

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE ROCK ISLAND FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION FUND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JULY 26, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Rock Island Firefighters' Pension Fund Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. in the Rock Island Police Department Community Room located at 1212 5th Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois 61201, pursuant to notice.

CALL TO ORDER: Trustee Jacobs called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Trustee Linda Barnes (April 2025), Jim Fobert (April 2025), Nicholas Border (April 2024) and Chad Jacobs (April 2026)

ABSENT: Trustee Shellee Showalter (December 2026)

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Nemura Pencyla (*via teleconference*), Reimer Dobrovolny & LaBardi PC; Sara Gutierrez, Lauterbach & Amen, LLP (L&A)

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: *April 26, 2023 Regular Meeting:* The Board reviewed the April 26, 2023 regular meeting minutes. A motion was made by Trustee Fobert and seconded by Trustee Border to approve the April 26, 2023 regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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

Review/Approve – Destruction of Remote Meeting Recordings: The Board reviewed the remote open meeting recordings log. A motion was made by Trustee Border and seconded by Trustee Barnes to destroy the April 22, 2020, July 22, 2020, October 28, 2020, December 9, 2020, January 27, 2021 and April 28, 2021 remote open meeting recordings. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT – LAUTERBACH & AMEN, LLP: *Monthly Financial Report and Presentation and Approval of Bills:* The Board reviewed the Monthly Financial Report for the five-month period ending May 31, 2023 prepared by L&A. As of May 31, 2023, the net position held in trust for pension benefits is \$23,703,290.84 for a change in position of (\$839,572.85). 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 March 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023 in the amount of \$172,042.78. A motion was made by Trustee Border and seconded by Trustee Barnes to accept the Monthly Financial Report as presented and to approve the disbursements shown on the Vendor Check Report in the amount of \$172,042.78. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Jacobs, Barnes, Fobert and Border

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Showalter

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 Investment Summary prepared by Marquette Associates for the period ending May 31, 2023. As of May 31, 2023 the one-month total net return is (1.2%) and the year-to-date total net return is 4.9% for an ending market value of \$7,609,253,851. The current asset allocation is as follows: Equity at 65%, Fixed Income at 29.1%, Real Estate at 4.7% and Cash at 1.2%.

Statement of Results: The Board reviewed the FPIF Statement of Results prepared by Northern Trust for the period ending May 31, 2023. The beginning net asset value (NAV) is \$23,911,896.77, the ending value is \$23,218,645.84 and as of May 31, 2023 the month-to-date net return is (1.24%) and the year-to-date net return is 4.88%.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS: Active Member File Maintenance: The Board noted that L&A prepared Active Member File Maintenance letters for distribution to all active members requesting any additional pension file documents.

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 trustee training opportunities for 2023. A motion was made by Trustee Jacobs and seconded by Trustee Barnes to approve the registration fee for Trustee Fobert to complete the 2023 IPPFA Online Seminar Course in the amount of \$275. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Jacobs, Barnes, Fobert and Border

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Showalter

The Board discussed the 2023 Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois (AFFI) Pension Seminar being held October 23, 2023 through October 24, 2023 in Naperville, Illinois. A motion was made by Trustee Border and seconded by Trustee Fobert to approve the registration fee, mileage and lodging expenses for Trustee Jacobs to attend the 2023 AFFI Pension Seminar. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Jacobs, Barnes, Fobert and Border

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Showalter

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP/WITHDRAWALS FROM FUND: Deceased Pensioner – Barry Smiley/Approval of Surviving Spouse Benefits – Beth Smiley: The Board noted that Barry Smiley passed away on July 11, 2023. The Board reviewed the surviving spouse benefit calculation for Beth Smiley with an effective date of July 12, 2023 for a monthly benefit of \$3,708.30 with no additional increases. A motion was made by Trustee Fobert and seconded by Trustee Border to approve the surviving spouse benefit of Beth Smiley calculated by L&A. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

