

**CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
BOARD OF PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT
Meeting of December 5, 2019**

MINUTES

On December 5, 2019, 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
 Ronald Stagliano
 Rebecca Rhynhart
 Christopher Rupe
 Marsha Greene-Jones
 Carol Stukes-Baylor
 Brian Coughlin
 Veronica Pankey
 Sharolyn Murphy
 Francois Dutchie
 Marcell Pratt

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– Investment Unit
 Pam Cox - Financial Investment News
 Keith Graham – Bercamot Asset Management
 Patti Melcher, David Finan – Elv Capital
 Brad Nyce, Bina Kumar – Nationwide
 James Kirby, Natalie Garcia, Antonella Nopolitan – Deerpan Capital
 Matt Coyne, Michelle Davidson – Torrey Cove
 Kweku Obed, David Smith, Matt Coyne – Marquette
 Sara DeNault, Nick Hand – Phila. Office of the Controller
 Kass Everett, David Robb – Janney Montgomery Scott LLC

Jacqueline Dunn called the meeting to order and stated that the first order of business was the Consideration of the Minutes of November 14, 2019.

Ronald Stagliano made a motion to approve the Minutes of November 14, 2019. Brian Coughlin seconded the motion.

The motion to approve carried unanimously 8-0.

APPLICATION FOR SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY BENEFITS

Case of Troy Bolden, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits- Plan 16

This is an application submitted by Troy Bolden, former Operation Repair Worker with the Water Department for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan "16".

According to Mr. Bolden, on January 6, 2017 while excavating a hole he injured his wrist. Mr. Bolden states that he jabbed the iron "heavy bar" into the dirt striking a piece of concrete, the impact felt like an "electrical vibration" that traveled into his wrist.

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

The motion to approve carried unanimously 8-0.

Case of Gregory T. Washington, Application for Service-Connected Disability Benefits - Plan Y

This is an application submitted by Gregory Washington, former Industrial Electrician II with the Commerce Department for Service-Connected Disability benefits under Pension Plan "Y".

According to Mr. Washington on May 19, 2015 he hit his right elbow while unloading a pallet from the truck in the electrical shop. Mr. Washington further states that the impact caused damage to his right elbow.

Ronald Stagliano made a motion to table for 30 days. Veronica Pankey seconded the motion.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Case of Jaime Garcia, Deceased, Application for Survivorship Benefits under Option 4

This case was **tabled** at the September 26, 2019 Board meeting for an opinion from the Law Department.

Case History:

This is an application for survivor benefits by Ronald Garcia as the spouse of Jaime Garcia, deceased, under option 4 in Plan J.

Jaime Garcia, a Health Services Social Work Supervisor, retired on June 1, 2009. He died on February 19, 2018. At the time of his retirement, Mr. Garcia chose survivorship option 4. Jaime and Ronald Garcia were married on October 24, 2013. Mr. Ronald Garcia is applying as the legal spouse/life partner of Mr. Garcia. He said that they were in a committed partnership from July 1998 until death. He states they were unable to enter a life partnership agreement in Philadelphia because Ronald Garcia resided in New Jersey while Jaime Garcia resided in Philadelphia.

Carol Stukes-Baylor made a motion to approve. A discussion ensued and it was agreed that if the proper documentation was received a hearing panel would not be necessary.

Brian Coughlin made a motion to send to a hearing panel and to request documentation from the applicant. Sharolyn Murphy seconded the motion.

The motion to send to a hearing panel and to request further documentation carried unanimously 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Director's Report – Mr. Bielli stated that the State and annual audits are continuing and should be completed shortly. The Plan booklets have been peer reviewed and are being reviewed by the Law Department.

The final draft of the GASBE 67/68 report by Cheiron will be presented in February, 2020.

Litigation Summary – Ms. Berkowitz stated there are not any changes.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.