

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE ROCK ISLAND FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION FUND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JANUARY 24, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Rock Island Firefighters' Pension Fund Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. in the Rock Island Police Department Roll Call Room located at 1212 5th Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois 61201, pursuant to notice.

CALL TO ORDER: Trustee Jacobs called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Trustees Nicholas Border (April 2024), Jim Fobert (April 2025), Chad Jacobs (April 2026) and Jessica Sager (April 2025)
ABSENT: Trustee Shellee Showalter (December 2026)
ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Nemura Pencyla, Reimer Dobrovolny & LaBardi PC; Sara Gutierrez, Lauterbach & Amen, LLP (L&A)

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: *October 25, 2023 Regular Meeting:* The Board reviewed the October 25, 2023 regular meeting minutes. A motion was made by Trustee Border and seconded by Trustee Fobert to approve the October 25, 2023 regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Meeting Minutes: There were no closed session meeting minutes for review.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT – LAUTERBACH & AMEN, LLP: *Monthly Financial Report and Presentation and Approval of Bills:* The Board reviewed the Monthly Financial Report for the eleven-month period ending November 30, 2023 prepared by L&A. As of November 30, 2023, the net position held in trust for pension benefits is \$26,927,156.85 for a change in position of \$2,384,293.16. The Board reviewed the Cash Analysis Report, Revenue Report, Expense Report, Member Contribution Report, Payroll Journal, Quarterly Deduction Report and Transfer Report for the period September 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023. The Board also reviewed the Quarterly Disbursement Report for the period September 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023 for total payments of \$23,268.52. A motion was made by Trustee Fobert and seconded by Trustee Border to accept the Monthly Financial Report as presented and to approve payments in the amount of \$23,268.52 as listed on the Quarterly Disbursement Report. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Border, Fobert, Jacobs and Sager

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Showalter

Additional Bills, if any: The Board reviewed the following additional bills for approval:

- INSPE Associates LLC invoice #82192 in the amount of \$3,240 for the independent medical examination for John Karns
- INSPE Associates LLC invoice #82352 in the amount of \$1,800 for the independent medical examination for John Karns
- INSPE Associates LLC invoice #82453 in the amount of \$3,220.80 for the independent medical examination for John Karns

A motion was made by Trustee Border and seconded by Trustee Sager to ratify approval of the additional bills as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Border, Fobert, Jacobs and Sager
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Trustee Showalter

Discussion/Possible Action – Cash Management Policy: The Board discussed cash requisite for the purpose of remitting pension benefit payments and expenses and determined that no updates are required at this time.

INVESTMENT REPORT: FPIF – Marquette Associates: The Board reviewed the FPIF Monthly Investment Summary prepared by Marquette Associates for the period ending October 31, 2023. As of October 31, 2023 the one-month total net return is (2.7%) and the year-to-date total net return is 2.4% for an ending market value of \$7,465,345,588. The current asset allocation is as follows: Equity at 65.5%, Fixed Income at 28.6%, Real Estate at 4.9% and Cash at 1%.

Statement of Results: The Board reviewed the FPIF Statement of Results prepared by Northern Trust for the period ending December 31, 2023. The beginning net asset value (NAV) is \$26,406,736.37, the ending value is \$27,268,443.47, the month-to-date net return on total assets is 4.82% and the year-to-date net return on total assets is 15.41%.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS: Affidavits of Continued Eligibility: The Board noted that L&A mailed Affidavits of Continued Eligibility to all pensioners in December and a due date of January 5, 2024. To date, 13 affidavits remain outstanding. L&A will mail second request affidavits to the outstanding pensioners and status updates will be provided to the Board as they become available.

Statements of Economic Interest: The Board noted that the List of Filers must be submitted to the County by the City by February 1, 2024. Statements of Economic Interest will be sent to all registered filers who will need to respond by the deadline of May 1, 2024.

TRUSTEE TRAINING UPDATES: The Board reviewed the Trustee Training Summary and discussed upcoming training opportunities. Trustees were reminded to submit any certificates of completion to L&A for recordkeeping.

Approval of Trustee Training Registration Fees and Reimbursable Expenses: There were no trustee training registration fees or reimbursable expenses presented for approval.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP/WITHDRAWALS FROM FUND: Application for Membership – Matthew Taylor: The Board reviewed the Application for Membership submitted by Matthew Taylor. A motion was made by Trustee Fobert and seconded by Trustee Border to accept Matthew Taylor into the Rock Island Firefighters' Pension Fund effective August 28, 2023, as a Tier II participant. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

APPLICATIONS FOR RETIREMENT/DISABILITY BENEFITS: Review, Adopt and Publish Decision and Order – Joseph Duran: The Board reviewed the Decision and Order prepared by Reimer Dobrovolny & LaBardi PC. A motion was made by Trustee Border and seconded by Trustee Fobert to approve, adopt and publish the Decision and Order for Joseph Duran as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Border, Fobert, Jacobs and Sager
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Trustee Showalter

Deceased Pensioner – Wayne Stout/Approval of Surviving Spouse Benefits – Mary Stout: The Board noted that Wayne Stout passed away on December 1, 2023. The Board reviewed the surviving spouse benefit calculation for Mary Stout with an effective date of December 2, 2023 for a monthly benefit of \$4,854.76 with no additional increases. A motion was made by Trustee Sager and seconded by Trustee Border to approve the surviving spouse benefit of Mary Stout calculated by L&A. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Border, Fobert, Jacobs and Sager

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Showalter

Deceased Surviving Spouse – Donna Long: The Board noted that surviving spouse Donna Long passed away November 5, 2023 and her pension benefit has ceased.