APPLICATIONS FOR RETIREMENT/DISABILITY BENEFITS: *Approve Revised Duty Disability Benefit, Variance and Attorney Fees – Christian Naab:* The Board reviewed the revised duty disability benefit calculation for Christian Naab prepared by L&A. Lieutenant/Paramedic Naab had an entry date of March 7, 1988, disability date of November 30, 2019, effective date of pension of June 25, 2020, 65 years of age at date of disability, 31 years and 8 months of creditable service, applicable salary of \$90,555.90, applicable pension percentage of 75%, amount of originally granted monthly pension of \$5,659.74 and amount of originally granted annual pension of \$67,916.88. The Board reviewed the retro benefits variance and attorney fees calculation for Christian Naab prepared by L&A. The retro pension benefit due to Mr. Naab for the period June 25, 2020 through June 30, 2020 is \$83.84 and the attorney fees per Pension Board direction is \$8,449.85. A motion was made by Trustee Barnes and seconded by Trustee Fobert to approve Christian Naab's revised duty disability benefit calculated by L&A and the variance and attorney fees as reviewed. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

OLD BUSINESS: *IDOI Annual Statement:* The Board noted that the finalized report was filed prior to the June 30, 2023 deadline.

NEW BUSINESS: *Review/Approve – Actuarial Valuation and Tax Levy Request:* The Board reviewed the finalized Actuarial Valuation prepared by L&A. Trustee Barnes noted that the City will review the finalized Actuarial Valuation and the FPIF Actuarial Valuation prepared by Foster & Foster at the City Council Study Session on August 14, 2023. Further discussion will be held at the next regular meeting.

Review/Adopt – Municipal Compliance Report: The Board reviewed the Municipal Compliance Report prepared by the City of Rock Island. A motion was made by Trustee Border and seconded by Trustee Fobert to adopt the MCR as prepared and to authorize signatures by the Board President and Secretary. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

Board Officer Elections – President and Secretary: The Board discussed Board Officer Elections and nominated the slate of Officers as follows: Trustee Jacobs as President and Trustee Fobert as Secretary. A motion was made by Trustee Border and seconded by Trustee Barnes to elect the slate of Officers as stated. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

FOIA Officer and OMA Designee: The Board discussed maintaining Trustee Barnes as the FOIA Officer and OMA Designee. A motion was made by Trustee Border and seconded by Trustee Fobert to maintain Trustee Barnes as the FOIA Officer and OMA Designee. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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

Disability Status Update – John Karns: Attorney Pencyla noted that subpoenas were issued for John Karns' medical records and upon receipt of the records, Mr. Karns will be scheduled for his independent medical examinations and the final report will be sent to the Board prior to the disability hearing. An update will be provided at the next regular meeting.

Annual Independent Medical Examination – Andrew West: Attorney Pencyla noted that Andrew West attended his annual independent medical examination and it was determined that he remains disabled at this time. A motion was made by Trustee Border and seconded by Trustee Fobert to continue the disability benefits of Andrew West based on a finding that he remains disabled and subject to further annual examinations until age 50.

Review/Approve – Attorney Fee Increases: The Board discussed the Reimer Dobrovoly & LaBardi PC hourly and quarterly retainer fee updated rates effective July 1, 2023. A motion was made by Trustee Border and seconded by Trustee Barnes to approve the increased hourly rate to \$200 per hour for Partners and \$175 per hour for an Associate Attorney with the quarterly retainer to remain at \$750 for Reimer Dobrovoly & LaBardi PC services. Motion carried by roll call vote.

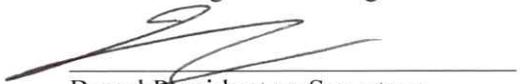
AYES: Trustees Jacobs, Barnes, Fobert and Border
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Trustee Showalter

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 3:21 p.m. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.



Board President or Secretary

Minutes approved by the Board of Trustees on 10/25/2023

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