Multiple health systems, medical groups, and specialists were contacted. If anyone wishes to add providers, please contact Elizabeth Bonner or Fran Bielli, RFP is scheduled to close 11/16.
- Legal assistant, Tabatha Scott’s start date has been moved back and is slated for 10/31
- Legislative Sub-Committee will meet virtually 11/7 at 10am. If anyone would like to make that meeting in person, please contact Elizabeth Bonner.
- Deferred Comp 457 Plan RFP has been approved and was posted on 10/11/22. Current contract expires 2/4/2023.
- Treasury received the 83.6 million State aid package for the Pension fund.
- The October 27th Board meeting will be held in person on the 17th floor. Updated advertisement was sent out.
- The September Board meeting was Teresa Devine’s last Board meeting. She will be retiring at the end of October after 38 years of service to the City of Philadelphia including 21 years to the Board of Pensions. Congratulations Teresa and enjoy your retirement.

Litigation Summary – Adam Coleman stated there was nothing to note. There are two cases listed in the memo, included in packets.

The motion to adjourn carried unanimously 8-0 on a roll call vote.