IN THE MATTER OF MEETING NO. 1087

STENOGRAPHIC REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had at the video/audio conference meeting of the above-entitled matter, held at 20 South Clark Street, Suite 300, in the City of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois, on June 16, 2021, commencing at the hour of 8:30 a.m.

## APPEARANCES

BOARD MEMBERS:

DANIEL FORTUNA, President and Annuitant Trustee

ROBERT TEBBENS, Active Trustee
WILLIAM MURPHY, Secretary and Active Trustee
TIMOTHY MCPHILLIPS, Active Trustee

MELISSA CONYEARS-ERVIN, City Treasurer
ANNA VALENCIA, City Clerk
RESHMA SONI, City Comptroller
ANNETTE NANCE-HOLT, Active Trustee
ATTORNEYS FOR THE BOARD:
BURKE, BURNS AND PINELLI, LTD.
BY: MS. MARY PATRICIA BURNS
MR. VINCENT PINELLI
MS. SARAH A. BOECKMAN
ALSO PRESENT:
MS. SARAH A. BOECKMAN, Interim Executive Director
LORI LUND, Deputy Director
LORNA SCOTT, Chief Investment Officer
JACLYN VLAHOS, Comptroller
JOHN CONNESS, Fund Accountant
MARC TORRES, IT Analyst
MARK MYSLINSKI, City Treasurer's Office MICHAEL I. PETERS, M.D., Board Physician

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Good morning,
everyone. We are going to convene the board
meeting for Wednesday, June 16 th. It is 8:30. I'd like a roll call.

MS. BURNS: Trustee Murphy.
MEMBER MURPHY: Present.
MS. BURNS: Trustee Nance-Holt.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Present.
MS. BURNS: Trustee Conyears-Ervin.
(Not present.)
Trustee Soni.
(Not present.)
Trustee McPhillips.
MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Present.
MS. BURNS: Trustee Tebbens.
(Not present.)
MS. BURNS: Trustee Valencia.
MEMBER VALENCIA: Present.

MS. BURNS: President Fortuna.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: I am here.

MS. BURNS: You have a quorum.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Thank you, very much.
Public Act 101-0640 allows this meeting
to be conducted by audio and video conference. The
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Act requires a roll call vote on each matter acted upon.

Further consistent with Public Act 101-0640, for the record, I am physically present at the Fund office as is Fund Secretary and Interim Executive Director. We have posted notice of this meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and the meeting is being recorded. A transcript of this proceeding will be prepared and ultimately, after approval, will be made available on the Fund's website.

Now I am going to move to Public Comment. Consistent with Public Act 91-0715 and reasonable constraints determined by the Board of Trustees, at each regular meeting of the Board or its committees that is open to the public, members of the public may request a brief time to address the Board on relative matters within its jurisdiction.

Are there any requests for public comment?

Hearing none, $I$ am going to turn the meeting over to Secretary Murphy to proceed through the rest of the agenda.

MEMBER MURPHY: Thank you. First, we are DEBBIE TYRRELL REPORTING SERVICE-
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going to turn to the Approval of Administrative Items.

Approval of Minutes for the Regular Audio Meeting for May 17, 2021, open and closed; Regular Audit Meeting Transcript from May 17, 2021; Regular Audio Investment Committee Meeting, May 14, 2021 open and closed minutes; and, the Regular Audio Investment Committee Meeting Transcript for May 14 , 2021.

I would like to make a motion to approve the open minutes, the audio transcripts and the closed session minutes for the May 17 th Board meeting and the May 14 th Investment Committee meeting, and to keep the closed session minutes closed on the recommendation of counsel.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There is a motion. Is there a second?

MEMBER HOLT: Second.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Seconded by Trustee Holt. Any discussion?

Trustee Murphy.
MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Holt.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.

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CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips. MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes. CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Valencia. MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And $I$ am a yes.
Motion carries.
MEMBER MURPHY: Moving on to Item B,
Minimum Formula Annuities. I would like to make a motion to approve the Minimum Formula Annuities starting with Member 11556 and ending with Member 17039.

MEMBER VALENCIA: Second.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There is a motion by
Trustee Murphy. Seconded by Trustee Valencia.
Trustee Murphy.
MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Holt.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
MEMBER SONI: Yes. I just joined.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
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CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Valencia. MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes. CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes. Motion carries.

MEMBER MURPHY: Moving on to C, Survivor
Annuities and Widow's Annuities. I would like to make a motion to approve the Widow Annuities starting with Member 07659 through Member 13317.

MEMBER SONI: Second.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There is a motion to approve by Trustee Murphy. Seconded by Trustee Soni.

Trustee Murphy.
MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Holt.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
MEMBER SONI: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Valencia.
MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.

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CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And $I$ am a yes.

Motion carries.

