

**CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
BOARD OF PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT
Meeting of August 23, 2018**

MINUTES

On August 23, 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
 Kellan White
 Pedro Rodriguez
 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
 Ellen Berkowitz, Adam Coleman – Law Dept.
 Christopher DiFusco, Bernard Buckley – Investment Unit
 Jim Cousounis, Tyrone Jordan – Investment Unit
 Dominique Cherry, Kristyn Bair – Investment Unit
 Jeff Francis, Bradley Nyce, Bina Kumar, Emanuel Mahand – Nationwide
 Pam McCue – Financial Investment News
 David Smith, Jesus Jimenez – Marquette
 Tony Agentowicz – Voya Financial
 Nick Mond, Matthew Vegari – City Controller's Office
 Fagbemi Oluwabomi – Risk Management Intern

Jacqueline Dunn called the meeting to order and stated that the first order of business was the Consideration of the Minutes of July 26, 2018.

Ronald Stagliano made a motion to approve the Minutes of July 26, 2018. Sharolyn Murphy seconded the motion.

The motion to approve carried 8-0.

CONSIDERATION OF (134) PENSION APPLICATIONS AND (122) WITHDRAWAL APPLICATIONS

Ronald Stagliano made a motion to approve. Sharolyn Murphy seconded the motion.

The motion to approve carried 8-0.

APPLICATION FOR SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY BENEFITS

Case of Joseph Weihe, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits - Plan "B"

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

According to Mr. Weihe, on September 13, 2015 during an altercation with a male suspect resisting arrest he sustained an injury to his elbow.

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

The motion to approve carried unanimously 8-0.

Case of Maria Brennan, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits – Plan "Y"

This is an application submitted by Maria Brennan, former School Crossing Guard with the Police Department for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan "Y".

According to Ms. Brennan, on November 14, 2016 as she was walking back from crossing the children she stepped down from the curb onto a little stone on an uneven surface and fell into the street. Ms. Brennan states that she sustained injuries to her shoulder and knee.

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

The motion to approve carried unanimously 8-0.

Case of Brian V. Ruff, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits - Plan "Y"

This is an application submitted by Brian Ruff, former Water Operations Repair Helper with the Water Department for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan "Y".

According to Mr. Ruff, on or about September 14, 2015 while digging in a hole in the street the constructed dirt wall fell onto him. He further states that as he was digging out from beneath the dirt he injured his back and ankle.

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

The motion to deny carried 6-0-2.

APPLICATION TO PURCHASE PRIOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Case of Salvador Pagan, Application to Purchase Prior Government Service – Plan Y

This is an application submitted by Salvador Pagan, who was appointed to the Police Department as a Hostler effective 9/11/2017.

On 3/8/2018, Mr. Pagan's application to purchase pension credit for prior government service with Northwestern Stables Inc. was received along with an Employment Verification form on which Northwestern Stables acknowledged themselves as a private employer.

Per Section 22-802(1) of the Public Employees Retirement Code, "a member may purchase service credit for governmental employment which occurred prior to the member's current employment with the City."

On 3/19/2018, a denial letter was sent to Mr. Pagan. The denial was because his prior employment was for a private company and not a governmental agency. On 4/17/2018, Mr. Pagan's appeal letter was received.

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

The motion to deny carried unanimously 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Executive Director's Report** – Mr. Bielli stated that because of the One Philly presentation, there would not be an Executive Director's report.
- **Medical Panel Subcommittee** – Mr. Bielli stated that the Medical Panel Subcommittee provided an excellent report of recommendations, but he requested to table the matter for thirty days to address legal issues.

Ronald Stagliano made a motion to table the matter for thirty (30) days. Veronica Pankey seconded the motion.

The motion to table the Medical Panel Subcommittee Report for 30 days carried unanimously 8-0.

- **Education and Travel Request** – NCPERS 2018 Safety Conference – October 27-31, 2018 in Las Vegas, NV

Ronald Stagliano made a motion to approve the request of any trustee to attend this conference. Pedro Rodriguez seconded the motion.

The motion to approve carried unanimously 8-0.

- **Litigation Summary** - Ms. Berkowitz stated there are a lot of cases in common pleas court and they are in a holding pattern for Daley for commonwealth court to issue a decision.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM.