



Aurora Fire Department

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Fire Chief

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION FUND
OF AURORA, ILLINOIS HELD ON
JULY 16, 2020**

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

Due to the governor's mandate for shelter in place, all of the members present participated via telecommunication.

President McChurch opened the Firefighters' Pension Fund Board regular meeting at 12:11 a.m. on July 16, 2020.

1) Approval of Minutes: April 9, 2020 Regular Meeting

Trustee Gill moved to approve the minutes of April 9, 2020, seconded by Chief Krienitz. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

2) April Election Results: Todd McChurch term expired April 2020

Ms. Cisneros stated that the election was held on April 15, 2020. There were 45 votes for Todd McChurch and the write-in votes included 8 for Bob Campbell, 1 for Jason Mosshamer, 1 for Chuck Neimeier, and there was 1 spoiled ballot. Todd McChurch won the active member election and his term expires in April 2023. Trustee Gill moved to accept the results of the election, seconded by Chief Krienitz. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

3) Annual Election of Officers

Treasurer Lyons moved to approve the current slate of officers for another year, seconded by Trustee Gill. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote. The officers are as follows: President-Todd McChurch, Vice-President-Toby Gill, Secretary-Chief Gary Krienitz, and Assistant Secretary-Matthew Anslow.

4) Quarterly Treasurer's Report

a) Pension Applications:

- John Nagy, effective July 17, 2020. Treasurer Lyons stated that Mr. Nagy has 25 years 3 months of service for a 63.125% service pension. He will receive an 8.75% increase on July 1, 2023.
- Andrew Silagyi, effective September 5, 2020. Mr. Silagi has 30 years of service for a 75% rate of pension. He will receive a 3% increase on October 1, 2021.
- Aaron Garcia, effective July 19, 2020. Mr. Garcia has 28 years of service for a 70% rate of pension. He will receive a 5.75% increase on August 1, 2022.

Trustee Gill moved to accept the pension calculations for John Nagy, Andrew Silagyi, and Aaron Garcia as detailed in the pension calculation sheets included in the meeting packets. The motion was seconded by Chief Krienitz and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

b) Treasurer's correspondence to the estate of Arthur E. Stiegleiter, Sr. Treasurer Lyons indicated that Arthur Stiegleiter Sr. passed away and a letter went out to the estate to recoup the overpayment of pension benefits. Trustee Anslow moved to accept the correspondence, seconded by Trustee Gill. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

c) Military Buy-Backs and Reciprocity Requests: None

d) Annual Statement to the Illinois Department of Insurance. President McChurch moved to accept the annual statement ending December 31, 2019 to the Illinois Department of Insurance, seconded by Trustee Anslow. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

e) Auditor's Communication to the Board. See discussion with item "f" below.

f) Annual Financial Report December 31, 2019

Treasurer Lyons stated that Sikich audited the Firefighters' Pension Fund's financial statements and issued an unqualified opinion. He then moved to accept the auditor's communication to the board and the Annual Financial report dated December 31, 2019. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gill and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

5) Applications for Participation in the Firefighters' Pension Fund:

	Hired
Angel Leon *	June 15, 2020
Joshua Bjorvik	June 15, 2020
Mitchell Bateman	June 15, 2020
David J. Nelson	June 15, 2020
Ryan Daubenspeck	June 15, 2020
Anthony Marcuccelli *	June 15, 2020
Kelly S. Harm Jr.	June 15, 2020
David Johnson	June 15, 2020
Cody Ekstrom	June 15, 2020
Christian Osmond	June 15, 2020
Tremayne Glover	June 15, 2020
Marc Vena	June 15, 2020
Rachel J. Cantu	June 22, 2020
Lucas Warren	June 22, 2020
Michael McPherson	June 22, 2020

President McChurch stated that the two members with asterisks have since resigned and per Attorney Atwell's recommendation, they will not be included in the motion to accept them into the pension fund. Treasurer Lyons stated that the members for entrance into the fund on June 15, 2020 are Joshua Bjorvik, Mitchell Bateman, David J. Nelson, Ryan Daubenspeck, Kelly S. Harm Jr., David Johnson, Cody Ekstrom, Christian Osmond, Tremayne Glover, and Marc Vena. For entrance into the fund on June 22, 2020 are Rachel J. Cantu, Lucas Warren, and Michael McPherson. Trustee Gill moved to accept the members as indicated by Treasurer Lyons. The motion was seconded by Trustee Anslow and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

- 6) Disability Pension Application - Timothy Schomer. Attorney Atwell stated that he has reached out to Attorney Duda several times regarding the signed consent and medical authorization by Mr. Schomer; however, he has not heard back from either of them. He will continue trying to contact Attorney Duda to determine whether or not Mr. Schomer is going to pursue the disability pension.
- 7) Annual Physical for Disability Pensioners under age 50 - Jerry Knizek. President McChurch stated that Mr. Knizek provided a letter from his physician indicating that he continues to be disabled. Mr. Knizek has since turned 50 and this will be his last physical required under the statute. Trustee Anslow moved to continue Mr. Knizek's disability status, seconded by Treasurer Lyons. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.
- 8) Discussion Regarding Salary Deduction. President McChurch stated that in a webcast by the Firefighters Pension Investment Fund, the Chief Operating Officer of the Department of Insurance mentioned that if a Tier 2 pensioner makes more than the current salary cap in that year of pensionable salary, the 9.455% is not deducted from the pensionable salary amount that exceeds the salary cap. He asked Attorney Atwell to confirm whether that statement is correct. Attorney Atwell indicated that he will take a look at that and get back to the board at the next meeting.

- 9) Release or Retention of Executive Session Minutes. Trustee Gill moved to retain the executive session minutes, seconded by Trustee Anslow. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.
- 10) Approval of Expenses for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2020. Treasurer Lyons moved to approve the expenses for the quarter ended June 30, 2020 and totaling \$4,037,301.23, including \$3,927,119.76 for salaries and benefits. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gill and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.
- 11) Public Comment: three (3) minutes per person. There were no comments from the public.

Trustee Gill moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:44 p.m., seconded by Trustee Anslow. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

It is noted that the details of the July 16, 2020 meeting as set forth in reporter proceedings by Janet Hayden 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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