

## MINUTES

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Present: Jacqueline Dunn  
Carol Stukes-Baylor  
Marsha Green-Jones  
Brian Coughlin  
Aubrey Powers  
Sharolyn Murphy  
Andrea Rose  
Paul Reed- via Microsoft Teams  
Roosevelt Poplar

Also Attending:

Francis Bielli – Executive Director, Board of Pensions  
Bill Rubin, Aiween Zoleta- Board of Pensions  
Elizabeth Bonner, Denise McNeil- Board of Pensions  
Christopher DiFusco, Chief Investment Officer  
James Cousounis- Chief Compliance Officer  
Bernard Buckley, Kristyn Bair- Investment Unit  
Lavonia Jenkins, Neshea Bumpus, Marianna Fazylova – Investment Unit  
Abdel-Aziz Ibrahim, Crystal Brooks- Investment Unit  
Brett Graffey, Kweku Obed-Marquette Associates  
Brad Nyce, Bina Kumar, Jeff Francis- Nationwide  
Ryan Mulgrew, Adam Coleman, Thomas Li- Law  
Nick Hand- Controller’s Office  
Francois Dutchie- Solicitor’s Office  
Leontyne Freeman- Human Resources

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Jacqueline Dunn stated that the first order of business is a motion to adopt the rules of order that the Board has approved and used for its virtual public meetings and in-person public meetings. The purpose is to help ensure that accurate and complete audio-visual recordings of the meeting occur to comply with the Code's requirements.

**The motion to adopt the new procedures for the meeting carried 6-0-2 on a roll call vote with Marsha Green- Jones and Aubrey Powers abstaining.**

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2023**

**The motion to approve the Minutes of June 1, 2023, carried 6-0-2 on a roll call vote with Marsha Green-Jones and Aubrey Powers abstaining.**

**CONSIDERATION OF (123) PENSION APPLICATIONS AND (86) WITHDRAWAL APPLICATIONS**

**The motion to approve carried unanimously on a roll call vote.**

**APPLICATIONS FOR SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY BENEFITS**

**Case of Katrina Banton, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits under Pension Plan "P-10"**

This is an application submitted by Katrina Banton, former Correctional Officer, for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan "P-10".

According to Ms. Banton, while working as a Correctional Officer, on May 9, 2018, she was assaulted by an inmate involving a punch to the back of her head and a hyperextension of the right wrist. On August 16, 2019, Ms. Banton was washing her hands in the locker room when she slipped on water and fell, injuring her right wrist.

Brian Coughlin- Approve  
Aubrey Powers- Approve  
Marsha Green-Jones- Deny  
Sharolyn Murphy- Deny

Roosevelt Poplar- Approve  
Paul Reed-Approve  
Andrea Rose- Deny  
Carol Stukes Baylor- Approve

**The motion carried 5-3. Motion approved.**

**Case of Audrey Billips, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits under Pension Plan “B”**

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

According to Ms. Billips, while working as a Police Officer on October 30, 2004, she was arresting a suspect, she sustained a neck and right leg injury. She was seen at Roxborough Hospital where she was diagnosed with a cervical sprain and a right tibia contusion. She returned to full duty on February 6, 2006. On April 16, 2016, while reversing in a police car, she side swiped a fire hydrant and forcibly depressed the brake with her left foot. Abington Hospital found no serious injury. At a follow up doctor appointment, it was found that she had a cervical strain, a left calf and left ankle strain.

Brian Coughlin- Abstain  
Aubrey Powers- Deny  
Marsha Green-Jones- Deny  
Sharolyn Murphy- Deny

Roosevelt Poplar- Abstain  
Paul Reed-Abstain  
Andrea Rose- Deny  
Carol Stukes Baylor- Abstain

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

**Case of George B. Burgess II, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits under Pension Plan “B”**

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

According to Mr. Burgess on June 11, 2018, he and a partner were involved in a vehicular accident. Mr. Burgess states that he noticed the car approaching in his rear-view mirror and braced for the impact which contributed to the injuries he sustained to his neck and back.

Brian Coughlin- Approve  
Aubrey Powers- Deny  
Marsha Green-Jones- Deny  
Sharolyn Murphy- Deny

Roosevelt Poplar- Approve  
Paul Reed- Approve  
Andrea Rose- Approve  
Carol Stukes Baylor- Approve

**The motion to approve carried 5-3.**

**Case of Navarro Fischer, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits under Pension Plan “Y”**

This is an application submitted by Navarro Fischer, former Correctional Officer, for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan “Y”. According to Mr. Fischer, on May 31, 2018, while working as a Correctional officer, while training, the recoil of his weapon led to pain in the right wrist. On December 4, 2020, Mr. Fischer was demonstrating weapon manipulations and his right hand became swollen and painful.

