

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

October 20, 2022

At the regularly scheduled meeting of the Chattanooga Fire and Police Pension Fund Board of Trustees held on the 20th day of October 2022, President Joe Shaw 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 Joe Shaw, Scott Sparks, Phillip McClain, Matt Rorex, Michael Wenger and Brent Goldberg. Attorney Bill Robinson was also present. Chris Hopkins and Britt Bradshaw were excused absences.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Phillip McClain and seconded by Scott Sparks to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Scott Sparks and seconded by Phillip McClain to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2022 REH meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Michael Wenger and seconded by Scott Sparks to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2022 special called annual meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD

No one appeared before the Board.

LEGAL UPDATE

Attorney Bill Robinson updated the Board on the pending disability lawsuits.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Motion by Matt Rorex and seconded by Phillip McClain to approve the following membership items:

REMOVE FROM THE ROLLS:

- Nellie Louise Idlette, surviving spouse of retired Police Officer Willie Idlette, effective 09/30/2022, passed away 09/17/2022 (2-411)
- Retired Assistant Fire Chief Harold R. Wooden, Jr., effective 10/31/2022, passed away 10/06/2022 (2-411)

ADD TO THE ROLLS:

- Betty Jo Wooden, surviving spouse of retired Assistant Fire Chief Harold R. Wooden, Jr., effective 11/01/2022 (2-411)

REFUND CONTRIBUTIONS:

- Former Firefighter Tyler Traub, terminated 07/27/2022, participation date of 11/09/2018 (2-413)
- Former Firefighter Joshua Allds, terminated 03/10/2022, adjusted participation date of 11/26/2018 (2-413)
- Former Police Officer Joseph Goulet, terminated 08/26/2022, participation date of 04/12/2019 (2-413)
- Former Firefighter Zanah Kent, terminated 09/01/2022, participation date of 09/10/2021 (2-413)
- Former Firefighter William Merrell, terminated 09/15/2022, participation date of 10/11/2019 (2-413)

PAY DEATH BENEFITS:

- Betty Jo Wooden, designated beneficiary of Harold R. Wooden, Jr. (2-411)

Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the bills paid since the last meeting.

The Board reviewed and discussed the renewal quote for fiduciary insurance provided by Ullico Markel. Motion by Phillip McClain and seconded by Scott Sparks to accept the renewal quote. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board completed its annual review and acknowledgement of the Fund's Ethics Policy.

The Board also discussed expected expenses for FY 2023. Katrina Abbott also noted the request by City auditors for the actuarial data census. It is the policy of the Fund to treat most of the data as private, with active members data already provided by the City. Katrina Abbott noted that the Fund can provide census data securely and will redact all data it deems as sensitive information.

The Board recessed at 0946 hours to discuss the Joel matter and conduct its personnel committee.

The Board reconvened at 1056 hours. Board members Joe Shaw, Scott Sparks, Britt Bradshaw, Phillip McClain, Matt Rorex and Chris Hopkins reviewed all of the records regarding the disability application file for former Police Lieutenant Craig Joel since he provided the Board with new information on March 16, 2022, including the new Board members reviewing all of the original records. The Board has also conducted multiple legal sessions to discuss issues related to the medical records. On July 21, 2022, the Board denied the request for a new hearing, and therefore per the Disability Benefit Policy, made a final determination of the disability application during its regular meeting. Motion by Phillip McClain and seconded by Scott Sparks to deny the disability application for former Police Lieutenant Craig Joel. President Joe Shaw requested a roll call vote of the trustees reviewing the application, as Brent Goldberg and Michael Wenger were not involved in this matter. Scott Sparks voted to deny, Joe Shaw voted to deny, Phillip McClain voted to deny, and Matt Rorex voted to deny. Motion carried unanimously. The disability benefit for Craig Joel was denied based on majority vote. The Board noted a detailed disability Application Determination letter will be provided within 90 days of this meeting.

The Board discussed the personnel committee's recommendations regarding the annual review of compensation. Motion by Matt Rorex and seconded by Scott Sparks to accept the personnel committee's recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the received responses for the RFP for Legal Services and selected Miller Martin and Baker Donelson as finalists to make presentations before the Board on November 3, 2022.

AGENDA NOTES

- Personnel committee following the Board meeting
- AUP will be performed week of October 24-28, 2022
- New Trustee Orientation on 10/27/2022 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- City of Chattanooga Employer Contributions received for 9/22/22 (\$1,093,202.38); for 10/6/22 (\$1,107,011.08)
- City of Chattanooga Employee Contributions received for 9/22/22 (\$218,789.31) for 10/6/22 (\$218,697.87)
- CARTA Parking fees received for 8/2022 (\$5,010.00) and for 9/2022 (\$5,990.00)
- City Court Fees received for 8/2022 (\$5,673.59) and for 9/2022 (\$4,411.29)
- Brooke Lopez and Timothy Goodnow – lateral police academy new members effective 9/23/22
- Following Membership Changes during 2022 YTD:
 - 14 Police and 12 Fire terminated; 0 Police Terminated Vested and 2 Fire Terminated Vested; 4 Police Rehired; 0 Fire Rehired; 10 Police retired; 1 Fire retired; 1 Police Vested Began Retirement Benefits; 0 Fire Vested Began Retirement Benefits; 0 Police Disability; 1 Fire Disability; 14 Retirees passed away; 8 beneficiaries passed away; 6 new beneficiaries added to rolls; 4 Police Lateral Cadets, 18 Fire Cadets, and 27 Police Cadets

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, motion by Phillip McClain and seconded by Michael Wenger to adjourn at 1111 hours. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Britt Bradshaw, Secretary

<u>Visitors not Appearing Before the Board</u>	
Michael Hart	Don Bickford

Date Approved: 11.3.22


Joe Shaw, President

