

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS of the  
RETIREMENT BOARD (the “Board”) of the  
PARK EMPLOYEES’ ANNUITY AND BENEFIT FUND OF CHICAGO (the “Fund”)  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Board was held on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in the Judith A. Flaherty Conference Room on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor located at 3500 South Morgan Street, Suite 400, Chicago, Illinois 60609, pursuant to notice.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 9:38 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** President Edward L. Affolter, Vice President Matthew Duggan, Secretary Frank Hodorowicz, Trustees Brian Biggane, Joan Coogan and Cynthia Evangelisti

**ABSENT:** Trustee Steven J. Lux

**ALSO PRESENT:** Executive Director Steve Swanson and Comptroller Jaime L. McCabe, Park Employees’ Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago; Attorney Taylor Muzzy, Jacobs, Burns, Orlove & Hernandez; Aneish Arora, Meketa Investment Group; Molly Barker, Lauterbach & Amen, LLP (L&A)

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** *September 19, 2024 Regular Meeting:* The Board reviewed the September 19, 2024 regular meeting minutes. A motion was made by Trustee Evangelisti and seconded by Vice President Duggan to approve the September 19, 2024 regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

*September 19, 2024 Executive Session:* The Board reviewed the September 19, 2024 executive session minutes. A motion was made by Vice President Duggan and seconded by Trustee Biggane to approve the September 19, 2024 executive session minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:** Executive Director Swanson noted the recent communications received by the Board.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES:** No report of the committees was presented.

**OTHER REPORTS – ATTORNEY:** *Walton Surviving Spouse Approval of Written Decision:* The Board was provided with the written Decision prepared by Attorney Muzzy for the Walton surviving spouse matter. A motion was made by Secretary Hodorowicz and seconded by President Affolter to approve the Decision as prepared. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**AYES:** President Edward Affolter, Vice President Duggan, Secretary Hodorowicz, Trustees Biggane, Coogan and Evangelisti

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Trustee Lux

*Takaki Overpayment Update:* Attorney Muzzy gave the Board an update on the status of the overpayment schedule for Michael Takaki. Further discussion will be held at the next regular meeting.

*Dalon Lindsey Overpayment Update:* Attorney Muzzy apprised the Board that Dalon Lindsey has ceased making payments for his overpayment and noted that he will correspond with Mr. Lindsey regarding the matter. Further discussion will be held at the next regular meeting.

*Mr. Arora left the meeting at 9:47 a.m.*

*DXC Technology Securities Litigation Matter:* A motion was made by Trustee Coogan and seconded by Trustee Evangelisti to enter into executive session under Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act at 9:47 a.m. to discuss the securities litigation matter against DXC Technology Company. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Trustee Coogan and seconded by Vice President Duggan to adjourn executive session and re-enter the regular meeting at 9:52 a.m. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

*Open session resumed at 9:52 a.m.*

*Mr. Arora rejoined the meeting at 9:56 a.m.*

**OTHER REPORTS – LOBBYIST:** The Board was provided with the report from the Fund Lobbyist for their review. A motion was made by Vice President Duggan and seconded by President Affolter to accept the Lobbyist's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**INVESTMENTS: Economic and Market Update as of September 30, 2024:** Mr. Arora apprised the Board of the current status of the market.

*Performance Update as of September 30, 2024:* Mr. Arora reviewed with the Board the Interim Performance Report as of September 30, 2024, which consisted of the investment performance, asset allocation and individual investment manager performance. All questions were answered by Mr. Arora.