Deceased Pensioner – Kenneth Stimpson: The Board noted that pensioner Kenneth Stimpson passed away January 13, 2024 with no surviving spouse and his pension benefit has ceased.

OLD BUSINESS: *Discussion/Possible Action – Resolution for Account Representatives for FPIF:* The Board reviewed the Resolution for Account Representatives for FPIF's Global Cash Movement (GCM) portal. A motion was made by Trustee Border and seconded by Trustee Fobert to adopt Resolution 2024-01 appointing Trustee Sager as an additional authorized Account Representative for the GCM portal. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Border, Fobert, Jacobs and Sager

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Showalter

Discussion/Possible Action – Northern Trust Global Cash Movement Maintenance Form: The Board reviewed Northern Trust's Global Cash Movement (GCM) Maintenance Form. A motion was made by Trustee Fobert and seconded by Trustee Border to execute the Northern Trust GCM Maintenance Form removing Linda Barnes as an Account Representative and adding Trustee Sager as an Account Representative. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Border, Fobert, Jacobs and Sager

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Showalter

Review/Approve – Fiduciary Liability Insurance Renewal: The Board reviewed the fiduciary liability insurance renewal provided by Hudson Insurance Company through Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. A motion was made by Trustee Border and seconded by Trustee Sager to approve payment of the fiduciary liability insurance renewal effective January 31, 2024 through January 31, 2025 in the amount of \$9,716. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Border, Fobert, Jacobs and Sager

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Showalter

NEW BUSINESS: *Approve Annual Cost of Living Adjustments for Pensioners:* The Board reviewed the 2024 Cost of Living Adjustments calculated by L&A. A motion was made by Trustee Border and seconded by Trustee Fobert to approve the 2024 Cost of Living Adjustments as required by statute and calculated by L&A. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Border, Fobert, Jacobs and Sager
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Trustee Showalter

Appointed Trustee Vacancy: The Board noted that Jessica Sager was appointed to the Rock Island Firefighters' Pension Fund Board of Trustees by the Mayor of Rock Island to fulfill the unexpired term previously held by Linda Barnes, effective December 11, 2023 through April 30, 2025.

Review Trustee Term Expirations and Election Procedures: The Board noted that the active member term currently held by Trustee Border is expiring in April 2024. Trustee Border expressed his interest to remain on the Board if nominated. L&A will conduct an election on behalf of the Pension Fund for one of the two active member Trustee positions.

Review Updated Letter of Credit: The Board noted that the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago Letter of Credit for the Rock Island Firefighters' Pension Fund's BMO Bank account is expiring February 28, 2024. Further discussion will be held at the next regular meeting.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – REIMER DOBROVOLNY & LABARDI PC: *Legal Updates:* Attorney Pencyla discussed the status of the consolidation lawsuit and reviewed the *Legal and Legislative Update* quarterly newsletter; highlighting recent court cases and decisions, as well as general pension matters with the Board.

Review/Adopt – Board Rules and Regulations: Attorney Pencyla discussed preparing Board Rules and Regulations for the Rock Island Firefighters' Pension Fund. Further discussion will be held at the next regular meeting.

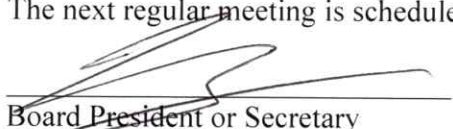
Disability Status Update – John Karns: Attorney Pencyla apprised the Board that final report has been received for John Karns' disability and the exhibits for the disability hearing will be distributed to the Board for their review. The matter is set for a hearing on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in the Rock Island Police Department Community Room. Further discussion will be held at the next regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS (CONTINUED): *Discussion/Possible Action – Resolution for Account Representatives for FPIF and Discussion/Possible Action – Northern Trust Global Cash Movement Maintenance Form:* Attorney Pencyla noted that these items will be revisited due to the agenda not reflecting Resolution 2024-001. Further discussion will be held at the next regular meeting.

CLOSED SESSION, IF NEEDED: There was no need for closed session.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Trustee Sager and seconded by Trustee Fobert to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.


Board President or Secretary

Minutes approved by the Board of Trustees on 04/24/2024

Minutes prepared by Sara Gutierrez, Professional Services Administrator, Lauterbach & Amen, LLP