

**Laborers' and Retirement Board Employees'
Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting No. 983**

March 21, 2017

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**LABORERS' & RETIREMENT BOARD EMPLOYEES'
ANNUITY & BENEFIT FUND OF CHICAGO**

March 21, 2017

Report of Meeting No. 983 held on March 21, 2017, starting at 1:01 p.m. at the office of the Laborers' and Retirement Board Employees' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago ("Fund" or "LABF"). The following notes attendance:

Board Members:	Victor Roa	– President (Union Appointed Member)
	Erin Keane	– Vice President (City Comptroller, City of Chicago)
	Carol Hamburger	– Trustee (Managing Deputy Comptroller, City of Chicago)
	James Capasso, Jr.	– Trustee (Annuitant Elected Member)
	Carole Brown	– Trustee (Chief Financial Officer, City of Chicago)
	James Joiner	– Acted as Secretary for meeting (Active Employee Elected Member)
Staff & Consultants:	Graham Grady	– Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, Fund's Counsel
	Cary Donham	– Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, Fund's Counsel
	Dr. Terence Sullivan	– Fund's Physician
	Michael Walsh	– Executive Director and Chief Investment Officer
	Peggy Grabowski	– Comptroller
	John Carroll	– Compliance Administrator
	Sheila Jones	– Administrative Coordinator
	Nadia Oumata	– Manager of Accounting and Investments
	Margie Grazevich	– Payment Services Manager
	Nicole Evangelista	– Payment Services Coordinator
	Irene Velazquez	– Payment Services Assistant
	Tina Rhoten	– Benefits Manager
	Paul Rzeszutko	– Assistant Benefits Manager
	Miriam Martinez	– Chief Investment Officer, City Treasurer's Office
Absent:	Kurt Summers, Jr.	– Trustee (City Treasurer, City of Chicago)
	Michael LoVerde	– Secretary (Active Employee Elected Member)
Observer:	None	

President Roa asked Trustee Joiner to assume the duties of Secretary for the meeting. President Roa determined that a quorum was present after Trustee Joiner took attendance.



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Board Members:

I am transmitting herewith the minutes for the meeting of the Retirement Board which was held on **March 21, 2017**. The minutes are comprised of the following:

- Public Participation
- Approval of minutes from prior meetings
- Schedule A: Applications for Refunds
 1. Refund of Contributions Due to Separation from Service
 2. Miscellaneous Refunds
- Schedule B: Applications for Annuities
 1. Employee Annuities
 2. Spouse and Child Annuities
- Schedule C: Adjustment Refunds to New Annuitants
- Schedule D: Applications for Duty Disability Benefits
- Schedule E: Applications for Ordinary Disability Benefits
- Schedule F: Applications for Extension of Duty Disability Benefits
- Schedule G: Applications for Extension of Ordinary Disability Benefits
- Schedule H: Payment of Uncashed Checks of Deceased Members
- Schedule I: Payment of Administrative Expenses
- Investments Report
- Executive Session No. 1
- Investments Report Continued
- Administrative Report
- Legal Report
- Executive Session No. 2
- Legal Report Continued
- Executive Session No. 3
- Adjournment

All the foregoing matters were checked upon receipt into the office of the Retirement Board and were found to be hereinafter set forth.

Sincerely,

Michael R. LoVerde
Retirement Board Secretary

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Trustee Hamburger, seconded by Trustee Capasso, that the regular minutes of Meeting No. 982 held on February 21, 2017 be approved as submitted.

Roll-call: For-- Trustees Roa, Keane, Hamburger, Capasso, Brown and Joiner.
Against -- None.

It was moved by Trustee Hamburger, seconded by Trustee Joiner, that the minutes of the executive sessions 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Meeting No. 982 held on February 21, 2017 be approved as submitted.

Roll-call: For-- Trustees Roa, Keane, Hamburger, Capasso, Brown and Joiner.
Against -- None.

SCHEDULE A – APPLICATIONS FOR REFUNDS

1. Refund of Contributions Due to Separation from Service

It was moved by Trustee Hamburger, seconded by Trustee Capasso, that Refunds of Contributions Due to Separation from Service be approved and ordered paid.

Roll-call: For-- Trustees Roa, Keane, Hamburger, Capasso, Brown and Joiner.
Against -- None.

2. Miscellaneous Refunds – Refund to Heirs of Deceased Members and Refunds to MEABF - Errors in Deductions

It was moved by Trustee Joiner, seconded by Trustee Brown that the Refunds to Heirs of Deceased Members and Refunds to MEABF - Errors in Deductions be approved and ordered paid.

Roll-call: For-- Trustees Roa, Keane, Hamburger, Capasso, Brown and Joiner.
Against -- None.

SCHEDULE B – APPLICATIONS FOR ANNUITIES

1. Employee Annuities

It was moved by Trustee Capasso, seconded by Trustee Hamburger, that applications presented for Employee Annuities be approved and ordered paid.

Roll-call: For-- Trustees Roa, Keane, Hamburger, Capasso, Brown and Joiner.
Against -- None.

2. Spouse and Child Annuities

It was moved by Trustee Hamburger, seconded by Trustee Joiner, that applications presented for Spouse and Child Annuities be approved and ordered paid.

Roll-call: For-- Trustees Roa, Keane, Hamburger, Capasso, Brown and Joiner.
Against -- None.

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SCHEDULE C – ADJUSTMENT REFUNDS TO NEW ANNUITANTS

It was moved by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Capasso, that Adjustment Refunds to New Annuitants be approved and ordered paid.

Roll-call: For-- Trustees Roa, Keane, Hamburger, Capasso, Brown and Joiner.
Against -- None.

