

**CITY OF PHILADELPHIA  
BOARD OF PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT  
Meeting of March 28, 2018**

**MINUTES**

On March 28, 2018, Jacqueline Dunn called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Pensions and Retirement to order at 9:35 AM in the Board's Conference Room.

Present:                    Jacqueline Dunn  
                                Rebecca Rhynhart  
                                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  
                                Bill Rubin – Board of Pensions  
                                Rosamond Howard, Kellan White – Controller's Office  
                                Ellen Berkowitz, Adam Coleman, Jo Rosenberger Altman– Law Dept.  
                                Christopher DiFusco, Bernard Buckley – Investment Unit  
                                Tyrone Jordon, Jim Cousounis – Investment Unit  
                                Dominique Cherry, Eryn-Ashlei Bailey, Kristyn Bair – Investment Unit  
                                Ken Kent, Anu Patel, Brett Warren – Cheiron  
                                Dave Smith - Marquette  
                                James Kirby, Tas Hasan, Antonelle Napolitano – Deerpath Capital  
                                Bina Kumar - Nationwide  
                                Matt Coyne, VP, Torrey Cove

Jacqueline Dunn called the meeting to order and stated that the first order of business was the Consideration of the Minutes of February 22, 2018.

Ronald Stagliano made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 28, 2018. Brian Coughlin seconded the motion.

**The motion to approve carried unanimously 8-0.**

**CONSIDERATION OF (149) PENSION APPLICATIONS AND (68) WITHDRAWAL APPLICATIONS**

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

**The motion to approve carried unanimously 8-0.**

## **APPLICATION FOR SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY BENEFITS**

### **Case of Glenn T. Burns, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits – Plan A**

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

According to Mr. Burns, on May 8, 2006 while exiting Ladder 20 his foot became entangled on the strap of a searchlight and he fell backwards to the ground landing on his tailbone and slamming his head. Mr. Burns states that on December 8, 2012 while participating in harness bailout training he began to feel a lot of pain in his neck and lower back and had to stop. Finally, according to Mr. Burns, on March 29, 2015 while fighting a dwelling fire he stepped on a plastic gate and fell down a flight of stairs.

Brian Coughlin made a motion to table for 30 days. Carol Stukes-Baylor seconded the motion.

**The motion to table for 30 days carried unanimously 8-0.**

### **Case of George Mitchell, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits – Plan B**

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

According to Mr. Mitchell, on April 28, 2015 while exiting a patrol car he stepped onto a storm drain, fell and twisted his right ankle causing rips and tears to several joints, tendons and ligaments. Surgical repairs were done but he did not recover full function of his right ankle.

Ronald Stagliano made a motion to approve. Veronica Pankey seconded the motion.

**The motion to approve carried unanimously 8-0.**

### **Case of Jamie E. Sidorski, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits – Plan B**

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

According to Ms. Sidorski, on September 21, 2015 her right foot and ankle became entangled between the rungs of an industrial ladder causing her to fall backwards and sustain injuries to her foot and ankle. Ms. Sidorski states that as she fell she heard a cracking sound and felt excruciating pain.

Ronald Stagliano made a motion to approve. Veronica Pankey seconded the motion.

**The motion to approve carried unanimously 8-0.**

**Case of Rudy F. Yuille, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits - Plan B**

This is an application submitted by Rudy Yuille, former Police Officer for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan "B".

According to Mr. Yuille, on March 28, 2014 while in foot pursuit of a male suspect he tripped over the edge of a curb. Mr. Yuille states that upon impact he immediately felt a sharp pain in his back and was unable to feel or move his legs.

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

**The motion to deny carried 4-0-4.**

**Case of Daryl L. Lloyd, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits – Plan J**

This is an application submitted by Daryl Lloyd, former Heavy Equipment Operator with the Streets Department for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan "J".

According to Mr. Lloyd, on December 11, 2015 he was unbuckling the turn buckles from a hopper of a truck when the pressure from it being overloaded caused the injury. Mr. Lloyd states that he heard a "pop" in his right shoulder and experienced pain in his lower back.

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

**The motion to approve carried unanimously 8-0.**

**Case of Charlene Hartman, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits – Plan Y**

This is an application submitted by Charlene Hartman, former Service Representative with the Department of Licenses and Inspections for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan "Y".

According to Ms. Hartman, on November 9, 2015 during a routine evaluation with her supervisor she was attacked. Ms. Hartman states that her supervisor aggressively grabbed and squeezed her right shoulder while attempting to take a piece of paper from her. Ms. Hartman further states that after sitting on the paper her supervisor continued the assault by using his body in an attempt to move her off the paper.

