

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE ROCK ISLAND FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION FUND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JANUARY 25, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Rock Island Firefighters' Pension Fund Board of Trustees was held via videoconference on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. without a quorum of the public body physically present because of a disaster declaration related to COVID-19 public health concerns affecting the City of Rock Island. The Rock Island Firefighters' Pension Fund Board President determined that an in-person meeting with all participants was not practical, prudent or feasible because of the disaster, pursuant to notice.

CALL TO ORDER: Trustee Jacobs called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Trustee Linda Barnes (April 2025), Jim Fobert (April 2025), Shellee Showalter (April 2023), Nicholas Border (April 2024) and Chad Jacobs (April 2023)

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Patrick Roberts, Reimer Dobrovolny & LaBardi PC; Sara Gutierrez, Lauterbach & Amen, LLP (L&A)

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: *October 26, 2022 Regular Meeting:* The Board reviewed the October 26, 2022 regular meeting minutes. A motion was made by Trustee Border and seconded by Trustee Fobert to approve the October 26, 2022 regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Jacobs, Barnes, Fobert, Showalter and Border

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Meeting Minutes: There were no closed session meeting minutes for review.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT – LAUTERBACH & AMEN, LLP: *Monthly Financial Report and Presentation and Approval of Bills:* The Board reviewed the Monthly Financial Report for the eleven-month period ending November 30, 2022 prepared by L&A. As of November 30, 2022, the net position held in trust for pension benefits is \$25,418,758.44 for a change in position of (\$3,148,451.88). The Board also reviewed the Cash Analysis Report, Revenue Report, Expense Report, Member Contribution Report, Payroll Journal and the Vendor Check Report for the period September 1, 2022 through November 30, 2022 in the amount of \$165,478.72. A motion was made by Trustee Barnes and seconded by Trustee Showalter to accept the Monthly Financial Report as presented and to approve the disbursements shown on the Vendor Check Report in the amount of \$165,478.72. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Jacobs, Barnes, Fobert, Showalter and Border

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Additional Bills, if any: There were no additional bills presented for approval.

Discussion/Possible Action – Cash Management Policy: The Board discussed the Cash Management Policy and determined that no changes are required at this time.

INVESTMENT REPORT: FPIF – Marquette Associates: The Board reviewed the FPIF Monthly Summary prepared by Marquette Associates for the period ending October 31, 2022. As of October 31, 2022 the one-month total net return is 3.4% and the year-to-date total net return is (18.2%) for an ending market value of \$6,952,824,020. The current asset allocation is as follows: Total Equity at 63.6%, Fixed Income at 30.0%, Real Estate at 5.2% and Cash 1.2%.

Statement of Results: The Board reviewed the Statement of Results prepared by Northern Trust for the period ending November 30, 2022. The beginning net asset value (NAV) is \$23,185,477.47, the ending NAV is \$24,958,467.10, the month-to-date net return is 6.18% and the year-to-date net return is (13.49%). A motion was made by Trustee Barnes and seconded by Trustee Border to acknowledge receipt and review of the FPIF Monthly Summary and Statement of Results as prepared by Northern Trust. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Jacobs, Barnes, Fobert, Showalter and Border
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS: Affidavits of Continued Eligibility: The Board noted that L&A mailed Affidavits of Continued Eligibility to all pensioners on December 31, 2022 with a due date of January 31, 2023. A status update will be provided at the next regular meeting.

Statements of Economic Interest: The Board noted that the List of Filers must be submitted to the County by the City of Rock Island by February 1, 2023. Statements of Economic Interest will be sent to all registered filers who will need to respond by the deadline of May 1, 2023.

TRUSTEE TRAINING UPDATES: The Board reviewed the Trustee Training Summary and discussed upcoming training opportunities. Trustees were reminded to submit any certificates of completion to L&A for recordkeeping.

Approval of Trustee Training Registration Fees and Reimbursable Expenses: The Board discussed the upcoming IPPFA 16-hour in-person Certified Trustee Program held at the NIU Outreach Center in Naperville, Illinois on March 7, 2022 through March 8, 2022 and noted the registration fee for Trustee Border was previously approved in the amount of \$500, however the Rock Island Firefighters' Pension Fund was reimbursed \$450 from IPPFA due to Trustee Border not being able to attend. A motion was made by Trustee Showalter and seconded by Trustee Fobert to approve the additional \$50 in registration fees for Trustee Border to attend the IPPFA Certified Training Program and to authorize L&A to register him as discussed. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Jacobs, Barnes, Fobert, Showalter and Border
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP/WITHDRAWALS FROM FUND: Application for Membership – Gabriel Rogers and Sean Toohey: The Board reviewed the Application for Membership submitted by Gabriel Rogers. A motion was made by Trustee Fobert and seconded by Trustee Border to

accept Gabriel Rogers into the Rock Island Firefighters' Pension Fund effective May 2, 2022, as a Tier II participant. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Jacobs, Barnes, Fobert, Showalter and Border
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The Board also reviewed the Application for Membership submitted by Sean Toohey. A motion was made by Trustee Fobert and seconded by Trustee Barnes to accept Sean Toohey into the Rock Island Firefighters' Pension Fund effective September 19, 2022, as a Tier II participant. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Jacobs, Barnes, Fobert, Showalter and Border
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

APPLICATIONS FOR RETIREMENT/DISABILITY BENEFITS: *Deceased Surviving Spouse – Wanda Wise:* The Board noted that surviving spouse Wanda Wise passed away November 25, 2022 and her pension benefit has ceased.