SCHEDULE D – APPLICATIONS FOR DUTY DISABILITY BENEFITS

It was moved by Trustee Hamburger, seconded by Trustee Joiner, that the applications for Duty Disability Benefits be approved and ordered paid.

Roll-call: For-- Trustees Roa, Keane, Hamburger, Capasso, Brown and Joiner.
Against -- None.

SCHEDULE E – APPLICATIONS FOR ORDINARY DISABILITY BENEFITS

It was moved by Trustee Hamburger, seconded by Trustee Brown, that the applications for Ordinary Disability Benefits be approved and ordered paid.

Roll-call: For-- Trustees Roa, Keane, Hamburger, Capasso, Brown and Joiner.
Against -- None.

SCHEDULE F – EXTENSION OF DUTY DISABILITY BENEFITS

It was moved by Trustee Hamburger, seconded by Trustee Capasso, that the applications for Extension of Duty Disability Benefits, be approved and ordered paid.

Roll-call: For-- Trustees Roa, Keane, Hamburger, Capasso, Brown and Joiner.
Against -- None.

SCHEDULE G – EXTENSION OF ORDINARY DISABILITY BENEFITS

It was moved by Trustee Joiner, seconded by Trustee Hamburger, that the applications for Extension of Ordinary Disability Benefits be approved and ordered paid.

Roll-call: For-- Trustees Roa, Keane, Hamburger, Capasso, Brown and Joiner.
Against -- None.

SCHEDULE H – PAYMENT OF UNCASHED CHECKS OF DECEASED MEMBERS

None.

SCHEDULE I – PAYMENT OF EXPENSES

It was moved by Trustee Joiner, seconded by Trustee Capasso, that Administrative and Investment Invoices be approved and ordered paid.

Roll-call: For-- Trustees Roa, Keane, Hamburger, Capasso, Brown and Joiner.
Against -- None.

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INVESTMENTS REPORT

Investment Consultant Search

Mr. Walsh requested that this topic be discussed in executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION NO. 1

At 1:09 p.m., Trustee Hamburger requested an executive session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(7) to discuss the sale or purchase of securities, investments or investment contracts. Trustee Keane seconded the motion.

Roll-call: For-- Trustees Roa, Keane, Hamburger, Capasso, Brown and Joiner.
Against -- None.

At 4:58 p.m., Trustee Hamburger made a motion, seconded by Trustee Keane, that the executive session be adjourned and that the Board return to open session.

Roll-call: For-- Trustees Roa, Keane, Hamburger, Capasso, Brown and Joiner.
Against -- None.

The Trustees took no action.

Trustee Carole Brown left at 4:58 pm.

February 28, 2017 Preliminary Performance Report/Manager Review

These items were not reviewed at the meeting.

Resolution on Fossil Fuels Divestment Update

The Board discussed the letter from the City of Chicago's Committee on Finance regarding the resolution calling for divestment in fossil fuel companies. Mr. Walsh reviewed this matter and presented a draft of the Fund's response to the letter. The Board gave direction to proceed with the response letter to the City of Chicago's Committee on Finance.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Cash Needs

Mr. Walsh reviewed the cash needs for the month of March 2017.

Legislative Matters

Mr. Walsh informed the Board that he would be joining a phone call on March 22, 2017 with MEABF and representatives from Senator John Cullerton's office regarding Senate Bill 16. Mr. Walsh reminded the Board of the deadline for Governor to sign Senate Bill 2437.

Miscellaneous

Special Investment Meeting – The Board decided to cancel the special investment meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 9:00 at the Fund office.

Statements of Economic Interest – Mr. Carroll reminded the Board that they should receive an email from the County Clerk regarding the next steps in completing the Statement of Economic Interest for year 2016.

LEGAL REPORT

DV Urban Litigation

Mr. Donham updated the Board on the DV Urban matter and indicated that additional details will be provided at the next Board meeting. The Trustees decided to enter executive session to discuss another aspect of the DV Urban matter.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION NO. 2

At 5:12 p.m., Trustee Hamburger requested an executive session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(7) to discuss the sale or purchase of securities, investments or investment contracts. Trustee Keane seconded the motion.

Roll-call: For-- Trustees Roa, Keane, Hamburger, Capasso and Joiner.
Against -- None.

At 5:16 p.m., Trustee Hamburger made a motion, seconded by Trustee Joiner, that the executive session be adjourned and that the Board return to open session.

Roll-call: For-- Trustees Roa, Keane, Hamburger, Capasso and Joiner.
Against -- None.

The Trustees took no action.

Johnson Litigation

Mr. Donham updated the Board on the status of the Johnson Litigation and noted that Mr. Krislov's petition for the pension funds to pay his legal fees was denied but that an appeal was expected.

Coveliers Litigation

Mr. Donham reported that the brief in the Coveliers appeal is to be filed on April 25, 2017. Mr. Donham will circulate a draft of the brief to Trustees prior to its filing.

Securities Litigation

This item was discussed in executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION NO. 3

At 5:16 p.m., Trustee Joiner requested an executive session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) to discuss potential or current litigation of the Fund. Trustee Hamburger seconded the motion.

Roll-call: For-- Trustees Roa, Keane, Hamburger, Capasso and Joiner.
Against -- None.

At 5:19 p.m., Trustee Joiner made a motion, seconded by Trustee Capasso, that the executive session be adjourned and that the Board return to open session.

Roll-call: For-- Trustees Roa, Keane, Hamburger, Capasso and Joiner.
Against -- None.

The Trustees took no action.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, at 5:19 p.m., Trustee Hamburger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Keane seconded the motion.

Roll-call: For-- Trustees Roa, Keane, Hamburger, Capasso and Joiner.
Against -- None.