MEMBER MURPHY: Moving on to $D$, Refunds.

I would like to make a motion to approve the Refund for Member 18706 .

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Second.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Motion to approve by
Trustee Murphy. Seconded by Trustee McPhillips.

Trustee Murphy.

MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Holt.

MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.

MEMBER SONI: Yes.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.

MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Valencia.

MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And $I$ am a yes.

Motion carries.

MEMBER MURPHY: Mr. President, moving on
to Item E, Death Benefits. I would like to make a

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motion to approve the death benefits for Member 07659 through Member 11061.

MEMBER TEBBENS: Second.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Motion to approve by Trustee Murphy. Seconded by Trustee Tebbens. Trustee Murphy.

MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Holt.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
MEMBER SONI: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Valencia.
MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And $I$ am a yes.
Motion carries.
MEMBER MURPHY: Moving on to Item F,
Partial Payments. I make a motion to approve the Partial Payments beginning with Member 07696 and continuing through Member 05067 .

MEMBER VALENCIA: Second.

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CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There is a motion by
Trustee Murphy. Seconded by Trustee Valencia.
Trustee Murphy.
MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Holt.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
MEMBER SONI: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Valencia.
MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And $I$ am a yes.
Motion carries.
MEMBER MURPHY: Moving on to Item G, Benefit Recalculations. There are no Benefit Recalculations this month.

Moving on to Item $H$, Requests For Permission. There are three guardianship matters and one other guardian related matter. Turning first to the guardian matters, staff confirms that the appropriate documentation is on file for each
of these three matters. I make the motion to approve the guardianship relating to Members 09583, 09043 and 06229 .

MEMBER SONI: Second.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There is a motion by
Trustee Murphy. Seconded by Trustee Soni.
Trustee Murphy.
MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Holt.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
MEMBER SONI: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Valencia.
MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And $I$ am a yes.
Motion carries.
MEMBER MURPHY: The other guardian
related to a matter that involves Member 14544 .
Previously, the Board withheld payments due to a minor child because the individual who asked to be
made temporary guardian would not complete the Fund's required paperwork acknowledging that the child resided with the guardian and that the money would be used for the child's benefits. That paperwork has now been provided and reviewed by counsel. Thus, I make a motion to approve the release of child annuity payments for the period of November 2020 through February 10th of 2021 to Matthew Rogers, brother of Member 14544.

## MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Second.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There is a motion by
Trustee Murphy. Seconded by Trustee McPhillips. Trustee Murphy. MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Holt.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
MEMBER SONI: Yes.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Valencia.
MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.

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CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes. Motion carries.

MEMBER MURPHY: There are also two
requests to reside out of state from Member 14551
and Member 16022. Motion to approve.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Second.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There's a motion by
Trustee Murphy. Seconded by Trustee Holt.
Trustee Murphy.
MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Holt.

MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
MEMBER SONI: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Valencia.
MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And $I$ am a yes.
Motion carries.
MEMBER MURPHY: Mr. President, Item I,
Removals. I would like to make a motion to approve DEBBIE TYRRELL REPORTING SERVICE-

Removals starting with Florence Jastrzebowski and end ending with Aidan McCormick -- Buczko.

MEMBER VALENCIA: Second.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There is a motion for
removal. Seconded by Trustee Valencia.
Trustee Murphy.
MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Holt.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
MEMBER SONI: Yes.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Valencia.
MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And $I$ am a yes.
Motion carries.
MEMBER MURPHY: Moving on to 3, Request for Approval of Payments pursuant to a Court Order. I would like to ask counsel to provide some background on this matter.

MS. BURNS: So the Trustees understand, DEBBIE TYRRELL REPORTING SERVICE
this is the Koch matter. What happened was last month, or a couple of months ago, the Board approved a calculation based on a QILDRO that had been entered a year or so ago during the pandemic.

The alternate payee was a woman by the name of Ann Koch, the ex-wife of Mr. Koch. She died on March 20, 2021.

The issue staff was faced with is what to do with the accrued payments that occurred between the time the QILDRO order was actually entered and the time that the Board actually approved the calculation order. The issue was whether those accrued sums go back to the member or go to the deceased wife or her estate.

If you approve this, based on our recommendation, the money would go to the ex-wife and her heirs because it was actually money she had earned and just hadn't gotten paid because of the Fund's procedures in getting the documentation put together.

So with that, I think you are prepared for the motion, unless there are questions from the Trustees.

MEMBER MURPHY: Mr. President, based on DEBBIE TYRRELL REPORTING SERVICE
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the counsel's recommendation, I'd like to make a motion that the administrative and court orders listed in the docket for Member 016652 be rescinded due to the death of the alternate payee, and that all amounts due to the alternate payee prior to her death be paid to her estate.