*Domestic Equity Portfolio Review and Restructuring:* Mr. Arora provided the Board with additional information on the performance of the Fund's domestic equity allocation. Mr. Arora discussed potential restructuring of the portfolio that adheres more closely to the Fund's domestic equity benchmark and answered all of the questions posed by the Trustees. A motion was made by President Affolter and seconded by Vice President Duggan to liquidate the Great Lakes Strategic Large Cap Value Fund and Northern Trust Wilshire 5000 Fund and transition the assets to the Northern Trust Russell 1000 Index Fund based on the recommendation of the investment consultant. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: President Edward Affolter, Vice President Duggan, Secretary Hodorowicz, Trustees Biggane, Coogan and Evangelisti

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Lux

Mr. Arora also apprised the Board of the current status of the transition management recommendation and noted that responses were received from PGM, Northern Trust and Loop Capital. A motion was made by Secretary Hodorowicz and seconded by Trustee Biggane to utilize PGM as the transition manager based on the recommendation of the investment consultant. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: President Edward Affolter, Vice President Duggan, Secretary Hodorowicz, Trustees Biggane, Coogan and Evangelisti

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Lux

A motion was made by Secretary Hodorowicz and seconded by Vice President Duggan to accept the Investment Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Vice President Duggan and seconded by Trustee Evangelisti to accept the Attorney's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**OTHER REPORTS – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** *Pension Administration System:* Executive Director Swanson gave a status update on the pension administration system through Pension Technology Group. He noted that setup of the system is ongoing and the staff training for the payroll aspect has been completed. Executive Director Swanson also noted that they are still in the process of engaging with Northern Trust for check printing as well as ACH features of the system. He noted that the live payroll aspect originally projected to launch in December 2024 will be pushed back to the end of February 2025 for operational reasons. Updates will be provided as they become available.

*Document Digitalization and Records Inventory Project:* Executive Director Swanson reviewed the current status of the records inventory project conducted by L&A with the Board. He noted that the SharePoint site has been set up and L&A has uploaded all necessary documents. Executive Director Swanson noted that uploads of the documents into DocuWare by Impact will commence shortly. Updates will be provided as they become available.

*SEIU/CPD Settlement Agreement:* Executive Director Swanson provided the Board with a settlement agreement between SEIU Local 73 and the Chicago Park District pertaining to a grievance filed on behalf of certain bargaining unit members. Further discussion will be held at the next regular meeting.

*2024 Budget Amendment:* Executive Director Swanson provided the Board with an amended 2024 budget which includes an updated projected amount for Other Professional Services which includes the scanning project conducted by L&A. A motion was made by Trustee Biggane and seconded by Secretary Hodorowicz to approve the amended budget as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: President Edward Affolter, Vice President Duggan, Secretary Hodorowicz, Trustees Biggane, Coogan and Evangelisti

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Lux

*Annuity Estimates:* Executive Director Swanson noted that the annuity estimates were included with the meeting materials for the Board's review.

*Marriage Letters:* Executive Director Swanson informed the Board that to date there are still some pensioners whose benefit payments are being withheld as a result of not completing the necessary eligibility verification. Further discussion will be held at the next regular meeting.

*Cyber Liability Insurance:* The Board was provided with the quote for cyber liability insurance from Hiscox Inc. Executive Director Swanson noted that the insurance premium is under the projected amount built into the budget and that the quote has been accepted by the Fund. No further action is needed.

*Lauterbach & Amen, LLP Engagement Letter:* The Board reviewed the L&A three-year engagement letters for administrative services and 1099R and 1096 form issuance. A motion was made by Trustee Coogan and seconded by Vice President Duggan to engage L&A for the services as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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*CPD Contributions:* Executive Director Swanson informed the Board that the Fund received an additional \$5,700,000 and that there is sufficient cash to fund November benefit payments. He also noted that the Fund will be receiving an additional \$3,400,000 from employer contributions in the coming months. Further discussion will be held at the next regular meeting.

*Trustee Fiduciary Training:* Executive Director Swanson noted that the conference schedule for 2024 for Trustee training is included with the meeting materials.

A motion was made by Secretary Hodorowicz and seconded by Trustee Evangelisti to accept the Executive Director's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**OTHER REPORTS – OTHERS:** No other reports were presented.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business to discuss.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business to discuss.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Trustee Coogan and seconded by Vice President Duggan to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

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Board President or Secretary

Minutes approved by the Board of Trustees on \_\_\_\_\_.

*Minutes prepared by Molly Barker, Professional Services Administrator, Lauterbach & Amen, LLP*