



Aurora Fire Department

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION FUND
OF AURORA, ILLINOIS HELD ON
JULY 15, 2021**

PRESENT:	Todd McChurch	-	Trustee / Active/President
	Chief Gary Krienitz	-	Trustee / Appointed/Secretary
	Matthew Anslow	-	Trustee / Retiree/Assistant Secretary
	Gregory Myers	-	Trustee / Active
	Martin Lyons	-	Trustee / Appointed/Treasurer
ALSO	Charles Atwell, Jr.	-	Attorney for Firefighters' Pension Fund
PRESENT:	Silvia Cisneros	-	Pension Board Clerk

President McChurch called to order the regular meeting of the Firefighters' Pension Fund Board at 10:51 a.m. All members were present except Treasurer Lyons, whom arrived just before the Treasurer's Report as indicated below.

- 1) Approval of Minutes:
 - April 8, 2021 Regular Meeting
 - May 26, 2021 Special Meeting

Trustee Anslow moved to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2021 meeting, seconded by Trustee Myers. The motion was unanimously approved.

Trustee Anslow moved to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2021 special meeting, seconded by Trustee Myers. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 2) Annual Election of Officers. Trustee Myers moved to approve the board officers as follows: Trustee McChurch – President, Trustee Anslow – Vice-President, Chief Krienitz – Secretary, and Trustee Myers – Assistant Secretary. The motion was seconded by Trustee Anslow and unanimously approved.

The Board skipped to items 7 and 8 to allow Treasurer Lyons time to be present for the Quarterly Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Lyons arrived at 11:00 a.m.

- 3) Quarterly Treasurer's Report
 - a) Pension Applications:
 - Renee Torres, effective May 15, 2021. Treasurer Lyons stated that Renee Torres has 22 years, seven months of service for a pension rate of 56.4582%. He then moved to approve the pension application per the pension calculation provided in the meeting packet. The motion was seconded by Trustee Myers and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

- Daniel Darce, effective June 12, 2021. Treasurer Lyons stated that Daniel Darce has 24 years, three months of service for a 60.625% pension rate. He then moved to approve the pension application per the pension calculation provided in the meeting packet. The motion was seconded by Trustee Myers and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.
 - Stephen Weatherly, effective July 2, 2021. This pension application will be approved at the next meeting.
 - Kevin Kubisak, effective July 21, 2021. This pension application will also be approved at the next meeting.
- b) Rollover of Pension Contributions – Robert Burdue. Treasurer Lyons stated that Mr. Burdue resigned from the department and requested a refund of his pension contributions to be transferred directly into a qualified IRA. Treasurer Lyons moved to approve Mr. Burdue's refund/rollover request per the documents provided in the meeting packet, seconded by Trustee Myers. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.
- c) Refund of Pension Contributions – Rachel O'Shaughnessy. Treasurer Lyons moved to approve Rachel O'Shaughnessy's request for a refund of her pension contributions as detailed in the meeting packet, seconded by Trustee Anslow. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.
- d) Estate of James Tews - Final Pension Benefit. Treasurer Lyons stated that James Tews passed away and the letter informed the estate of the final pension benefit. He then moved to approve the final payment to the estate, seconded by President McChurch. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.
- e) Estate of Mary Lieser – Repayment of Pension Benefit. Treasurer Lyons stated that Mary Lieser passed away and as a result of the timing of notification, the estate is being asked to repay the overpayment to the pension fund. Treasurer Lyons moved to approve the request for repayment as detailed in the meeting packet. The motion was seconded by Trustee Myers and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.
- f) Treasurer Resignation. Treasurer Lyons stated that it has been a pleasure working with the board members. His last day as the Board Treasurer will be August 22, 2021 and the Mayor's Office will be appointing a new treasurer, possibly in the next week. Chief Krienitz thanked Treasurer Lyons for his time on the board. President McChurch moved to accept Treasurer Lyon's resignation from the board, effective August 22, 2021. The motion was seconded by Chief Krienitz and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.
- 4) Annual Statement to the Illinois Department of Insurance (12/31/2020).
- 5) Auditors Communication to the Board
- 6) Annual Financial Report (12/31/2020)

Treasurer Lyons stated that the Annual Statement has not been filed with the Illinois Department of Insurance (IDOI) because the Annual Financial Report is not complete. A 30-day extension was requested with the IDOI and everything should be complete by the end of the month. The Annual Financial Report included in the packet is preliminary for discussion purposes. Items 4 through 6 will be included on the next agenda unless his successor chooses to have a special meeting.

7) Applications for Membership: Hired April 19, 2021

Joseph C. Catanzaro	Daniel S. Smith
Luke Brinkmann	Ross A. Reeder
Joshua Lentz	Michael Quilty, Jr.
Adam Blaskey	John G. Hinterlong
Mark Biegalski	Alex White
Emily Olson	Kenneth E. Walsh
Kevin W. Lang	

Chairman McChurch indicated that Luke Brinkmann and Adam Blaskey resigned and should not be included in the motion to accept them into the pension fund. Trustee Myers moved to accept the applications of Joseph Catanzaro, Joshua Lentz, Mark Biegalski, Emily Olson, Kevin Lang, Daniel Smith, Ross Reeder, Michael Quilty Jr., John Hinterlong, Alex White, and Kenneth Walsh into the pension fund. The motion was seconded by Trustee Anslow and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

- 8) FPIF Asset Transfer and Approval of Resolution for Authorized Agents. Attorney Atwell stated that a special meeting will likely need to be scheduled with Marquette to iron out the details of the transfer.
- 9) Disability Dependent Credits – Peter Bray. President McChurch stated that Peter Bray has three children and he is not receiving any dependent credits. Mr. Bray requested that the board review the matter to see if he is entitled to the credits. Attorney Atwell stated that the statute provides the benefit to the firefighter if he has a minor child under the age of 18, unmarried, and not emancipated. Mr. Bray's former spouse is claiming the children as dependents; however, that should make no difference because he is the one that is obligated for the support. Attorney Atwell will follow up with the Payroll Office and Mr. Bray to get the dependent credit paid.
- 10) Clothing Allowance Discussion. Attorney Atwell stated that he reviewed the board's question regarding the inclusion of the clothing allowance in the total salary for pension purposes. The only way to be certain on whether it is a pensionable item is to address it to the Department of Insurance. He will request an opinion from the Department of Insurance.
- 11) Release or Retention of Executive Session Minutes. Treasurer Lyons moved to retain the executive session minutes, seconded by Chief Krienitz. The motion was unanimously approved.
- 12) Approval of Expenses for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2021. Trustee Lyons moved to approve the quarterly expenses in the amount of \$4,395,275.90, of which includes \$4,246,793.31 for benefits. The motion was seconded by Trustee Myers and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.
- 13) Public Comment: three (3) minutes per person. Mr. Robert Dunn stated that in addition to the postings on the website, the meeting agendas should also be posted in the building to keep the members informed of upcoming meetings.

Trustee Myers moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m., seconded by Trustee Anslow. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

It is noted that the details of the July 15, 2021 meeting as set forth in reporter proceedings by Pamela Taylor of County Court Reporters, Inc. are hereby encompassed and made a part of these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Gary Krienitz
Secretary
Aurora Firefighters' Pension Fund

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