

**CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
BOARD OF PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT
Meeting of December 7, 2017**

MINUTES

On December 7, 2017, Francis Bielli called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Pensions and Retirement to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Board's Conference Room.

Present: Rob Dubow
Jacqueline Dunn
William Rubin
Brian Abernathy
Pedro Rodriguez
Carol Stukes-Baylor
Ronald Stagliano
Brian Coughlin
Veronica Pankey
Sharolyn Murphy

Also Attending: Francis Bielli - Board of Pensions
Shamika Taliaferro – Board of Pensions
Marsha Greene-Jones – Human Resources
Ellen Berkowitz, Adam Coleman– Law Department
Christopher DiFusco, Bernard Buckley – Investment Unit
Tyrone Jordon, Jim Cousounis – Investment Unit
Dominique Cherry, Eryn-Ashlei Bailey, Kristyn Bair – Investment Unit
Emanuel Mahand – Nationwide
Brian Kummar – Nationwide
Arnold West – GIA Partners
Kweku Obed – Marquette Associates
Jesus Jimenez – Marquette Associates
Brian Wrubel – Marquette
Dave Smith – Marquette
Matt Coyne – Vice President, Torrey Cove
Will Green – Loop Capital Markets
Pam McCue – Financial Investment News
Bob O'Donnell

Jacqueline Dunn called the meeting to order and stated that the first order of business would be the Consideration of the Minutes.

William Rubin made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 26, 2017. Ronald Stagliano seconded the motion.

The motion to approve carried unanimously 8-0.

CONSIDERATION OF (97) PENSION APPLICATIONS AND (81) WITHDRAWAL APPLICATIONS

William Rubin made a motion to approve. Ronald Stagliano seconded the motion.

The motion to approve carried unanimously 8-0.

APPLICATION FOR SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY BENEFITS

Case of Francis J. Dauber, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits – Pension Plan “A”

This is an application submitted by Francis Dauber, former Firefighter for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan “A”.

According to Mr. Dauber, on January 29, 2014 he was descending a ladder when the extension lock malfunctioned, and he fell. His left foot and ankle was caught between the rungs of ladder causing his injuries. Mr. Dauber further states that on April 24, 2015, while fighting a brushfire on an uneven surface, he experienced significant pain in his ankle and had difficulty moving.

Ronald Stagliano made a motion to approve. Brian Coughlin seconded the motion

The motion to approve carried 8-0.

Case of Marc F. Carroll, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits – Plan “B”

This is an application submitted by Marc Carroll, former Police Sergeant for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan “B”.

According to Mr. Carroll, on March 8, 2015 he was working in the police detention unit when he received a call stating that a female prisoner was actively attempting to hang herself. Mr. Carroll states that when he entered the cell he was immediately rushed by the combative female prisoner who struck him in the face and a struggle ensued. Mr. Carroll further states that during the struggle he felt a “pop” followed by a burning sensation in his shoulder.

Ronald Stagliano made a motion to approve. Brian Coughlin seconded the motion

The motion to approve carried 8-0.

Case of Melissa Curcio, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits – Pension Plan “B”

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

According to Ms. Curcio, on June 3, 2011 she was involved in a motor vehicle accident that caused her injuries.

Ronald Stagliano made a motion to approve. Brian Coughlin seconded the motion.

The motion to approve carried unanimously 8-0

Case of Nikiesha Johnson, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits – Pension Plan “B”

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

According to Ms. Johnson, on March 15, 2011 while attempting to remove a driver from a vehicle she felt a “pop” and pain on the left side of her neck.

Pedro Rodriguez made a motion to deny. Brian Abernathy seconded the motion.

The motion to deny carried 4-0-4.

Case of Derrick M. Jones, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits – Plan “B”

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

According to Mr. Jones, on December 3, 2014 as he was working the bike detail at an arranged protest/march a large crowd of protesters attempted to break through the police line. Mr. Jones states that during the incident his right hand was over-extended backwards, causing a “pop” followed by sharp pain in his right wrist.

Ronald Stagliano made a motion to approve. Brian Coughlin seconded the motion.

The motion to approve carried unanimously 8-0.

Case of Joseph Luce, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits – Pension Plan “B”

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

According to Mr. Luce, on May 10, 2013 while attempting to arrest a combative burglar a struggle ensued. During the struggle, he fell to the ground striking his knee against the asphalt causing his injuries.

Pedro Rodriguez made a motion to deny. Sharolyn Murphy seconded the motion.

The motion to deny carried 4-0-4.

Case of Christopher McMonagle, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits – Pension Plan “B”

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

According to Mr. McMonagle, on July 3, 2013 the index finger on his right hand was crushed in the door of his police vehicle.

Ronald Stagliano made a motion to approve. Brian Coughlin seconded the motion.

The motion to approve carried 5-3.

Case of Edward Baker, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits – Pension Plan “Y”

This is an application submitted by Edward Baker, former Electrician with the Water Department for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan “Y”.

According to Mr. Baker, on February 18, 2015 as he was working beneath an electrical console he reached for a wire and pain hit his lower back. Mr. Baker further states that it was painful to stand and pain radiated down his legs and buttocks

Pedro Rodriguez made a motion to deny. Sharolyn Murphy seconded the motion.

The motion to deny carried 4-0-4.

Case of Antonio Castro, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits – Pension Plan “Y”

This is an application submitted by Antonio Castro, former Deputy Sheriff with the Sheriff’s Department for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan “Y”.

