

**MINUTES**  
**ROCKFORD POLICE PENSION BOARD**  
**MARCH 18, 2021**

The meeting was conducted remotely in accordance with Section 7(e) of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/7(e).

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeff Nielsen, President  
Marcia Mueller, VP  
Joe Stevens, Secretary  
Randy Berke, Assist. Secretary

**ABSENT:** Scott Laue

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mike Piotrowski – Marquette Associates  
Roberta Holzwarth – HolmstromKennedy PC

**GUESTS:** None

**STAFF:** Karla Hunter, Finance  
Carrie Hagerty, Finance Director  
Shurice Hunter, Human Resources

The March 18, 2021 Rockford Police Pension Board convened at City Hall 425 E. State St., Jeff Nielsen called the meeting to order 8:01 a.m.

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Stevens to approve the February 18, 2021 minutes of the Board meeting as amended. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Stevens, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

**CASH & INVESTMENTS**

Piotrowski reviewed the January Marquette flash report. The market value of the police pension is \$219.5 million. The markets continue to move higher, due to the positive vaccine news. As shown in the flash report, there is a slight underweight to fixed income, an overweight to equities and an underweight to real estate. There is no need to sell investments to raise cash for benefit payments. For the month of February, the portfolio was up 1.7% on a net of fee basis. The year-to-date returns were positive 1.4%, for the month the fund outperformed the policy benchmark, for the year-to-date period the fund underperformed by 40 basis points. For the 12 month period, the fund composite was up 17.5% or 50 basis points over the policy benchmark. The broad US markets were up 3.1% and the broad international markets were up 2%. This year, bond yields have risen significantly. DFA has started to perform quite well over the shorter period of time. Real estate has had a strong

performance, up 50 basis points for the month, up 90 basis points year-to-date. PIMCO was up 2.5% for the month and up 4.5% year-to-date.

Piotrowski stated that at the end January there was an announcement made that Segall Bryant & Hamill was going to be acquired by a Canadian Asset Management firm, CI Financial Corp.

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Stevens to consent to the **continuing use** of Segall Bryant & Hamill **subsequent to the acquisition by** CI Financial Corp., subject to attorney approval. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Stevens, and Berke  
Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Stevens to approve placing Segall Bryant & Hamill on alert status due to acquisition. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Stevens, and Berke  
Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Stevens to approve purchases and sales as attached to the agenda. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Stevens, and Berke  
Nays: None

## **CITY BILLS**

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Stevens to approve February postage charges of \$80.96. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Stevens, and Berke  
Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Stevens to approve March City Services of \$7,385.00. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Stevens, and Berke  
Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Stevens to approve the February bill from HolmstromKennedyPC for general matters in the amount of \$1,440.00. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Stevens, and Berke  
Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Stevens to approve the payment to Kayne Anderson Rudnick for investment management fees for October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$28,408.51. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Stevens, and Berke  
Nays: None

## **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Holzwarth stated the annual medical examination process will be started for the pensioners under age 50 on disability pension. Attorney Holzwarth stated the date for the active trustee election

process was revised. The email was sent to active officers on March 11 and the nominations are due back by March 31.

Attorney Holzwarth spoke briefly about changing fiduciary liability insurance carriers possibly this year due to conversations with the fire pension board attorney. She offered to reach out to two local firms to see if they provide insurance to public pension funds. Attorney Holzwarth stated the Economic Interest Statements would be due by May 1.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Hunter stated that she had spoken with Mike from Zurich regarding the death notifications and he is in the process of resolving the issue.

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Stevens for approval of the payment for the 4 hour online transition training and an 8 hour online training as required by the Statute for all trustees. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Stevens, and Berke

Nays: None

Director Hagerty stated that everyone that listened to the actuarial presentation agreed to stay with Nyhart.

Hunter stated she was notified of a death of a fire pensioner through the death audit services that was alive.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Stevens to approve the conversion of non-duty disability to service pension application for Richard Kennedy effective April 1, 2021 in the amount of \$4,114.04 monthly/\$49,368.42 annually, which is the same as the non-duty disability amount. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Stevens, and Berke

Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Stevens to approve the service application for Kevin Ogden effective March 2, 2021 for a prorated benefit in the amount of \$8,247.87, full monthly benefit amount of \$8,522.80/\$102,273.60 annually. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Stevens, and Berke

Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Stevens to approve the service pension application for Harold Combs effective March 9, 2021 for a prorated benefit in the amount of \$4,974.59, full monthly benefit amount of \$6,704.88/\$80,458.56 annually. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Stevens, and Berke

Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Stevens to approve the service pension application for Douglas Pann effective March 16, 2021 for a prorated benefit in the amount of \$4,032.34, full monthly benefit

amount of \$7,812.65/\$93,751.84 annually. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Stevens, and Berke

Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Stevens to approve the first increase for Andre Brass effective March 1, 2021 in the amount of \$226.63, full monthly benefit amount of \$7,199.83/\$86,397.96 annually. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Stevens, and Berke

Nays: None

## **PAYROLL**

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Stevens to approve the March estimated payroll in the amount of \$1,755,987.14. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Stevens, and Berke

Nays: None

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 9:03 a.m.