MEMBER TEBBENS: Second.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Motion by Trustee
Murphy seconded by Trustee Tebbens.
Trustee Murphy.
MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Holt.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
MEMBER SONI: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.

MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Valencia.

MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.
Motion carries.
MEMBER MURPHY: Mr. President, moving on
to the approval of disability applications. I believe our first one is Firefighter McCann.

MR. PINELLI: Good morning, everyone. We are ready to proceed. I think Firefighter McCann is on the line. Sir, can you hear me?

MR. MCCANN: Yes, $I$ can, sir.

MR. PINEILI: Very good, thank you.

Let the record reflect this is an application for an Ordinary Disability benefit being made by Firefighter Jason McCann.

Good morning, sir. I am one of the attorneys for the Pension Fund. I'd like to advise you of some preliminary matters before we start presentation of the evidence to the Board.

First of all, at the current time there are seven trustees $I$ believe available to hear the evidence on your application.

If you don't know you should know the Pension Code requires that you get the yes vote of at least five of those seven trustees. Do you understand that?

MR. MCCANN: Yes, sir.

MR. PINELLI: The record indicates you do not have an attorney representing you at this time.

Is it your desire to proceed to this hearing without an attorney?

MR. MCCANN: Yes, sir.
MR. PINELLI: Lastly, it is always the applicant's burden of proof to present sufficient evidence to the Board in order for the Board to grant the benefit that the applicant is seeking. Do you understand it is your burden of proof?

MR. MCCANN: Yes, sir.
MR. PINELLI: By way of procedures, I am going to start by asking you some questions under oath. The board members may or may not have questions of you. Then $I$ will call the Fund's physician consultant to testify. If there is anything $I$ don't ask him that you think is important for the Board to know, let me know that and you will be given that opportunity. Do you understand the procedures?

MR. MCCANN: Yes, sir.
MR. PINELLI: Then we are ready to
proceed. Is Doctor Peters on the line?
DR. PETERS: Yes, I am.
MR. PINELLI: Thank you. Mr. McCann and Dr. Peters, could you both please raise your right
hands?
(Witness sworn.)

JASON MCCANN
a witness herein, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

EXAMINATION

BY MR. PINELLI:

Q Sir, could you please state your name for the record and spell your last name?

A Jason Joseph McCann, M-c-C-a-n-n.
Q Mr. McCann, what is your rank with the Fire Department?

A I am a Firefighter Paramedic.
Q What was your last assignment before you went on layup?

A Engine 125.
Q Now, sir, you should have received a copy of Board Exhibits marked 1 through 9 prior to today's hearing from the staff. Did you get a copy of those exhibits?

A I did, sir, yes.
Q Did you have a chance to review them?
A I did, yes.
Q Do you have any objection to their

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admission into the record in support of your
application?
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A I have no objection.
MR. PINELLI: Thank you.
Mr. Chairman, hearing that $I$ would move for admission of Board Exhibits 1 through 9, without objection from the applicant.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Admitted without objection.
(Board Exhibits 1 through 9 were admitted.)

MR. PINELLI: Thank you.
BY MR. PINELLI:
Q Now, sir, you are applying for this disability benefit based upon a condition that you have that is in the records with respect to your mental health; is that correct?

A That is correct, yes.
Q You entered service with the fire department in 2019; is that correct?

A Yes, sir.
Q Did you develop this condition with respect to your mental health while you have been in service with the Fire Department?

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A I developed this condition before employment with the Chicago Fire Department.

Q Okay. And then has the condition worsened since that time since you came on the Department?

A Yes, the condition did worsen.
Q Now since you went on layup have you engaged in any activity by which you earn income?

A No, sir.

Q Have you engaged in any sporting activities?

A No, sir.
Q I saw in the record that you did apply for a reasonable accommodation with the Chicago Fire Department. Was there ever a determination on that?

A I was denied for an accommodation.
MR. PINELLI: Okay. Thank you. That's all the questions $I$ have for this witness.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustees, any questions for Mr. McCann?

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: No questions.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Hearing none.
MR. PINELLI: I would then proceed with

Dr. Peters.
(Witness previously sworn.)
MICHAEL I. PETERS, M.D.
a witness herein, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

EXAMINATION
BY MR. PINELLI:
Q Sir, please state your name.
A Michael I. Peters.
Q You're a physician; is that correct?
A Yes, that is correct.

Q A copy of your qualifications as a physician are attached to the Board Exhibits, right?

A Yes.
Q Do you perform a function with this fund?
A Yes, I do.
Q In that capacity, do you review medical records, either examine or interview applicants and report to the Board?

A Yes, I do.
Q Did you follow that procedure with respect to Mr. McCann?

A Yes, I did.
$Q$ Did you file a written report with the Board that is marked as Board Exhibit Number 2?

A Yes.
Q Doctor, did you interview Mr. McCann?