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

**The motion to deny carried 4-0-4.**

**Case of Norman Talley, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits – Plan Y**

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

According to Mr. Talley, on January 20, 2015 while lifting a heavy recycling can he heard a “popping” sound in his shoulder.

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

**The motion to deny carried 5-0-3.**

**Case of Kevin J. Beaulieu, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits – Plan Y**

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

According to Mr. Beaulieu, on April 24, 2015 while lifting a trash can that he describes as “full of water and a trash bag”, he felt a severe pain in his shoulder which resulted in a torn rotator cuff. He further stated that despite surgery, he remains in pain and cannot lift his arm above his head.

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

**The motion to deny carried 4-0-4.**

**Case of Charles D. Pickford Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits- Plan A**

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

According to Mr. Pickford, on July 1, 2013 while attempting to open a broken hydrant he overextended himself. Mr. Pickford states that his actions caused him to twist completely around almost falling face forward. Mr. Pickford further states that he used his outstretched his hands as protection. Mr. Pickford’s complaints involve sustained injuries to his rotator cuff, neck, back, arms, and legs.

Brian Coughlin made a motion to approve. Veronica Pankey seconded the motion.

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

**Case of Malcolm Furbert, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits - Plan "Y"**

This is an application submitted by Malcolm Furbert, former Laborer with the Streets Department for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan "Y".

According to Mr. Furbert, on July 17, 2015 he was attempting to dump the trash load at the dumping grounds when suddenly the trash truck flipped over backwards. Mr. Furbert further states that he was in the cab of the vehicle as it overturned and sustained injuries to his neck, back, shoulder, and arm.

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

**The motion to approve carried unanimously 8-0.**

**Case of Robert Hargrove, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits – Plan Y**

This is an application submitted by Robert Hargrove, former Recreation Facilities Caretaker with the Department of Parks and Recreation for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan "Y".

According to Mr. Hargrove, on November 1, 2011 he tripped and fell striking his left side. It is reported that Mr. Hargrove fell onto a leaf-blower that he was operating at the time which he states caused his shortness of breath.

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

**The motion to deny carried 4-0-4.**

**Case of Patricia A. Russell, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits – Plan Y**

This is an application submitted by Patricia Russell, former Clerk Typist with the Water Department for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan "Y".

According to Ms. Russell, on August 14, 2014 she slipped and fell on a waxed (hallway) floor injuring multiple body parts. Ms. Russell further states that she underwent unnecessary shoulder surgery and that she suffers from other conditions because of this accident.

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

**The motion to approve carried unanimously 8-0.**

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Executive Director's Report**

- Medical Panel Subcommittee – Mr. Bielli stated that a medical panel subcommittee meeting will be scheduled soon with new members Ms. Rhynehart or Mr. White from the Controllers' office, Ms. Dunn who has replaced Ms. Weiss and Ms. Stukes-Baylor. The subcommittee will discuss supplementing the panel due to the passing of Dr. Knox who was a back-up chair to Dr. Weinerman. They will also review the current panel and discuss putting out RFP's for doctors and hospitals.
- The Budget Testimony is scheduled for Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30.
- The deadline for Plan 16 optional transfer for DC 33 members has passed. Thirteen (13) people did choose to transfer from Plan 16 into Plan 10 from DC 33. That same option will be available for Deputy Sheriffs and Register of Wills employees as part of the collective bargaining that was just completed. However, the arbitration award will be effective when City Council passes the Ordinance.
- NCPERS – The Board of Pensions participated in the National 2017 NCPERS study where various public pension plans provide information to put together a study. Mr. Bielli stated that we received a certificate for participation and for transparency.
- Mr. Bielli stated that work is continuing through the guidance of Mr. Rodriguez and Personnel to look into the re-examination provision of the Pension Code, Section 22-403. We hope to come back to the Board within the next 90 days with specific recommendations concerning process of implementing what's already in the Code.

Mr. Stagliano stated that 107 new recruits were given the Plan 87 books and asked if there are newer books available.

Mr. Bielli stated that due to the DROP rules changing frequently a revised booklet was previously put on hold. A second draft of the new booklet is underway and will be available soon electronically for all members.

A discussion ensued regarding Plan 10 and the plan designation included by City payroll on employee's pay stubs. The Board agreed that a working group will review the issue.

- **Litigation Summary** - Ms. Berkowitz stated that there has been a Disqualification case added (Gassman) and there will be a motion to quash as the case was simultaneously appealed to the Board and to Common Pleas Court. Judge Fletman denied the appeal in the Coleman (SCD) case and we are waiting for a decision in Commonwealth Court on the Dailey (Disqualification) case.

Pedro Rodriguez made a motion to adjourn. Ronald Stagliano seconded the motion.

**The meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.**