

**MINUTES OF  
PENSION AND RETIREMENT BOARD  
MEETING HELD  
OCTOBER 15, 2009 – 7:30 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM A – PARSONS GOVERNMENT COMPLEX**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

J. Sartor  
M. Chaco  
C. Cody  
S. Firmender  
L. Mahoney  
W. Shea  
D. Eisenhandler  
R. Lynch  
G. Behrle  
D. McKenna  
J. Whitaker  
T. Lewis  
G. Compare

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

G. Nosal  
T. Fino  
M. Hedman  
P. Staneski  
W. Schempp  
R. Elwell

**ALSO PRESENT**

John Beirne, Merrill Lynch  
Jane Sterback, Pension Office  
Maryanne DeTullio, Rec. Secr.

Chairman Sartor called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

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**Disposition of Minutes:**

Mr. Cody moved to accept the minutes of the September 17, 2009 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eisenhandler and carried unanimously.

**Report of the Chairman – No Report**

**Pension Requests**

(a) Victor Daniels

Code 3 – Police Department

Service Connected Dis. Ret.

Calculations

Mr. Compare moved that Victor Daniels be granted a service connected disability retirement pension in the annual amount of \$56,469.86, monthly payments of \$4,705.82, retroactive to 09/18/09. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eisenhandler and carried unanimously.

(b) John J. Edmonds

Code 3 – Fire Department

Non-Service Connected Dis. Ret.

Calculations

Mr. Eisenhandler moved to table the calculations of John J. Edmonds. The motion was seconded by Mr. Compare. Mr. Eisenhandler stated that due to staffing issues in the Pension Office in June and July Mr. Edmonds should have calculations redone from 7/18/09 and not 9/18/09. He stated that his application was accepted at the May meeting and the normal process time is two to three months. Mr. Cody asked if there is a substantial difference between the July and September calculations. Mr. Eisenhandler stated that there is because the calculations are based on work history and a certain amount of overtime would not be used in the calculations if the September date is used. Mr. Sartor stated that it takes at least two months to have doctor appointments scheduled and reports received.

**Pension Requests, Cont'd.**

Counsel for Mr. Edmonds stated that it is the duty of this Board in fairness to an applicant. Mr. Edmonds submitted his application in May and it was acted on at the May 21, 2009 meeting. There were some staff issues which led to a delay in the process. He stated that his client requested the calculations for July and he was denied those as was a Board member who also made the same request. He stated if the application was not delayed and it was acted upon in the normal course they would like to know what the calculations would be.

Mr. Sartor stated that there is a schedule of events that take place when an application is processed. He stated that on 6/5/09 releases were obtained from Mr. Edmonds to get information from his doctors. On 6/8/09 letters were sent out to his doctors requesting reports. He stated that medical reports were received on 6/25/09 and 6/26/09. A letter was sent on 6/29/09 to one of the doctors asking for clarification if Mr. Edmonds was disabled. Mr. Eisenhandler stated that a letter from an applicant's doctor is submitted with the application. Mr. Sartor stated that the Board needs to get medical reports. Ms. McKenna asked when he was asked to sign the releases and Mr. Edmonds stated that he received a message on either 6/3/09 or 6/4/09 to sign them.

Mr. Sartor stated that on 7/8/09 the doctor replied that he was permanently disabled from being a firefighter. On 7/16/09 appointments were made with two doctors and reports received on 8/5/09 and 8/13/09. The reports were presented to the Board at the September meeting.

Mr. Shea stated that there is specific contract language on how calculations are done. Mr. Eisenhandler stated that his last day of work was 9/17/09, but he was out of work since February. The vote on the motion to table and get calculations from 7/17/09 was unanimous.

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**Pension Requests, Cont'd.**

(c) Edmund Pineau

Code 5 – BOE (Bldg. Maint)

Reg. Retirement – Re-calculations

Mr. Whitaker moved that Edmund Pineau be granted a regular retirement pension in the annual amount of \$19,745.05, monthly payments of \$1,645.42, retroactive to 7/21/09. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eisenhandler and carried unanimously.

(d) Mark Freeman

Code 3 – Police Department

Service Conn. Dis. Retirement

Pending Drs. Reports

Mr. Compare moved that the application from Mark Freeman for a service connected disability pension be tabled. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eisenhandler and carried unanimously.

(e) John F. Gregorio

Code 3 – Police Department

Non-Service Conn. Dis Ret.

Pending Drs. Reports

Mr. Compare moved that the application from John F. Gregorio for a non-service connected disability retirement pension be tabled. The motion was seconded by Mr. Firmender and carried unanimously.

(f) James Coubrough

Code 3 – Fire Department

Regular Retirement – Application

Mr. Eisenhandler moved that the application from James Coubrough for a regular retirement pension be accepted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whitaker and carried unanimously.

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**Withdrawals and Refunds:**

(a) Diane Yassanye

Code 5 – Health Department

Entered: 8/15/05 Term. 9/11/09

Principal: \$11,266.39

Interest: 1,304.32

Total \$12,570.71

Mr. Whitaker moved that the withdrawal request from Diane Yassanye be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Firmender and carried unanimously.

**Buy Ins – None**

**Contingent Annuitant Option – None**

**Invoices:**

(a) Boyd Watterson (TALF)

Mr. Cody moved that Boyd Watterson (TALF) be paid the sum of \$6,828.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mahoney and carried unanimously.

(b) Wentworth, Hauser & Violich

Mr. Cody moved that Wentworth, Hauser & Violich be paid the sum of \$24,874.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shea and carried unanimously.

A motion to go off the agenda was made by Mr. Mahoney, seconded by Mr. Firmender and carried unanimously.

(c) Michael Paolini

Mr. Cody moved that Michael Paolini be paid the sum of \$4,500.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mahoney and carried unanimously.

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**Report of the Investment Advisor**

Mr. Beirne reviewed the portfolio with the Board and stated that it is up 3% for the month. He also stated that a representative will be at the November meeting to speak to the Board on PPIP.

**Applications of Entry**

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| (a) Nancy L. Chasse | Code 8 – BOE (Cafeteria)<br>Entry 09/10/09 DOB: 04/14/54 |
| (b) Brandon Edo     | Code 3 – Fire Department<br>Entry 08/31/09 DOB: 3/15/88  |
| (c) Justin Edo      | Code 3 – Fire Department<br>Entry 8/31/09 DOB: 3/21/84   |
| (d) David Tobias    | Code 3 – Fire Department<br>Entry 7/20/09 DOB: 5/12/83   |
| (e) Ramon Pons      | Code 3 – Fire Department<br>Entry 8/31/09 DOB: 12/7/85   |
| (f) Robert Rua      | Code 5 – BOE (Custodian)<br>Entry 8/31/09 DOB: 7/1/59    |

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Cody, seconded by Mr. Firmender and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Maryanne DeTullio  
Recording Secretary

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