

**CORRECTED MINUTES
ROCKFORD POLICE PENSION BOARD
APRIL 17, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Nielsen, President **ABSENT:** Joe Stevens
Marcia Mueller, Vice President
Randy Berke Assist. Secretary
Scott Laue, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Piotrowski – Marquette Associates (via phone conference)
 Roberta Holzwarth – HolmstromKennedy PC

GUESTS: None

STAFF: Karla Hunter, Finance
 Carrie Hagerty, Finance Director

The April 21, 2022 Rockford Police Pension Board convened at City Hall 425 E. State St., Jeff Nielsen called the meeting to order 8:04 a.m.

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to approve the March 17, 2022 minutes of the Board meeting as amended. APPROVED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

CASH & INVESTMENTS

Piotrowski stated that as of March 31, the total fund composite is approximately \$223.2 million. There are no significant changes from the previous month. We will have cash needs of \$2 million for April benefit payments. The month of March was positive; the US equity composite was up 2.9%. Bond yields continue to move higher in anticipation of the Federal Government aggressively raising interest rates. For the month of March, the fixed income composite returned negative 2.4%, negative 4.4% for the quarter. The broad bond market returned negative 6% for the quarter, which is one of the worst quarters for fixed income in the last 40 years. Real Estate Composite returned 3.1% and the Global Tactical Composite returned 0.8% for the month. The total fund had a return of 0.3% for the month, for the quarter negative 3.6%. For the 12 month, the fund is positive 5%.

Motion by Mueller, seconded by Berke to liquidate \$2,000,000 from Vanguard Value Index Fund for benefit payments for the month of April, also \$2,150,000 from NTGI Intermediate Government Index Fund, \$1,600,000 from NTGI Government Mortgage Fund, \$3,750,000 from Segal Bryant & Hamill, and \$500,000 from PIMCO All Asset Fund **for the Fund's benefit payments and other cash needs during the month of May and the 3-month transition period following the June 1 transfer of Fund assets to the Illinois Police Officers' Investment Fund.** APPROVED.

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

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to approve purchases and sales as shown on the attachment to the agenda. APPROVED.

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

ATTORNEY'S REPORT/ PENSION FUND CONSOLIDATION DISCUSSION

Attorney Holzwarth reviewed the pension fund consolidation checklist distributed to the board members. Investment managers will be notified to stop trading on May 12. Piotrowski stated that many of the mutual fund companies would require specific documentation paperwork in order to facilitate the transfer and re-registration of those investments.

Attorney Holzwarth stated there had been no decision in the court case regarding the pension consolidation. The Rockford Police Pension fund has been assigned Sikich LLP.

CITY BILLS

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to approve March postage charges of \$333.04. APPROVED.

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

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to approve April City Services of \$7,491.67. APPROVED.

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

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to approve payment to HolmstromKennedyPC for March attorney fees for general matters in the amount of \$2,486.25. APPROVED.

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

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to approve the payment to HolmstromKennedyPC for March attorney fees for the disability application for Michael Landgraff for professional services rendered in the amount of \$540.00 and \$748.44 for medical records for a total of \$1,288.44. APPROVED.

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

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to approve the payment to HolmstromKennedyPC for March attorney fees for the disability application for Katherine Anderson for services rendered in the amount of \$2,565.00. APPROVED.

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

Katherine Anderson exams have been scheduled; she is represented by Attorney O'Neil.

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to approve the payment to HolmstromKennedyPC for March attorney fees for the consolidation of funds into the Illinois Police Officer Pension Investment Fund (IPOPIF) in the amount of \$776.25. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to approve the payment to HolmstromKennedyPC for March attorney fees for the Annual Medical Reviews (2022) in the amount of \$112.50. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to approve the payment to Northern Trust Company for management fees for the period of January 1, 2022 through March 31, 2022 in the amount of \$7,205.66. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to approve the payment to Marquette Associates for consulting services for the period of April 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$21,134.00. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Holzwarth reminded the board the Economic Interest Statements are due by May 1 and she briefly reviewed the form.

OLD BUSINESS

Hunter received an email confirmation of candidate-declined nomination.

The annual medical letters have been mailed to five individuals.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to terminate the pension for David Harmon due to his death on 2/1/2022. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to approve the service application for Daniel Basile effective 3/29/2022 with a prorated amount of \$412.56, a monthly amount of \$4,263.14/\$51,157.66 annually. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to approve the service application for Kevin Nordberg effective 5/3/2022 with a prorated amount of \$6,521.13, a monthly amount of \$6,970.86/\$83,650.32 annually. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to authorize the military buyback for James Presley for two years in the amount of \$47,411.09 to be received by the police pension fund by April 30, 2022. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

PAYROLL

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to approve the April estimated payroll in the amount of \$1,898,642.83. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to approve the March actual payroll in the amount of \$1,898,186.48. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 9:25 a.m.