According to Mr. Castro, on March 23, 2015 while bending to search an inmate he felt a sharp pain in his left knee. Mr. Castro further states that he was taken to the Comp Clinic and directed to physical therapy thereafter.

Pedro Rodriguez made a motion to deny. Sharolyn Murphy seconded the motion.

The motion to deny carried 4-0-4.

Case of William L. Fahs, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits – Pension Plan “Y”

This is an application submitted by William Fahs, former Automotive Maintenance Technician with Fleet Management for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan “Y”.

According to Mr. Fahs, on June 16, 2015 while lifting a 50 to 60 pound rotor he felt what he describes as a pop and tear in his left shoulder.

Ronald Stagliano made a motion to approve. Carol Stukes-Baylor seconded the motion.

The motion to approve carried 5-3.

Case of Louise Marchetti, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits – Pension Plan “Y”

This is an application submitted by Louise Marchetti, former Recreation Leader III with the Parks & Recreation Department for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan “Y”.

According to Ms. Marchetti, on October 18, 2013 while attempting to open a broken/stuck entrance door she experienced what she describes as a “whiplash effect”. Ms. Marchetti states that the sudden opening of the door caused injuries to both of her shoulders and neck.

Pedro Rodriguez made a motion to deny. Sharolyn Murphy seconded the motion.

The motion to deny carried 4-0-4.

Case of Gary E. Weedon, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits – Plan “Y”

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

According to Mr. Weedon, on February 11, 2016 while working he tripped on the curb and fell to the ground injuring his left wrist.

Carol Stukes-Baylor made a motion to approve. Veronica Pankey seconded the motion.

The motion to approve carried 7-0-1.

Case of Madeline Montalvo-Ferrero, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits – Pension Plan “B”

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

According to Ms. Montalvo-Ferrero, on April 20, 2012 while attempting to handcuff a struggling female on the ground, she was repeatedly kicked by the resisting female on her left wrist causing her injuries.

Pedro Rodriguez made a motion to deny. Sharolyn Murphy seconded the motion. The vote was 3-5. Motion fails.

Ronald Stagliano made a motion to approve. Brian Coughlin seconded the motion.

The motion to approve carried 5-3.

Case of Mary Hines, Administrative Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits – Pension Plan “Y”

This is an **administrative** application submitted by Mary Hines, former Medical Clerk with the Department of Human Services for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan “Y”.

According to Ms. Hines sometime during 2013 she began to experience pain in her right shoulder while pulling charts. On September 3, 2013 while climbing a ladder retrieving charts her (right) foot slipped injuring her toes.

William Rubin made a motion to deny. Sharolyn Murphy seconded the motion.

The motion to deny carried 4-0-4.

APPLICATION FOR SURVIVORSHIP BENEFITS UNDER OPTION 4

Case of Timothy J. Griffaton, Deceased, Application for Survivorship Benefits under Option 4– Plan D

This is an application for survivor benefits by Christine Griffaton under option 4 in Plan D.

Timothy J. Griffaton, a Police Officer, retired on August 18, 1988. He died on September 7, 2017. At the time of his retirement, Mr. Griffaton chose survivorship option 4. On his life insurance form completed at the time of retirement, Mr. Griffaton named Irene Griffaton relationship wife. Timothy Griffaton and Christine Barile were married on February 14, 2002. In her letter dated November 1, 2017, Mrs. Christine Griffaton states that Mr. Griffaton and she were together for 18 years and married for 15.

Pedro Rodriguez made a motion to deny. Sharolyn Murphy seconded the motion.

The motion to deny carried 4-0-4.

APPLICATION FOR SURVIVORSHIP BENEFITS UNDER OPTION 4 AS COMMON LAW SPOUSE/LEGAL SPOUSE

Case of Vincent R. Talarico, Deceased, Application for Survivorship Benefits under Option 4 as a Common Law Spouse/Legal Spouse – Plan X

This is an application for survivor benefits by Joyce Talarico as the common law/legal spouse of Vincent R. Talarico, deceased, under option 4 in Plan X.

Vincent R. Talarico, a Firefighter, retired on March 4, 1987. He died on July 10, 2017. At the time of his retirement, Mr. Talarico chose survivorship option 4. Vince and Joyce Talarico were married on August 22, 1986. Mrs. Talarico is applying for common law status prior to that date in order to meet the survivorship option 4 two-year marriage requirement.

Brian Coughlin made a motion to approve. Carol Stukes-Baylor seconded the motion.

The motion to approve carried 5-3.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Executive Director's Report** – Mr. Bielli stated that the State auditors are continuing their audit and the Annual audit is underway. The actuary will be completing the Experience Study in February 2018.

In response to Ms. Pankey's question about the opt out letter, Mr. Beilli advised the letters are just about done and will be forwarded to Finance.

Business and Education Travel Report

1. NCPERS Legislative Conference in Washington, DC January 27-30, 2018
2. KORIED Plan Sponsor Educational Institute in Key West, Florida January 15-19, 2018

Ronald Stagliano made a motion to approve. William Rubin seconded the motion.

The motion to approve trustees for the NCPERS conference in Washington, DC January 27-30, 2018 and the KORIED Plan Sponsor Educational Institute in Key West, Florida January 15-19, 2018 carried unanimously 8-0.

FYI

- **Litigation Summary** - Ms. Berkowitz stated that the Dailey disqualification case is stayed pending state court proceedings.

William Rubin made a motion to adjourn. Veronica Pankey seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM.