

**MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE
EVANSTON POLICE PENSION FUND
26 JANUARY 2023**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The January 2023 quarterly meeting of the Evanston Police Pension Fund of Trustees was called to order at 2:02 p.m. on 26 January 2023, via video and teleconference in accordance with Section 7(c) of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/7(e)), as the result of the State's disaster declaration regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and the Board President's determination that an in-person meeting was not practical or prudent.

II. ROLL CALL OF TRUSTEES

Trustees Present

Timothy Schoolmaster
Ted Schienbein
Mark Vaughan
Aaron Wernick

Trustees Absent

None

Also present: Carolyn Clifford (Fund Attorney) Dave Wall (Investment Advisor); Andrew Villamin (City Accountant)

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular meeting minutes 7/28/2022 -- A motion was made to approve the minutes from the regular quarterly meeting held July 28, 2022, pending attorney review, by Vaughan, seconded by Wernick. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote:

AYES: Schoolmaster, Wernick, Schienbein, and Vaughan
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Regular meeting minutes 10/27/2022 -- A motion was made to approve the minutes from the regular quarterly meeting held October 27, 2022, pending attorney review, by Vaughan, seconded by Wernick. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote:

AYES: Schoolmaster, Wernick, Schienbein, and Vaughan
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Six-month review of closed session minutes – The Board reviewed the inventory of closed session minutes. A motion to keep closed session minutes closed was made by Vaughan, seconded by Wernick, unanimously passed via a roll call vote:

AYES: Schoolmaster, Schienbein, Wernick, and Vaughan
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Review and approval for destruction of remote meeting recordings – The Board reviewed the inventory of remote meeting open session recordings covering meetings dated: 4/23/2020; 7/23/2020; 10/29/2020; 1/22/2021; 4/22/2021; and 7/22/2021. A motion to destroy the listed recordings in accordance with Attorney General's guidelines was made by Vaughan, seconded by Wernick. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote:

AYES: Schoolmaster, Wernick, Schienbein, and Vaughan
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

V. POLICE PENSION PAYROLL

The monthly pension benefits paid out by the pension fund for the following months were reviewed by the Board. Individual monthly payroll reports are a part of these minutes by reference:

October 2022	\$1,228,292.01
November 2022	\$1,228,292.01
December 2022	\$1,228,292.01
January 2023	\$1,255,766.19

A motion was made to approve the Payroll by Schoolmaster, seconded by Vaughan and passed unanimously by roll call vote:

AYES: Schoolmaster, Wernick, Schienbein, and Vaughan
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

VI. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Expenses were listed on a Disbursement Warrant dated 1/26/2023 for \$14,357.71 and reviewed by the Board. A motion was made to approve the Disbursement Warrant by Schienbein, seconded by Wernick and passed unanimously by roll call vote:

AYES: Schoolmaster, Wernick, Schienbein, and Vaughan
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

VII. TREASURER'S/INVESTMENT REPORT

Review of Investment Report – Wall and Associates – Dave Wall of Wall Capital Group provided the Board with updates on the investments and returns for the fourth quarter of 2022 and year total. Total Fund value as of 12/31/2022 at \$148,454,677, down (15.42%) net YTD (compared to the benchmark return at negative (15.56%)), and up 5.73% net in the fourth quarter.

Treasurer's Report -- The Board was provided the Treasurer's report by Andrew Villamin. The Treasurer's operating cash flow projections were reviewed with the Board by Andrew Villamin. Schoolmaster questioned the transfer of an additional \$2.5M approved by the City Council from surplus funds.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's/Investment report was made by Schoolmaster, seconded by Wernick and passed unanimously by roll call vote:

AYES: Schoolmaster, Wernick, Schienbein, and Vaughan
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

VIII. NEW OFFICER APPOINTMENTS / SERVICE TRANSFERS

New Hires – Markesha Mills 11/7/2022 Tier 2, application for Fund membership submitted; Juan Navarete, 11/7/2022 Tier 2, application for Fund membership submitted; Stephanie Adam, 1/6/2023 Tier 2, application for Fund Membership submitted; Patrick Hopkins, 1/6/2023 Tier 2, application for Fund Membership submitted; Luis Martinez, 1/6/2023 Tier 2, application for Fund Membership submitted; Elizabeth Osorio, 1/6/2023 Tier 2, application for Fund Membership submitted; Eduardo Remigio, 1/6/2023 Tier 2, application for Fund Membership submitted; Oliver Tanenbaum, 1/6/2023 Tier 2, application for Fund Membership submitted; and A'Ryan Turner-Norman, 1/6/2023 Tier 2, application for Fund Membership submitted.

Kyle Harvey Transfer of Service – Transfer of \$104,881.14 to Highwood Police Pension Fund.

Service transfer worksheet – Schoolmaster's spreadsheet for service transfers to other funds and refunded contributions, dated 1/24/2023, will be appended to these minutes.

Schoolmaster moved to approve the new members, as well as transfers and refunds listed on the spreadsheet, seconded by Wernick, and passed unanimously by roll call vote:

AYES: Schoolmaster, Wernick, Schienbein, and Vaughan
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

IX. RETIREMENTS/DEATH & OTHER BENEFIT CHANGES

Death – Retired member James Edwards reported deceased 11/6/22. The benefit transferred to his surviving spouse, Rebecca Edwards.

Death – Retired member Ralph Harloff reported deceased 12/30/22. The benefit transferred to his surviving spouse, Kathleen Harloff.

Death – Surviving spouse, Nancy Hile, of retired member Kenneth Hile, reported deceased 12/31/22. The account is now closed.

Retirement -- Officer Anna Ostap retired 1/12/23 after 21 years of service (includes 1 yr/5mos purchased IMRF time 11/22). Salary attached to rank: \$129,176.50 (includes 4.5% longevity & education step) x 52.5%= \$67,817.66/year; \$5,651.47/month- deferred annuitant until 12/7/30 (prorated for 22 days Dec. 2030)

Retirement -- Officer Thomas Curtin retired 1/16/23 after 20 years of service. Salary attached to rank: \$128,393.50 (includes 5.5% longevity) x 50%= \$64,196.75/year; \$5349.73/month (prorated for 15 days January 2023 \$2,588.58 + February 2023.amount= \$7,938.31 this month. Return to regular monthly March 1st)

Resignation – Officer Dalton Servatius resigned as a police officer effective 12/9/2022.

A motion was made to approve the retirements, changes to beneficiaries due to death, termination of benefits due to death, and resignations by Schoolmaster, seconded by Wernick, and passed unanimously by roll call vote:

AYES: Schoolmaster, Wernick, Schienbein, and Vaughan

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

X. COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

President's report – President Schoolmaster reported that the funding for the pension has been increased this year. An additional \$4.55M was approved by the City Council. He further noted that he is still awaiting a response from the Treasurer regarding the audit of the funds from the EPD Property Bureau auction

SEI filing – No changes reported by the members. President Schoolmaster will notify Cook County before February 1st.

Status of Arlington Heights PPF v. Pritzker – The 2nd District Appellate Court declined to take oral arguments on the case which signals the likelihood that the law will be found to be constitutional.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

Status of IPOPIF transfer – There is nothing new to report; still under Motion to Stay.

Nawotka Disability – The IME psychology report has been received from Dr. Mosk. The process for scheduling the three IME physicians is underway.

McKesson case – In November it was announced that a settlement had been offered of \$141M. A hearing is scheduled for June by Judge Briar. The amount of the award coming to the Evanston PPF is still unknown.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Personal Property Replacement Tax (PPRT) – The information regarding PPRT from the City has not been regularly received by the Fund. There is a concern that the Fund has not received all of its due monies. Counsel is still looking into the matter and tracking the receipt.

New surviving spouse provision – New benefit only becomes effective 1/1/23 for those affected surviving spouses, and it is not retroactive to prior deaths. Schoolmaster to craft an application letter for future use and tracking.

XIII. TRUSTEE TRAINING

The Board was provided with legal updates from Board counsel (1st Quarter Legal Insights 2023), as well as upcoming training opportunities.

XIV. CLOSED SESSION

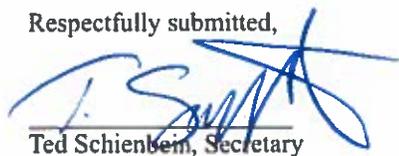
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XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Schienbein, seconded by Vaughan, unanimously approved and adjourned at 3:21 p.m. by roll call vote:

AYES: Schoolmaster, Wernick, Schienbein, and Vaughan
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,



Ted Schienbein, Secretary

Approved by the Board of Trustees at its April 24th, 2023, quarterly meeting.