

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

November 21, 2019

At the regularly scheduled meeting of the Chattanooga Fire and Police Pension Fund Board of Trustees held on the 21st day of November 2019, President Charlie Thomason presided. The meeting was held at the Pension Office, 6009 John Douglass Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37421.

The meeting convened at 0906 hours with board members Charlie Thomason, Joe Shaw, Britt Bradshaw and Chris Hopkins. Attorney Bill Robinson was also present. Phillip McClain, Nathan Vaughn and Kelly Simmons were excused absences.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Joe Shaw and seconded by Britt Bradshaw to approve the minutes of the November 07, 2019 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD

No one appeared before the Board.

LEGAL UPDATE

Attorney Bill Robinson updated the Board regarding the status of the lawsuit brought against the Fund by former Police Lieutenant Craig Joel.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Motion by Britt Bradshaw and seconded by Chris Hopkins to approve the following membership items:

REMOVE FROM THE ROLLS:

- Mozelle M. Payne, surviving spouse of Retired Firefighter Robert S. Payne, effective 11/30/2019, passed away on 11/08/2019 (2-411)
- Retired Fire Captain Donald L. Davis, effective 11/30/2019, passed away on 11/15/2019 (2-411)

ADD TO THE ROLLS:

- Alicia Montijo, surviving spouse of Police Officer Joseph Montijo (date of death 11/01/2019), effective 12/01/2019 (2-410(c))
- Eloise Davis, surviving spouse of retired Fire Captain Donald L. Davis (date of death 11/15/2019), effective 12/01/2019 (2-410(c))
- Fire Captain Larry Timothy Zink, retiring with 28 years of service, reduced to a 25-year pension for a 36-month DROP, further reduced 100% J&S Option E (Sherri L. Zink), effective 12/01/2019, participation date of 11/01/1991 (2-411, 2-418, 2-423)

REFUND CONTRIBUTIONS:

- Former Police Officer Ash Lynn Albers, terminated effective 10/30/2019, participation date 08/03/2018 (2-413)

PAY DEATH BENEFITS:

- Alicia Montijo, designated beneficiary of Officer Joseph Montijo (2-410(c))
- Eloise Davis, designated beneficiary of retired Fire Captain Donald L. Davis (2-410(c))

Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the bills paid since the last meeting.

Fund Administrator Katrina Abbott presented the findings from the requested research regarding Board compensation for other pensions of comparable size. After discussion by the Board, motion by Joe Shaw and seconded by Britt Bradshaw to increase the stipend for the Board President and Board Secretary to \$36 per hour based on two hours per week, effective January 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Fund Administrator Katrina Abbott discussed the request from Police Chief Roddy and Fire Chief Hyman to attend in-service on an annual basis to further educate the membership on their pension benefits. The Board approved attendance.

Fund Administrator Katrina Abbott also noted that it had been brought to her attention that the rank of Master Patrol Officer (MPO) will begin to be a tested position in 2020. The Board has previously considered the rank of MPO to be that of the same as a Police Officer for eligibility purposes for Board elections due to the lack of testing to separate the ranks. The Board had also previously considered the rank of Fire Engineer to be that of the same rank as a Senior Firefighter due to the lack of testing to separate the ranks. The Board requested Katrina Abbott draft a revised Sworn Election Policy for further review.

AGENDA NOTES

- Policy Committee meeting following today's meeting
- City of Chattanooga Employer Contributions received for November 7, 19 (\$796,264.45)
- City of Chattanooga Employee Contributions received for November 7, 19 (\$176,968.02)
- Received City Court Fees for October 2019 (\$6,762.59)

ADJOURNMENT


With no other business, motion by Joe Shaw and seconded by Britt Bradshaw to adjourn at 0932 hours. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nathan Vaughn, Secretary

Date Approved: 12-5-19



Charlie Thomason, President

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