Brian Coughlin- Abstain  
Aubrey Powers- Deny  
Marsha Green-Jones- Deny  
Sharolyn Murphy- Deny

Roosevelt Poplar- Abstain  
Paul Reed-Abstain  
Andrea Rose- Deny  
Carol Stukes Baylor- Abstain

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

**Case of Sheldon Fitzgerald, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits under Pension Plan “B”**

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

According to Mr. Fitzgerald, while working as a Police Officer on July 9, 2018, Mr. Fitzgerald was on a foot pursuit when he tackled an offender, falling to the ground, striking his left great toe on the ground.

**The motion to approve carried unanimously on a roll call vote.**

**Case of Scott Gill, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits under Pension Plan “B”**

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

According to Mr. Gill, on June 20, 2018, while stopped in his police vehicle, he was struck from behind by another vehicle. He was sent to Jeanes Hospital where he complained of headache and neck pain. X-rays were performed and found no fracture, dislocation, or arthritis.

Brian Coughlin- Approve  
Aubrey Powers- Approve  
Marsha Green-Jones- Deny  
Sharolyn Murphy- Deny

Roosevelt Poplar- Approve  
Paul Reed- Approve  
Andrea Rose- Deny  
Carol Stukes Baylor- Approve

**The motion to approve carried 5-3.**

**Case of Pavel Reznik, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits under Pension Plan “B”**

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

According to Mr. Reznik, while working as a police officer when on September 5, 2019, he was responding to a call and tripped over debris on the sidewalk, causing him to fall and injure his neck and head.

**The motion to approve carried unanimously on a roll call vote.**

**Case of Jessica R. Ringgold, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits under Pension Plan “B”**

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

According to Ms. Ringgold on July 10, 2015, while responding to a radio call to investigate an open front door at a residential property she slipped down the entry stairs and sustained bodily injuries. Ms. Ringgold states that while exiting the house she lost her footing on the first stair and began to slide down on her left side, she landed on her buttocks at the foot of the stairs with her left leg and right foot bent backwards.

Brian Coughlin- Approve  
Aubrey Powers- Deny  
Marsha Green-Jones- Deny  
Sharolyn Murphy- Deny

Roosevelt Poplar- Approve  
Paul Reed- Approve  
Andrea Rose- Approve  
Carol Stukes Baylor- Approve

**The motion to approve carried 5-3.**

**Case of John Speiser, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits under Pension Plan “B”**

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

According to Mr. Speiser, while working as a police officer on February 18, 2018, he was walking down a wheelchair ramp and tripped and fell to the ground onto his right shoulder with an outstretched arm.

**The motion to approve carried unanimously on a roll call vote.**

**Case of Albert Drayton, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits under Pension Plan “Y”**

This is an administrative application submitted by Albert Drayton, former Correctional Officer for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan “Y”.

According to Mr. Drayton, while working as a Correctional Officer on April 9, 2020, Mr. Drayton was delivering a pallet of material. He attempted to prevent a skid from rolling off the truck and strained his right knee.

Brian Coughlin- Abstain  
Aubrey Powers- Deny  
Marsha Green-Jones- Deny  
Sharolyn Murphy- Deny

Roosevelt Poplar- Abstain  
Paul Reed-Abstain  
Andrea Rose- Deny  
Carol Stukes Baylor- Abstain

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

**Case of Rasha Caliman Heath, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits under Pension Plan “Y”**

This is an application submitted by Rasha Caliman Heath, former Correctional Officer for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan “Y”.

According to Ms. Heath, while working as a Correctional Officer on January 26, 2014, she injured her right hand during an altercation with an inmate. She was treated at Jeanes Hospital and was found to have limited range of motion of the right hand due to pain. She continued to work full duty until December 23, 2016, when she received a puncture wound while searching a female visitor.

Brian Coughlin- Abstain  
Aubrey Powers- Deny  
Marsha Green-Jones- Deny  
Sharolyn Murphy- Deny

Roosevelt Poplar- Abstain  
Paul Reed-Abstain  
Andrea Rose- Deny  
Carol Stukes Baylor- Abstain

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

**Case of Sasha Lindsay, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits under Pension Plan “Y”**

This is an application submitted by Sasha Lindsay, former Correctional Officer, for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan “Y”.

According to Ms. Lindsay, while working as a Correctional Officer on March 24, 2021, she fell to the floor while trying to restrain an inmate, injuring her left knee and ankle and her right thumb.

Brian Coughlin- Abstain  
Aubrey Powers- Deny  
Marsha Green-Jones- Deny  
Sharolyn Murphy- Deny

Roosevelt Poplar- Abstain  
Paul Reed-Abstain  
Andrea Rose- Deny  
Carol Stukes Baylor- Abstain

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

**Case of Mavin K. Wise, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits under Pension Plan “Y”**

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

According to Ms. Wise, on February 23, 2015, while lifting a metal (trash) can she strained her (right) wrist.

