

**Carbondale Police Pension Fund
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 17 2021**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Paul Echols called the meeting to order at about 2:10 PM. Also present in person were board members Brandon Weisenberger, Jeff Davis, Anthony Williams, and Kevin Geissler; and disability retiree Dan Rice. Board attorney Dennis Orsey attended the meeting via phone. The meeting was conducted in the Carbondale Civic Center, Room 103.

2. Public Comments

N/A

3. Minutes

Davis moved, and the board voted by acclamation, to accept the minutes from the 7/20/2021 meeting.

4. Correspondence

A.) Discussion of pension consolidation occurred during Item 9B.

B.) Attorney Orsey advised the governor's office is expected to continue issuing disaster proclamations every 30 days reference the reported prevalence of the Delta variant of SARS-CoV-2. Illinois public boards have the option to meet remotely under the ongoing proclamations.

5. Bills

Williams moved, and the board approved by unanimous roll call vote, to pay Attorney Orsey \$997.55 for services rendered in excess of the quarterly retainer for 5/1/2021 through 7/31/2021.

6. Treasurer's Report

Davis presented the treasurer's report. The fund was at \$38,665,350 as of 7/31/2021. This represents an increase of \$985,732 for FY22. Payroll continues at about \$245K per month. Weisenberger moved, and the board approved by acclamation, to approve the treasurer's report.

7. SPECIAL SETTING: Daniel Rice Annual Disability Review Administrative Hearing

The board reviewed and discussed the independent medical examination report of Dr. Joseph Yazdi and the accompanying Certification of Doctor. Mr. Rice voiced no objection to the findings in the report, which documented that he is not physically able to perform the duties of a police officer. Williams moved, and the board approved by unanimous roll call vote, to accept the examination results and continue Mr. Rice's disability pension.

8. Investment Report

N/A

9. Old Business

A.) Weisenberger moved, and the board approved by acclamation, to approve the interrogatory statement for FY21. Per Davis, work continues on the audit and annual statement.

B.) Orsey advised that the Illinois Attorney General's office has filed a 30-day continuance in the matter of contesting a temporary restraining order reference the scheduled Article 3 and Article 4 pension consolidation.

C.) Davis presented the board an updated Beneficiary Response Form, signed by Donnie Robbins on 7/26/2021, reference Mr. Robbins' agreement to repay the fund \$8,452.12 in 36 monthly payments starting September 2021. Orsey had previously discovered that the form the board approved during the 7/20/2021 meeting (Agenda Item 9A) indicated that Mr. Robbins both accepted and rejected the proposed repayment terms.

10. New Business

A.) The discussion of Aaron Webb's portability of creditable service was tabled until the next meeting.

B.) Williams moved, and the board approved by unanimous roll call vote, to request that Orsey prepare Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Officer training for Williams, Echols, and Weisenberger to satisfy their outstanding training requirements for calendar year 2021. The cost of the training will be \$125 apiece, or \$375 total. This training was requested in response to the ongoing unavailability of OMA/FOIA training through the IL Attorney General's compromised website.

Davis shared information regarding the Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois pension seminar to be held in Lisle, IL 10/25/2021-10/26/2021.

11. Application for Membership

N/A

12. Application for Benefits

A.) Williams moved, and the board approved by unanimous roll call vote, to allow \$66,720 of Benjamin Jones' contributions to be transferred via direct rollover to PTC of Fort Mill, SC, pending Davis's confirmation that PTC manages a qualified plan.

B.) The matter of Scott Ferguson's contribution refund was removed from consideration, due to Ferguson rescinding his resignation.

13. Next Meeting Date/Adjournment

The next meeting will be held on 9/21/2021 at 2:00 PM. Davis moved, and the board voted by acclamation, to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandon Weisenberger | Board Secretary

9/21/21