

**CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
BOARD OF PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT
Meeting of February 21, 2019**

MINUTES

On February 21, 2019, Jacqueline Dunn called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Pensions and Retirement to order at 1:35 PM in the Board's Conference Room.

Present: Jacqueline Dunn
 Kellan White
 Christopher Rupe
 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
 Adam Coleman – Law Dept.
 Christopher DiFusco, Bernard Buckley – Investment Unit
 Jim Cousounis, Tyrone Jordan – Investment Unit
 Bina Kumar, Bradley Nyce - Nationwide
 Jeffrey Francis - Nationwide
 Pam McCue – Financial Investment News
 Ken Kent, Anu Patel – Cheiron
 Brett Warren, Zach Allen - Cheiron

Jacqueline Dunn called the meeting to order and stated that the first order of business was the Consideration of the Minutes of January 24, 2019.

Brian Coughlin made a motion to approve the Minutes of December 6, 2018. Christopher Rupe seconded the motion.

The motion to approve carried 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF (98) PENSION APPLICATIONS AND (144) WITHDRAWAL APPLICATIONS

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

The motion to approve carried 7-0.

APPLICATION FOR SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY BENEFITS

Case of Michael Brooks, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits - Plan "B"

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

According to Mr. Brooks, on March 16, 2017 he slipped and fell onto the ice causing his injury.

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

The motion to approve carried unanimously 7-0.

Case of Denise Dixon, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefit - Plan "B"

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

According to Ms. Dixon, on June 6, 2011 while serving at a "flash mob" detail, she fell over a hump in the sidewalk. Ms. Dixon further states that she impacted the sidewalk with her knees and braced hands, and she also sustained an injury to her back.

Sharolyn Murphy made a motion to deny. Christopher Rupe seconded the motion.

The motion to deny carried 3-0-4.

Case of Andria Hooks, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits - Plan "B"

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

According to Ms. Hooks, on April 23, 2016 while working a traffic post she backed up, caught her left leg and tripped over an uneven manhole covering causing injuries to her ankle and foot.

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

The motion to approve carried unanimously 7-0.

Case of Eugene A. Kittles, Application for Service-Connected Disability – Plan B

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

According to Mr. Kittles, on August 12, 2015 while serving a search and seizure warrant on a dimly lit garage he stepped onto an undisclosed item and severely twisted his left knee.

Sharolyn Murphy made a motion to deny. Christopher Rupe seconded the motion. The motion failed 2-5.

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

The motion to approve carried 5-2.

Case of Francis Rogalski, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits - Plan B

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

According to Mr. Rogalski, on August 4, 2014 after checking the availability of vehicles on the police lot he was returning to the interior of the District when he tripped over a broken step and fell. Mr. Rogalski states that during the fall he sustained multiple injuries.

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

The motion to approve carried unanimously 7-0.

Case of Sharona L. Vassell, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits - Plan B

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

According to Ms. Vassell, on August 11, 2013 while in foot pursuit of a male robbery suspect with a gun, she twisted her ankle. Ms. Vassell states that she lost sight of the suspect but continued to search, climbing a fence to check the alley and another fence to check the rear of a stretch of homes. She observed the suspect in the basement of a home. She indicates that she kicked the basement door and the suspect fled upstairs only to return to the basement when he discovered the locked door; he resisted arrest and a struggle and altercation ensued. Ms. Vassell states that after the suspect was subdued and she had returned to her vehicle it was then that she felt pain in her right knee.

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

The motion to approve carried 6-1.

Case of Michael T. Gainey, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits - Plan Y

This is an application submitted by Michael Gainey former Laborer with the Free Library for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan “Y”.

According to Mr. Gainey, on June 23, 2016 while he was unloading a freight elevator he tore his left rotator cuff.

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

The motion to approve carried 6-1.

Case of Michael Rodgers, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits - Plan Y

This is an application submitted by Michael Rodgers, former Water Operations Repair Helper with the Water Department for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan “Y”.

According to Mr. Rodgers on July 30, 2015 he accidentally cut into his left foot while cutting a pipe.

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

The motion to approve carried unanimously 7-0.

Case of Hyanty Williamson, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits – Plan Y

This is an application submitted by Hyanty Williamson, former Custodial Worker with the Commerce Department for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan “Y”.

According to Ms. Williamson, on November 20, 2016 she slipped in one of the bathrooms she was servicing. Ms. Williamson states that she fell onto the floor injuring her shoulder, hip, wrist, and lower back.

Sharolyn Murphy made a motion to deny. Christopher Rupe seconded the motion. The motion to deny failed 2-5.

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

The motion to approve carried 5-2.

Case of Gary Bonilla, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits under B

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

According to Mr. Bonilla on December 11, 2015 while he and his partner were attempting to transport an aggressive patient to another hospital the prisoner resisted by falling to the ground. Mr. Bonilla states that as he began to lift the prisoner from behind he immediately felt pain that radiated from his lower back down his right leg to his foot.

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

The motion to approve carried unanimously 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Case of Robert P. Deal, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits - Plan “Y”

This case was **denied** at the Board meeting held on June 28, 2018. A hearing panel was held on January 9, 2019.

The hearing panel recommendations are as follows:

Sharolyn Murphy, Esq.:	Deny
Ronald Stagliano:	Approve
Carol Stukes:	Approve

Case Summary:

This is an application submitted by Robert Deal, former Street Crew Chief II with the Streets Department for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan “Y”.

According to Mr. Deal, he sustained the following injuries: April 26, 2012 shoulder strain while lifting hood of crew cab; April 30, 2015 injured left shoulder when helping with a jackhammer that another worker dropped while in his grasp; July 26, 2016 shoulder reinjured while throwing barricade onto crew cab; August 17, 2016 lower back strain, dizziness, and fall and June 14, 2017 shoulder strain while lifting hood of crew cab.

Sharolyn Murphy made a motion to deny. Christopher Rupe seconded the motion. The motion failed 2-5.

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

The motion to approve carried 5-2.

Case of Joseph Messina, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits - Plan Y

This case was **denied** at the Board meeting held on July 26, 2018. A hearing panel was held on January 9, 2019.

The hearing panel recommendations are as follows:

Sharolyn Murphy, Esq.:	Deny
Ronald Stagliano:	Approve
Carol Stukes:	Approve

Case Summary:

This is an application submitted by Joseph Messina, former Vacant Lot Crew Chief with the Mayor's Office of Community Services for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan "Y".

According to Mr. Messina, on August 26, 2011 while operating a lawnmower it became stuck in some pieces of concrete. Mr. Messina states that he attempted to dislodge the mower causing his injuries in the process.

Sharolyn Murphy made a motion to deny. Christopher Rupe seconded the motion. The motion failed 2-5.

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

The motion to approve carried 5-2.

Executive Director's Report

- Business and Education Travel Requests
 - 1) NCPERS Annual Conference & Exhibition in Austin, Texas May 19-22, 2019
 - 2) Wharton Executive Education - Private Equity Program April 8-12, 2019 in Philadelphia, PA

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

The motion to approve trustees for the NCPERS Annual Conference & Exhibition in Austin, TX from May 19-22, 2019 and for Dominique Cherry and Bernard Buckley to attend the Wharton Education Private Equity Program April 8-12, 2019 in Philadelphia, PA carried unanimously 7-0.

- **Litigation Summary** – Mr. Coleman stated there were no new developments.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed changing the date of the March Board meetings as Ken Kent from Cheiron would be out of the country that week.

Ronald Stagliano made a motion to consider March 21, 2019 as a tentative meeting date until the date can be confirmed with all parties. Veronica Pankey seconded the motion.

The motion to consider March 21, 2019 as the new Board meeting date carried unanimously 7-0.

Ronald Stagliano made a motion to adopt the actions of the Investment Committee. Carol Stukes-Baylor seconded the motion.

The motion to adopt the actions of the Investment Committee meeting carried unanimously 7-0.

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:40.