

**CITY OF PHILADELPHIA  
BOARD OF PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT  
Meeting of August 22, 2019**

**MINUTES**

On August 22, 2019, Jacqueline Dunn called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Pensions and Retirement to order at 9:30 AM in the Board's Conference Room.

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

Also Attending:       Francis Bielli - Board of Pensions  
                                Bill Rubin – Board of Pensions  
                                Christopher DiFusco, Bernard Buckley – Investment Unit  
                                James Cousounis, Tyrone Jordan – Investment Unit  
                                Dominique Cherry, Kristyn Bair, Abdel-Aziz Ibrahim - Investments  
                                Francois Dutchie – City Solicitor's Office  
                                Ellen Berkowitz, Adam Coleman – Law Department  
                                Jeff Francis, Brad Nyce - Nationwide  
                                Dave Smith, Kweku Obed – Marquette Associates  
                                Pam McCue – Financial Investment News

Jacqueline Dunn called the meeting to order and stated that the first order of business was the Consideration of the Minutes of July 30, 2019.

Carol Stukes-Baylor made a motion to approve the Minutes of July 30, 2019. Christopher Rupe seconded the motion.

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

**CONSIDERATION OF (144) PENSION APPLICATIONS AND (65) WITHDRAWAL APPLICATIONS**

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

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

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

### **Case of Jerome W. Cotton, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits – Plan B**

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

According to Mr. Cotton, on September 13, 2015 while placing a robbery suspect under arrest an altercation ensued. Mr. Cotton states that he placed one handcuff on the suspect when the suspect violently began to resist arrest. A physical scuffle ensued, and Mr. Cotton sustained injuries to both knees and his left elbow.

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

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

### **Case of Byron L. Hampton, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits – Plan J**

This is an application submitted by Byron Hampton, former Agronomist II with the Water Department for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan “J”.

According to Mr. Hampton over the span of fourteen (14) years of employment with the Biosolids Utilization Unit of the Water Department he has been exposed to biosolids, airborne particles, and burning compost that contributed to the development of his condition.

Sharolyn Murphy made a motion to deny. Marsha Greene-Jones seconded the motion. The motion to deny failed 3-5

Carol Stukes-Baylor made a motion to approve. Kellan White seconded the motion.

**The motion to approve carried 5-3.**

### **Case of LaMar B. Brown, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits - Plan Y**

This is an application submitted by LaMar Brown, former Water Distribution Repair Worker with the Water Department for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan “Y”.

According to Mr. Brown, on September 15, 2016 while shutting off a fire hydrant he slipped off the curb and fell backwards injuring his neck and left shoulder.

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

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

**Case of Paul F. Daley, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits - Plan “Y”**

This is an application submitted by Paul Daley former Communications Audio/Video Technician with the OIT Department for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan “Y”.

According to Mr. Daley, on December 3, 2014 he was working with a co-worker in the Municipal Services Building. Mr. Daley states that while lifting a phone switch he felt a “pop” and sustained an injury.

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

**The motion to approve carried 5-3.**

**Case of Thomas Jackson, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits - Plan “Y”**

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

According to Mr. Jackson, on or about January 2012 and sometime during 2016 he began to notice increased pain in his hip, knees, and hands. Mr. Jackson states that the pains are due to the cumulative nature of his former position.

Sharolyn Murphy made a motion to deny. Marsha Greene-Jones seconded the motion.

**The motion to deny carried 4-2-2.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Case of Elbert Fields, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits - Plan “Y”**

This case was denied at the Board meeting on September 27, 2018. A hearing panel was held on July 24, 2019.

The hearing panel recommendations are as follows:

Carol Stukes-Baylor:	Approve
Kellan White:	Approve
Marsha Greene-Jones:	Approve

Case Summary:

This is an application submitted by Elbert Fields, former Automotive Maintenance Technician with the Department of Fleet Management for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan “Y”.

According to Mr. Fields, on March 15, 2010 while removing tires from a vehicle in order to check the brakes he injured his back.

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

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Executive Director's Report** – Mr. Bielli updated the Board on the One Philly system and a discussion ensued.

**Litigation Summary** – Ms. Berkowitz stated that Avery v. BOP case (SCD) was finally affirmed after five years. The other cases are in holding patterns and listed on the Summary.

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

**The meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM.**