

**Laborers' and Retirement Board Employees'
Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting No. 1046**

June 21, 2022

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**LABORERS' AND RETIREMENT BOARD EMPLOYEES'
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Report of Meeting No. 1046 held on June 21, 2022, starting at 12:07 p.m. As permitted by P.A. 101-0640, the meeting was held via videoconference/teleconference and in person. The following notes attendance:

Board Members:

Victor Roa	– President
Michael LoVerde	– Secretary
James Capasso, Jr.	– Trustee
Melissa Conyears-Ervin	– Trustee
Reshma Soni	– Trustee
Stephen Skardon	– Trustee

Board Members Absent:

Jennie Bennett	– Trustee
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Staff & Consultants:

Joseph Burns	– Jacobs, Burns, Orlove & Hernandez LLP, Fund Counsel
Becky Kalas*	-- Ford Harrison LLP, Fund Counsel for Employment Matters
James Wesner	– Marquette Associates, Investment Consultant
Kweku Obed	– Marquette Associates, Investment Consultant
Neil Capps	– Marquette Associates, Investment Consultant
Dr. Terence Sullivan*	– Fund Physician
Alex Rivera*	– Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company
Jeff Tebeau*	– Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company
Tina Consola	– Executive Director
Peggy Grabowski	– Comptroller
John Carroll	– Compliance Administrator
Sheila Jones	– Administrative Coordinator
Paul Rzeszutko*	– Benefits Manager
Chris Lucas*	– Senior Developer/Staff Actuary
Mark Oliver	– Senior Investment Manager

Guest(s):

Thomas Crivellone	– Observer, City of Chicago
Craig Slack	– Office of the Treasurer, City of Chicago
Mark Myslinski	– Office of the Treasurer, City of Chicago
Lyndsay Saienni	– Financial Investment News
Joe Ebisa	– With Intelligence

** Denotes partial attendance during the open portion of the meeting.*

President Roa determined that a quorum was present after Secretary LoVerde took attendance.

President Roa read a statement regarding P.A. 101-0640 which establishes guidelines for the Open Meetings Act as it pertains to remote meetings during this or any other disaster or emergency and determined that an in-person meeting was not practical, prudent, or feasible because of the COVID-19 pandemic. President Roa then confirmed the attendance of all Board members, Fund staff, consultants, and the general public, verified that each person could hear clearly, and informed all participants that the meeting was being recorded. President Roa further informed the Board that all votes would be taken by roll call with each Board member identifying themselves before voting.

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Board Members:

I am transmitting herewith the minutes for the meeting of the Retirement Board which was held on June 21, 2022. The minutes are comprised of the following:

- Roll Call
- Public Participation
- Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings
- Appointment of New Trustee
- 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, Child, and Reversionary Annuities
- Schedule C: Adjustment Refunds to New Annuitants
- Schedule D: Applications for Duty Disability Benefits
- Schedule E: Applications for Extension of Duty Disability Benefits
- Schedule F: Applications for Ordinary Disability Benefits
- Schedule G: Applications for Extension of Ordinary Disability Benefits
- Schedule H: Payment of Administrative Expenses
- Investments Report
- Administrative Report
- Legal Report
- Executive Session

All the foregoing matters were checked and were found to be hereinafter set forth.

Sincerely,



Michael R. LoVerde
Retirement Board Secretary

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF NEW TRUSTEE

President Roa introduced Thomas Crivellone to the Board and stated that Mr. Crivellone was a possible candidate to replace Trustee Joiner who recently resigned from the City and is no longer a member of the LABF Board. Mr. Crivellone introduced himself, gave a brief summary of his work at the City of Chicago, and expressed that he was excited and honored to have this opportunity.

It was moved by Trustee Capasso, seconded by Trustee LoVerde, to approve the appointment of Thomas Crivellone as Trustee on the Board of LABF to complete the term of former Trustee Joiner ending on December 1, 2024.

Roll call: For -- Trustees Roa, LoVerde, Capasso, Conyears-Ervin, Soni, and Skardon.
Against -- None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Trustee Capasso, seconded by Trustee Skardon that the regular minutes of Meeting Number 1045 held on May 19, 2022 be approved as submitted.

Roll call: For -- Trustees Roa, Capasso, Conyears-Ervin, Soni, and Skardon.
Against -- None.
Abstain -- Trustee LoVerde.

APPROVAL OF NEW BUSINESS APPLICATIONS AND PAYMENTS SCHEDULES A - H

President Roa and the Trustees reviewed the New Business Schedules A – H of the Proposal.

- Schedule A: Applications for Refunds
 1. Refund of Contributions Due to Separation from Service
 2. Miscellaneous Refunds
 - a. Refund to Heirs of Deceased Member
 - b. Refund to other Funds – Errors in Deductions
- Schedule B: Applications for Annuities
 1. Employee Annuities
 2. Spouse, Child, and Reversionary Annuities
- Schedule C: Adjustment Refunds to New Annuitants
- Schedule D: Applications for Duty Disability Benefits
- Schedule E: Applications for Extension of Duty Disability Benefits
- Schedule F: Applications for Ordinary Disability Benefits
- Schedule G: Applications for Extension of Ordinary Disability Benefits
- Schedule H: Payment of Administrative Expenses

Dr. Sullivan confirmed that Schedules D, E, F and G were all in order.

