



**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
EVANSTON FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION FUND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APRIL 10, 2024**

A special meeting of the Evanston Firefighters' Pension Fund Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. in the Civic Center in Room 4900, the Parasol Room located at 2100 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201, pursuant to notice.

CALL TO ORDER: Trustee Mortell called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Trustees Shari Reiches, Daniel Philipaitis, Aleks Granchalek, Jack Conner and Jack Mortell

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Board Attorney Vince Pinelli, Burke, Burns & Pinelli, LTD.; Alexandria Michael, Lauterbach & Amen, LLP (L&A); Applicant Attorney Richard Daniels; Disability Applicant Jamil Fakhoury; Court Reporter Donna Watwood, Metro Reporting Service, Ltd; Members of the Public

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

A court reporter was present, and a verbatim transcript was taken of the disability hearing.

Attorney Pinelli acted as the hearing officer to conduct the hearing.

DISABILITY HEARING – JAMIL FAKHOURY: Attorney Pinelli reviewed Exhibits 1 – 5 with the Board. Attorney Daniels objected to Exhibits 4 and 5. A motion was made by Trustee Mortell and seconded by Trustee Granchalek to admit Exhibits 1 – 5 subject to the objection of Exhibits 4 and 5. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The Pension Board was presented with evidence pertaining to the line of duty disability claim.

Mr. Fakhoury answered all questions that were asked by Attorney Daniels and Attorney Pinelli pertaining to his disability.

CLOSED SESSION, IF NEEDED: A motion was made by Trustee Mortell and seconded by Trustee Reiches to enter into closed session at 10:43 a.m. under 5 ILCS 12/2(c)(4) of the Open Meetings Act. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Reiches, Mortell, Connor, Granchalek and Philipaitis

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

A motion was made by Trustee Mortell and seconded by Trustee Reiches to adjourn closed session and re-enter the special meeting at 12:09 p.m. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Reiches, Mortell, Connor, Granchalek and Philipaitis

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

DISABILITY HEARING – JAMIL FAKHOURY (CONTINUED): A motion was made by Trustee Mortell and seconded by Trustee Reiches to take the matter under further advisement until a future date where the Board will give notice to Mr. Fakhoury and his Attorney. Motion carried by roll call vote.

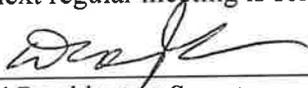
AYES: Trustees Reiches, Mortell, Connor, Granchalek and Philipaitis

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Trustee Mortell and seconded by Trustee Reiches to adjourn the meeting at 12:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.



Board President or Secretary

Minutes approved by the Board of Trustees on 5/18/24

Minutes prepared by Alexandria Michael, Professional Services Administrator, Lauterbach & Amen, LLP