

**CORRECTED MINUTES  
ROCKFORD POLICE PENSION BOARD  
OCTOBER 21, 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  
Joe Stevens, Secretary  
Randy Berke, Assist. Secretary  
Scott Laue, Trustee

**ABSENT:** Marcia Mueller

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

**GUESTS:** None

**STAFF:** Karla Hunter, Finance  
Carrie Hagerty, Finance Director

The October 21, 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 Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the August 19, 2021 minutes of the Board meeting as amended. APPROVED.

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the September 16, 2021 minutes of the Board meeting as amended. APPROVED.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

**CASH & INVESTMENTS**

Piotrowski stated the total fund composite is \$229.9 million. September was a challenging month. The portfolio is still overweight to equities relative to fixed income. There are no cash needs for the month of October. For the month of September, the fund had a negative return of -2.2%. For the quarter, the return was positive 0.1%. Year-to-date the fund is positive 7.7%, ahead of the policy benchmark 6.3%. The performance has been consistent over the last number of years. Fixed income was negative -0.5% for the month, US stocks negative -4.1%, Non- US stocks negative -3.4% and the Global Composite negative -1.7%. Real estate was up 2.6% for the quarter and 5% for the three-month period.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Holzwarth stated the Exit Letter explains the options officers have when leaving the force mainly prior to retirement. Nielsen asked if the letter inferred that the officer would receive a pension. Attorney Holzwarth will provide the board with the version that has more detail with respect to tier 1 and tier 2.

The annual medical exam reports will be on the agenda next month for the board's approval. The disable pensioners have **all** been certified as disabled. For Officer Landgraff, the City has filed a petition to intervene. The board will vote on the petition to intervene at the next board meeting in November.

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to schedule the hearing for the City's petition to intervene on November 18, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Stevens, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Attorney Holzwarth stated the judge denied the request for a temporary restraining order in regards to the pension consolidation, but did not throw the case out. The remaining Plaintiffs are seeking class certification to join all of the thousands of participants in the funds that would be consolidated. The parties in the lawsuit have not addressed the question of whether the relief they are requesting would strike down the tier two benefits that were **enacted** through the legislation as well as the consolidation. Piotrowski agreed with Attorney Holzwarth that the whole situation is a mess. There will be an update from the judge the second or third week in November. Piotrowski stated that on October 1, approximately \$1.7 billion in assets was transferred from the local funds into the new consolidated firefighter's funds.

ZOOM meetings will continue until suggested otherwise by the Governor.

Laue exited the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve purchases and sales. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Stevens, and Berke

Nays: None

## **CITY BILLS**

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve September postage charges of \$104.73. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Stevens, and Berke

Nays: None

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

Ayes: Nielsen, Stevens, and Berke

Nays: None

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve payment to HolmstromKennedyPC for September attorney fees for general matters in the amount of \$990.00. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Stevens, and Berke

Nays: None

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the payment to HolmstromKennedyPC in the amount of \$450.00 for Annual Medical Reviews. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Stevens, and Berke

Nays: None

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the September bill from HolmstromKennedyPC for the disability application for Michael Landgraff in the amount of \$450.00 for professional services and \$50.00 for disbursements. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Stevens, and Berke

Nays: None

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the payment to HolmstromKennedyPC for the disability application for Katherine Anderson in the amount of \$1,260.00 for professional services and \$981.35 for disbursements. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Stevens, and Berke

Nays: None

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the payment to Woodlake Medical Management, Inc. for the annual medical evaluation for Sara Ahrens in the amount of \$2,290.00. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Stevens, and Berke

Nays: None

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the payment to Woodlake Medical Management, Inc. for the annual medical evaluation in the amount of \$1,990.00 for Aaron Lesmeister. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Stevens, and Berke

Nays: None

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the payment to Woodlake Medical Management, Inc. for the annual medical evaluation in the amount of \$1,890.00 for Philip Statler. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Stevens, and Berke

Nays: None

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the payment in the amount of \$795.00 for IPPFA membership dues effective January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Stevens, and Berke

Nays: None

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the payment to The Northern Trust Company for management fees from July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 in the amount of \$6,217.55. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Stevens, and Berke

Nays: None

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the payment to Marquette Associates for investment consulting services for the period of October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$21,134.00. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Stevens, and Berke

Nays: None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the first increase for Brian Skaggs for a benefit increase in the amount of \$533.29 and a monthly benefit amount of \$5,866.18/\$70,394.16 annually effective October 1, 2021. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Stevens, and Berke

Nays: None

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the service application for Marc Posley for a prorated amount of \$5,378.01 and a monthly benefit amount of \$6,412.24/\$76,946.87 annually effective October 6, 2021. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Stevens, and Berke

Nays: None

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the report to City Council pending the changes as discussed. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Stevens, and Berke

Nays: None

## **PAYROLL**

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the October estimated payroll in the amount of \$1,811,774.20. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Stevens, and Berke

Nays: None

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the September actual payroll in the amount of \$1,865,677.52. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Stevens, and Berke

Nays: None

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 8:47 a.m.