It was moved by Trustee LoVerde, seconded by Trustee Capasso, that Schedules A – H be approved and ordered paid as listed in the Proposal.

Roll call: For -- Trustees Roa, LoVerde, Capasso, Conyears-Ervin, Soni, and Skardon.
Against -- None.

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GABRIEL, ROEDER, SMITH & COMPANY PRESENTATION

Alex Rivera and Jeff Tebeau of Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company (GRS) reviewed a summary of the December 31, 2021 actuarial valuation and GASB 67/68 reports. GRS also presented the Trustees with the Actuarial Report Fact Sheet. The Trustees asked questions about some of the factors that went into the creation of the December 31, 2021 Valuation Report.

It was moved by Trustee Capasso, seconded by Trustee Skardon, to accept the December 31, 2021 Actuarial Valuation prepared by GRS.

Roll call: For -- Trustees Roa, LoVerde, Capasso, Conyears-Ervin, Soni, and Skardon.
Against -- None.

Alex Rivera and Jeff Tebeau exited the meeting following the presentation.

INVESTMENTS REPORT

Market Tracker

Mr. Wesner reviewed the Market Tracker Report for May 31, 2022.

May 31, 2022 Preliminary Performance Report

Mr. Obed reviewed the Fund's May 31, 2022 Preliminary Performance Report. The Trustees and the Investment Consultants discussed possible scenarios for what the rest of the year 2022 could be like.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Funding Resolution

Ms. Consola presented the Funding Resolution for the tax year 2023 for which payment will be received in 2024. Ms. Consola gave an overview of how the payment amount was calculated and reported that the amount required to be contributed by the City of Chicago for the year 2023 is \$111,974,969.

It was moved by Trustee Capasso, seconded by Trustee Skardon, to approve the 2023 Funding Resolution.

Roll call: For -- Trustees Roa, LoVerde, Capasso, Conyears-Ervin, Soni, and Skardon.
Against -- None.

Senate Bill 2958

Ms. Consola reported that on May 6, 2022, Governor Pritzker signed into law Senate Bill 2958. Ms. Consola noted that the actuarially determined employer contribution calculated by GRS starting on July 1, 2022, for Tier 1 members on a leave of absence is 12.57%. She requested a motion to certify the required contribution.

It was moved by Trustee Capasso, seconded by Trustee Skardon, to certify the amount of 12.57% as the required employer contribution for eligible Tier 1 members on a leave of absence.

Roll call: For -- Trustees Roa, LoVerde, Capasso, Conyears-Ervin, Soni, and Skardon.
Against -- None.

Senate Bill 2952

Ms. Consola reported that on May 27, 2022, Governor Pritzker signed Senate Bill 2952, the LABF Treasurer designee amendment, into law. She stated Treasurer Conyears-Ervin has designated Craig Slack as her proxy. Ms. Consola requested a motion to approve the designation.

It was moved by Trustee LoVerde, seconded by Trustee Skardon, to approve Craig Slack as the Treasurer's proxy.

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Roll call: For -- Trustees Roa, LoVerde, Capasso, Conyears-Ervin, Soni, and Skardon.
Against -- None.

The Trustees welcomed Craig Slack. Trustee Conyears-Ervin thanked everyone for their work on this bill. President Roa added that Craig Slack and Tom Crivellone will be sworn in by the City Clerk later in the day on June 21, 2022.

2022 Active Member Election

Ms. Consola reported that the Fund plans to conduct its annual Trustee Election in October 2022 for the position currently held by Trustee LoVerde. In preparation for the upcoming election, Ms. Consola presented a slide outlining several voting options for the Trustees to consider.

Ms. Consola also reported that the Board needed three Trustees to volunteer to be election judges for the election and a possible alternate judge. The Trustees discussed the matter. Trustees Roa, Skardon, and Crivellone volunteered to be election judges.

It was moved by Trustee Capasso, seconded by Trustee Skardon, to conduct the election as a walk-in/drive-in election conducted at three different sites, which include the LABF office, Local 1092 office, and Local 1001 office.

Roll call: For -- Trustees Roa, Capasso, Conyears-Ervin, Soni, and Skardon.
Against -- None.
Abstain -- Trustee LoVerde.

LEGAL REPORT

Underwood Litigation

Ms. Consola reported that at a hearing on May 12, 2022, Judge Cohen directed the Funds to complete reasonable due diligence to identify any individuals at the respective Funds who may have knowledge about the Funds' position in the Korshak litigation and regarding the Funds' alleged changed position in the Underwood litigation. Plaintiff's counsel also raised the issue of seeking documents related to the Funds' position. Ms. Consola reported that the Fund has been working with legal Counsel on a response.

Employee Matters

This topic was discussed in Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION NO. 1

At 1:23 p.m., Trustee Skardon requested an executive session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) to discuss personnel matters. Trustee Capasso seconded the motion.

Roll call: For -- Trustees Roa, LoVerde, Capasso, Conyears-Ervin, Soni, and Skardon.
Against -- None.

Trustees Conyears-Ervin and Soni left the meeting during executive session. As a result, there was no longer a quorum and the meeting ended.