

**CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
BOARD OF PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT
Meeting of May 28, 2020**

MINUTES

On May 28, 2020, Jacqueline Dunn called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Pensions and Retirement to order at 9:38 AM. The meeting was conducted by phone conference due to the State's recommendation to close the City due to the Covid-19 epidemic.

Ms. Dunn asked the Board to approve the virtual procedures for motions, discussion and voting that were prepared by James Cousounis. For substantive motions the Chair will state the motion in the affirmative, the Board will consider the motion moved and seconded and then the Chair will ask for any comments or discussion before going into a roll call vote. For a procedural motion, the Chair will ask the Board for discussion, unless there are any objections, the motion will be declared and adopted unanimously. The Board adopted the procedures unanimously.

Present: Jacqueline Dunn
 Ronald Stagliano
 Carol Stukes-Baylor
 Kellan White
 Christopher Rupe
 Marsha Greene-Jones
 Brian Coughlin
 Veronica Pankey
 Sharolyn Murphy
 Francois Dutchie

Also Attending: Francis Bielli, Shamika Taliaferro, Bill Rubin – Board of Pensions
 Ellen Berkowitz, Adam Coleman – Law Department
 Christopher DiFusco, James Cousounis – Investment Unit
 Bernard Buckley, Kristyn Bair, Tyrone Jordan – Investment Unit
 Dominique Cherry, Abdel-Aziz Ibrahim – Investment Unit
 Brad Nyce, Bina Kumar – Nationwide
 Gilda Grant – PEW Charitable Trust

Jacqueline Dunn called the meeting to order and stated that the first order of business was the Consideration of the Minutes of April 23, 2020.

The motion to approve carried unanimously 8-0.

CONSIDERATION OF 89 PENSION APPLICATIONS AND 30 WITHDRAWAL APPLICATIONS

The motion to approve carried unanimously 8-0.

APPLICATION FOR SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY BENEFITS

Case of Crystal M. Wright, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits – Plan D

This is an application submitted by Crystal Wright, former Police Officer for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan “D”.

According to Ms. Wright, on October 26, 2015 while helping her lieutenant lift and relocate boxes containing numerous files, she began to experience lower back discomfort. Ms. Wright states that during the evening her back seized-up and locked which made it difficult to walk and stand. She further reports that she returned to work, her condition worsening and reported the circumstances to her supervisor. Finally, medical treatment was sought because of the unbearable pain.

The Board voted as follows:

Brian Coughlin – Approve
Marsha Greene-Jones – Deny
Sharolyn Murphy – Deny
Veronica Pankey – Approve

Christopher Rupe – Deny
Carol Stukes-Baylor - Approve
Kellan White - Approve
Ronald Stagliano - Approve

The motion to approve carried 5-3.

Case of Gloria J. Dunmore, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits – Plan Y

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

According to Ms. Dunmore, on February 14, 2017 while walking down the corridor to her post she slipped on water that was on the floor. Ms. Dunmore states that she fell fast, hard, and straight back. Ms. Dunmore further states that she was transported to the hospital for treatment. Ms. Dunmore recounts another work incident that occurred on September 17, 2007 where she was smashed by an electronic security door causing injuries to her chest and shoulder.

The Board voted as follows:

Brian Coughlin – Approve
Marsha Greene-Jones – Approve
Sharolyn Murphy – Deny
Veronica Pankey – Approve

Christopher Rupe – Approve
Carol Stukes-Baylor - Approve
Kellan White - Approve
Ronald Stagliano - Approve

The motion to approve carried 7-1.

Case of John O. Speller, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits – Plan Y

This is an application submitted by John Speller, former Security Officer I with the Department of Public Property for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan “Y”.

According to Mr. Speller, on July 13, 2017 while escorting a client off City Hall property the client stepped down “wrongly” and began to stumble. Mr. Speller states that he attempted to stop the client from falling when they became entangled and both fell to the ground. Mr. Speller states that he landed on his right side, injuring his back and right side against his equipment.

The Board voted as follows:

Brian Coughlin – Abstain
Marsha Greene-Jones – Deny
Sharolyn Murphy – Deny
Veronica Pankey – Approve

Christopher Rupe – Deny
Carol Stukes-Baylor - Abstain
Kellan White – Deny
Ronald Stagliano - Abstain

The motion to approve failed 1-4-3. Motion denied.

Case of Antonio J. Rivera, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits – Plan Y

This is an application submitted by Antonio Rivera, former heavy Equipment Operator II with the Water Department for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan “Y”.