A By telephone, yes.
Q Was the information he provided to you consistent with the medical records that you reviewed?

A Yes, it was.
Q Can you just summarize for the Board briefly what the state of his medical condition is at this time?

A He suffers from generalized anxiety and panic disorder. It started when he was at the Academy with the Lockport Fire Department in 2018 and he did have a recovery at that time. But his episodes of acute panic have persisted and he has a great deal of anticipatory anxiety regarding activities involving fire fighting and being at the firehouse, awaiting calls, and things that have to do with being in the fire service, despite being on fairly regular therapy both with a therapist and with medication.

Q Based upon those symptoms, do you believe DEBBIE TYRRELL REPORTING SERVICE-
he would be able to perform his duties with the Fire Department?

A No, I don't.
MR. PINELLI: Thank you, doctor, that is
all the questions $I$ have.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustees, any
questions for Dr. Peters?
MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: No questions.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Hearing none.
MEMBER MURPHY: I'd like to make a motion
to grant the benefits requested by Firefighter McCann.

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Second.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There's a motion to grant by Trustee Murphy. Seconded by Trustee McPhillips.

Trustee Murphy.
MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Holt.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
MEMBER SONI: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.

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CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens. MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes. CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Valencia. MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.
Motion carries.
MEMBER MURPHY: I'd like to make a motion
for reexam consistent with the Board's policy.
MEMBER SONI: Second.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Motion for reexam.
Seconded by Trustee Soni.
Trustee Murphy.
MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Holt.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
MEMBER SONI: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Valencia.
MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And $I$ am a yes.

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Motion carries.
MR. MCCANN: Mr. President, counsel has previously sent around Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in this matter. Having had a chance to review those, I would like to make a motion to adopt those Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Second.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There is a motion by
Trustee Murphy. Seconded by Trustee McPhillips. Trustee Murphy. MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Holt.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
MEMBER SONI: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Valencia.
MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And $I$ am a yes.
Motion carries.

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Mr. McCann, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law made by the Trustees, the Trustees have voted to grant you the benefit you have requested.

You will be notified by mail of the Findings of Fact and the Board's decision.

Thank you and good luck to you.
MR. MCCANN: Thank you, very much. Thank you, Board, it means a lot to me. Thank you.

MEMBER MURPHY: Moving on, we have Todd Augustine, PIC, Ambulance 29, if he's available.

MR. AUGUSTINE: Yes, I am here.
MR. PINELLI: You can let the record reflect this is a hearing on the application for a Duty Disability Benefit being made by Paramedic in Charge Todd Augustine.
good morning, Mr. Augustine. I am one of the attorneys for the Pension Fund. I will be conducting this hearing for the Board. I'd like to advise you of some preliminary matters before we start the evidence.

First of all, there are seven trustees currently present to hear the evidence on your application. If you don't know you should know
that the Pension Code requires that you get the yes vote of at least five of those seven trustees in order to receive this benefit. Do you understand that?

MR. AUGUSTINE: Yes, sir.
MR. PINELLI: The record also indicates that you do not have an attorney representing you in this matter. I just want to confirm it is your desire to proceed without an attorney today?

MR. AUGUSTINE: Yes.
MR. PINELLI: Lastly, it is the
applicant's burden of proof to present sufficient evidence to the Board in order for the Board to grant a benefit that an applicant is seeking. Do you understand it is your burden of proof?

MR. AUGUSTINE: Yes, sir.
MR. PINELLI: By way of procedures, I am going to start by asking you some questions under oath. Then $I$ will call the Fund's physician consultant to testify. If there is anything I don't ask him that you think is important for the Board to know, please let me know and you will be given that opportunity. Do you understand the procedures?

MR. AUGUSTINE: Yes, I do.
MR. PINELLI: Then we are ready to
proceed. Could I have Mr. Augustine and the doctor raise your right hands?
(Witness sworn.)
TODD AUGUSTINE,
a witness herein, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

EXAMINATION
BY MR. PINELLI:
Q Mr. Augustine, please state your name and spell your last name for the record.

A Todd Gerald Augustine, A-u-g-u-s-t-i-n-e.
Q What is your current rank with the Fire Department?

A Paramedic in Charge.
Q What was your last assignment before you went on layup for this injury?

A Ambulance 29.
Q Sir, you should have been provided a copy of Board Exhibits marked 1 through 12 by the Fund staff in advance of today's hearing. Did you receive those exhibits?

A Yes, I did.
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Q Do you have any objection to their admission into the record in support of your application?

A No, sir, I do not.
MR. PINELLI: Mr. Chairman, I move for admission of Board Exhibits 1 through 12, without objection from the applicant.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Admitted without objection.
(Board Exhibits 1 through 12 were admitted into evidence.)

BY MR. PINELLI:
Q Thank you.
Mr. