

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
CHATTANOOGA FIRE & POLICE PENSION FUND

May 17, 2018

At the regularly scheduled meeting of the Chattanooga Fire and Police Pension Fund Board of Directors held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2018, President Charlie Thomason presided. The meeting was held at the Pension Office, 6009 John Douglass Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37421.

The meeting convened at 0903 hours with board members Charlie Thomason, Kelly Simmons, Mark Coffman, Joe Shaw, Nathan Vaughn and Chris Hopkins. Attorney Bill Robinson was also present. Phillip McClain was an excused absence.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Kelly Simmons and seconded by Mark Coffman to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2018 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD**

Police Officer Martin Santos appeared before the Board to submit his application for a job-related disability. Officer Santos is currently on light duty. The Board accepted his application and noted this could be a lengthy process.

Police Officer Jason Duggan appeared before the Board to submit his application for a job-related disability. Officer Duggan is currently on light duty. The Board accepted his application and noted this could be a lengthy process.

**LEGAL UPDATE**

Attorney Bill Robinson updated the Board on the status of legislation to convert the Board of Directors to a Board of Trustees and convert the Trustee bank to a custodial bank.

Motion by Mark Coffman and seconded by Kelly Simmons to ratify the decision during its last executive legal session with Attorney Gary Patrick to file a whistleblower complaint against Wells Fargo, as well as file suit in Hamilton County Chancery Court. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board recessed for an executive legal session with Attorney Gary Patrick via telephone conference at 0906 hours. The Board reconvened at 0924 hours.

**MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

Motion by Kelly Simmons and seconded by Mark Coffman to approve the following membership items:

REMOVE FROM THE ROLLS:

- Retired Firefighter Douglas Quinn effective 05/31/2018, passed away 05/13/2018 (2-411)

ADD TO THE ROLLS:

- Assistant Police Chief Edwin D. McPherson, retiring with 25 years and 10 months of service, reduced to a 25 year pension and a 10 month DROP, effective 06/01/2018, participation date of 06/26/1992 (2-411)
- Judy Quinn, 75% Joint & Survivor of Retired Firefighter Douglas Quinn, effective 06/01/2018 (2-411)

REFUND CONTRIBUTIONS:

- Former Police Officer Reuben Justice, terminated effective 05/04/2018, adjusted participation date of 08/30/2013 (2-413)
- Former Fire Engineer Todd Hale, terminated effective 05/04/2018, adjusted participation date of 05/08/2012 (2-413)

PAY DEATH BENEFITS:

- Judy Quinn, designated beneficiary of Douglas Quinn (2-411)

APPROVED DISABILITIES:

- Fire Captain Lloyd Jones, approved for Job-Related Disability, effective 05/01/2018, elected 10 Year Certain J&S Option (Clara Cooper) (2-416, 2-418)

Motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

The Board reviewed the bills paid since the last meeting.

Fund Administrator Katrina Abbott requested the Board fill the vacancies on established committees that have occurred due to changes in Board composition. The previously established committees as of September 7, 2017 are as follows:

- Real Estate Holdings Board is Craig Joel, Kelly Simmons, Doug Kelley, and Chris Hopkins
- Personnel Committee is Craig Joel, Kelly Simmons, Tommy Meeks, and Vickie Haley
- Policy Committee is Vickie Haley, Mark Coffman, Phillip McClain, and Katrina Abbott

Motion by Mark Coffman and seconded by Kelly Simmons to add Charlie Thomason to the Real Estate Holdings Board to fill the vacant seat. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Kelly Simmons and seconded by Mark Coffman to add Charlie Thomason, Nathan Vaughn, and Chris Hopkins to the Personnel Committee to fill the vacant seats. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Mark Coffman and seconded by Nathan Vaughn to add Bill Robinson and Christina Culpepper to the Policy Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board tentatively scheduled the disability hearing for Police Officer Wilbert McLean for June 21, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

Fund Administrator Katrina Abbott noted that the 90 day trial period for Deputy Administrator Christina Culpepper is near its end on June 6, 2018. In light of the increased work load, Katrina Abbott requested the Board to consider hiring Christina Culpepper on a full-time basis effective May 21, 2018. The Board agreed and offered full-time employment to Christina Culpepper, with details to be discussed during the next personnel committee meeting scheduled on June 7, 2018. Katrina Abbott also updated the Board with the final dates and location of its annual meeting in September.

The Board recessed for another executive legal session with Attorney Bill Robinson at 0940 hours.

**AGENDA NOTES**


- Police Officer Wilbert McLean has been scheduled for an IME on May 21, 2018 for JRD application
- New Director Orientation for Police Sergeant Joe Shaw and Police Captain Nathan Vaughn was completed 5/15/18

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business, motion by Mark Coffman and seconded by Joe Shaw to adjourn at 1050 hours. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Mark Coffman, Secretary

Date Approved: 5-8-2018  
  
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Charlie Thomason, President

<u>Visitors not Appearing Before the Board</u>	
Ron Boyd	Michael Hart