Brian Coughlin- Approve  
Aubrey Powers- Deny  
Marsha Green-Jones- Deny  
Sharolyn Murphy- Deny

Roosevelt Poplar- Approve  
Paul Reed- Approve  
Andrea Rose- Approve  
Carol Stukes Baylor- Approve

**The motion to approve carried 5-3.**

**Case of William Hill Jr., Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits under Pension Plan “B”**

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

According to Mr. Hill, on July 27, 2016, while assigned to the Democratic National Convention an altercation with protestors ensued. Mr. Hill states that during the conflict and physical struggle he sustained an ankle injury (break).

Brian Coughlin- Approve  
Aubrey Powers- Abstain  
Marsha Green-Jones- Deny  
Sharolyn Murphy- Approve

Roosevelt Poplar- Approve  
Paul Reed- Approve  
Andrea Rose- Approve  
Carol Stukes Baylor- Approve

**The motion to approve carried 6-1-1.**

**APPLICATION FOR SERVICE-CONNECTED DEATH BENEFITS**

**Case of Erin Tokley, Deceased, Application for Service-Connected Death Benefits under Pension Plan “B”**

This is an application submitted by Octavia M. Tokley, spouse of the late Erin Tokley, former Police Sergeant for Service-Connected Death benefits under Pension Plan “B”.

According to Mrs. Tokley, her husband died on March 3, 2021, from complications of COVID-19. Mr. Tokley contracted COVID-19 due to his interaction and exposure to individuals he encountered while working.

Brian Coughlin- Approve  
Aubrey Powers- Approve  
Marsha Green-Jones- Approve  
Sharolyn Murphy- Abstain

Roosevelt Poplar- Approve  
Paul Reed- Approve  
Andrea Rose- Approve  
Carol Stukes Baylor- Approve

**The motion to approve carried 7-0-1.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Case of Linda M. Hetherington, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits under Pension Plan “B”**

This case was denied at the Board meeting held on July 29, 2022. The hearing panel was held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023.

**The hearing panel recommendations are as follows:**

**Brian Coughlin- Approve**

**Leontyne Freeman- Approve**

**Paul Reed- Approve**

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

According to Ms. Hetherington on January 1, 2018, while working the New Year’s Day parade detail she stepped onto a broken metal grate and subsequently tripped and fell striking both knees on the concrete sidewalk.

**The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.**

**Case of Kevin S. Farrington, SAMMONS application for service-connected disability benefits– Pension Plan “Y”**

This case was denied at the board meeting held on December 3, 2020. Mr. Farrington pursued his case as a **Sammons** issue. A virtual hearing panel was held on February 22, 2023.

The hearing panel recommendations are as follows:

**Francious Dutchie, Esq.: Deny**

**Paul Reed: Approve**

**Leontyne Freeman: Deny**

This is an application submitted by Kevin S. Farrington, former Laborer with the Streets Department for service-connected disability benefits under Pension Plan “Y”.

Brian Coughlin- Approve

Aubrey Powers- Approve

Marsha Green-Jones- Deny

Sharolyn Murphy- Deny

Roosevelt Poplar- Approve

Paul Reed- Approve

Andrea Rose- Approve

Carol Stukes Baylor- Approve

**The motion to approve carried 6-2.**

**Case of Darnal J. Simpson to apply for service-connected disability benefits under Pension Plan “Y.”**

This case was **denied** at the Board meeting held on December 15, 2022. Virtual Hearing panel was held on Wednesday, March 29, 2023.

The hearing panel recommendations are as follows:



**Paul Reed:** Approve  
**Carol Stukes-Baylor:** Approve  
**Andrea Rose:** Approve

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

According to Mr. Simpson on February 19, 2016, while conducting medication mouth checks an inmate attempted to “hoard” his medication, he was instructed to take his medication in my presence and refused. The inmate became aggressive and attempted to push past me and a physical altercation ensued. Mr. Simpson states that during the struggle he slipped on some water and his knee gave out.

Brian Coughlin- Approve  
Aubrey Powers- Approve  
Marsha Green-Jones- Approve  
Sharolyn Murphy- Deny

Roosevelt Poplar- Approve  
Paul Reed- Approve  
Andrea Rose- Approve  
Carol Stukes Baylor- Approve

**The motion to approve carried 7-1.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Executive Director’s Report**

- **PAF payments will be dispersed in the June payroll. QDRO payments will be dispersed at a later date.**
- **Education Sub Committee offered P16 information session. If interested, contact Elizabeth Bonner with availability preference by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Meeting invite will follow.**
- **PBI Auditor notified us of a possible data breach. Jim Cousounis, OIT and PBI are working together to investigate impact, if any. Updates to follow as they occur.**

### **Litigation Summary**

- Several Common Pleas cases pending. Nothing new to add.

**The motion to adjourn carried unanimously 8-0 on a roll call vote at 10:02AM.**