According to Mr. Rivera, on April 24, 2018 while picking up a bucket of cement with his right arm something “popped” within his shoulder and pain immediately shot down his arm. Mr. Rivera further states that on or about April 14, 2015, he sustained a knee injury while climbing off a truck. He states that he slipped and landed on his knee cracking his kneecap.

The Board voted as follows:

Brian Coughlin – Approve
Marsha Greene-Jones – Approve
Sharolyn Murphy – Approve
Veronica Pankey – Approve

Christopher Rupe – Approve
Carol Stukes-Baylor - Approve
Kellan White - Approve
Ronald Stagliano - Approve

The motion to approve carried unanimously 8-0.

Case of Jason H. Barrow, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits – Plan 16

This is an application submitted by Jason Barrow, former Laborer with the Streets Department for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan “16”.

According to Mr. Barrow, on December 16, 2016 while lifting a recycling bin full of glass recyclables the handle broke and the load started to shift. Mr. Barrow states that he tried to catch the can to keep the debris from falling to the ground when he felt a “pop” in his shoulder.

The Board voted as follows:

Brian Coughlin – Approve
Marsha Greene-Jones – Deny
Sharolyn Murphy – Deny
Veronica Pankey – Approve

Christopher Rupe – Deny
Carol Stukes-Baylor - Approve
Kellan White - Approve
Ronald Stagliano - Approve

The motion to approve carried 5-3.

Case of Deborah Hudgins, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits – Plan Y

This is an application submitted by Deborah Hudgins, former Clerk Typist II with the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Plan Y.

According to Ms. Hudgins, on February 10, 2014 while reporting to her worksite she slipped in the lobby, falling hard on her right knee.

The Board voted as follows:

Brian Coughlin – Abstain
Marsha Greene-Jones – Deny
Sharolyn Murphy – Deny
Veronica Pankey – Abstain

Christopher Rupe – Deny
Carol Stukes-Baylor - Abstain
Kellan White - Deny
Ronald Stagliano - Abstain

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

APPLICATION FOR SURVIVORSHIP BENEFITS AS A MEDICALLY DEPENDENT ADULT CHILD

Case of Andrew Cabrelli, Deceased, Application for Survivorship Benefits – Medically Dependent Adult child Thomas Cabrelli – Plan “J”

This is an application for Thomas Cabrelli, a medically dependent adult child of Andrew Cabrelli, for survivorship benefits in Plan “J”.

Andrew Cabrelli, former Clerical Supervisor 2 of the Revenue Department retired effective March 13, 1985. At the time of his retirement, Mr. Cabrelli elected Survivorship Option #4 naming Dolores Claire Cabrelli (wife) and Thomas Cabrelli (dependent child) as contingent.

Andrew Cabrelli died on February 17, 2020. Submitted is a copy of his death certificate. Claire Cabrelli (wife) died on September 7, 2003. Submitted is a copy of her death certificate.

In a notarized statement received March 16, 2020, Thomas Cabrelli states that his father Andrew Cabrelli had no other medically dependent adult children aside from himself. Therefore, he is applying for survivorship benefits.

The Board voted as follows:

Brian Coughlin – Approve
Marsha Greene-Jones – Approve
Sharolyn Murphy – Approve
Veronica Pankey – Approve

Christopher Rupe – Approve
Carol Stukes-Baylor - Approve
Kellan White - Approve
Ronald Stagliano - Approve

The motion to approve carried unanimously 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Director’s Report

- RFP for Provider for Board Election

Responses to the Request for Proposals for the Trustee election were received by MK Election Services, LLC, TrueBallot, Inc. and Yes Elections. A subcommittee was formed to review the RFP responses and the subcommittee recommended MK Elections Services, LLC to the full Board.

Mr. Rubin stated that Caleb Kleppner did a nice job and submitted a lower price due to the City’s situation with Covid 19. They also had suggestions if modifications are needed for the election.

A complete summary of the timeline of events for the Board Election schedule was distributed to the Board.

The Board voted as follows to approve the subcommittee’s recommendation.

Brian Coughlin – Approve
Marsha Greene-Jones – Approve
Sharolyn Murphy – Approve
Veronica Pankey – Approve

Christopher Rupe – Approve
Carol Stukes-Baylor - Approve
Kellan White - Approve
Ronald Stagliano - Approve

The motion to approve the subcommittee election recommendation of MK Elections Services, LLC was unanimously approved 8-0.

Litigation Summary – Ms. Berkowitz stated there were no changes from last month’s Litigation summary.

The motion to adjourn carried 8-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:50