Approve Regular Retirement Benefits – Michael Claeys and Jeffrey Yerkey: The Board reviewed the regular retirement benefit calculation for Michael Claeys prepared by L&A. Lieutenant Claeys had an entry date of September 8, 1997, retirement date of January 5, 2023, effective date of pension of January 6, 2023, 50 years of age at date of retirement, 25 years, 3 months of creditable service, applicable salary of \$97,894.18, applicable pension percentage of 63.13%, amount of originally granted monthly pension of \$5,149.64 and amount of originally granted annual pension of \$61,795.68. A motion was made by Trustee Border and seconded by Trustee Fobert to approve Michael Claeys' regular retirement benefit calculated by L&A. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Jacobs, Barnes, Fobert, Showalter and Border
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The Board also reviewed the regular retirement benefit calculation for Jeffrey Yerkey prepared by L&A. Chief Yerkey had an entry date of March 19, 1990, retirement date of January 8, 2023, effective date of pension of January 9, 2023, 58 years of age at date of retirement, 32 years, 9 months of creditable service, applicable salary of \$145,921.65, applicable pension percentage of 75%, amount of originally granted monthly pension of \$9,120.10 and amount of originally granted annual pension of \$109,441.20. A motion was made by Trustee Fobert and seconded by Trustee Showalter to approve Jeffrey Yerkey's regular retirement benefit calculated by L&A. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Jacobs, Barnes, Fobert, Showalter and Border
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS: *Discussion/Possible Action – Lauterbach & Amen, LLP Engagement Letter:* The Board reviewed the L&A three-year engagement letter. A motion was made by Trustee Fobert and seconded by Trustee Barnes to engage L&A in the annual amounts as follows: \$40,300 for the year ended December 31, 2023; \$41,490 for the year ended December 31, 2024; and \$42,740 for the year ended December 31, 2025. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Jacobs, Barnes, Fobert, Showalter and Border
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Reciprocity Update – Jordan Manion: The Board reviewed the L&A correspondence sent to Jordan Manion regarding his request to combine creditable service from the Byron FPD Firefighters' Pension and the Rock Island Firefighters' Pension Fund. No further action is needed.

Review/Approve – Fiduciary Liability Insurance Renewal: The Board reviewed the fiduciary liability insurance renewal provided by Hudson through Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. A motion was made by Trustee Fobert and seconded by Trustee Showalter to approve payment of the fiduciary liability insurance renewal effective January 31, 2023 through January 31, 2024 in the amount of \$9,716. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Jacobs, Barnes, Fobert, Showalter and Border
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Approve Annual Cost of Living Adjustments for Pensioners: The Board reviewed the 2023 Cost of Living Adjustments calculated by L&A. A motion was made by Trustee Fobert and seconded by Trustee Border to approve the 2023 Cost of Living Adjustments as required by statute and calculated by L&A. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Jacobs, Barnes, Fobert, Showalter and Border
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Review Trustee Term Expirations and Election Procedures: The Board noted that the active member term currently held by Trustee Jacobs is expiring on April 30, 2023. Trustee Jacobs wishes to remain on the Board if nominated. L&A will conduct an election on behalf of the Pension Fund for one of the two active member Trustee positions.

The Board also noted that Trustee Showalter's appointed term expires April 30, 2023 and reappointment will be requested. An update will be provided at the next regular meeting.

Review/Approve – Updated Local Account Collateralization Agreement: The Board reviewed the memorandum prepared by L&A regarding the successor of the third-party custodian from Bank of America to The Bank of New York Mellon to continue collateralization of the BMO Harris Bank operating account. Further discussion will be held at the next scheduled meeting.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – REIMER DOBROVOLNY & LABARDI PC: *Legal Updates:* The Board reviewed the *Legal and Legislative Update* quarterly newsletter. Attorney Roberts discussed recent court cases and decisions, as well as general pension matters with the Board.

Trustee Jacobs left the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

Annual Independent Medical Examination – Andrew West: Attorney Roberts noted the independent medical examination (IME) for Andrew West is in process. An update will be provided at the next regular meeting.

Review, Adopt and Publish Decision and Order – Christian Naab: Attorney Roberts noted that the fee statement, retainer agreement and workers' compensation settlement agreement for Christian Naab's Decision and Order were received. An update will be provided at the next regular meeting.

CLOSED SESSION, IF NEEDED: There was no need for closed session.

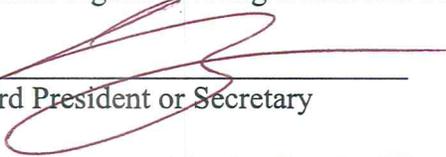
ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Trustee Fobert and seconded by Trustee Border to adjourn the meeting at 3:22 p.m. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Barnes, Fobert, Showalter and Border

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Jacobs

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.



Board President or Secretary

Minutes approved by the Board of Trustees on April 26, 2023

Minutes prepared by Sara Gutierrez, Pension Services Administrator, Lauterbach & Amen, LLP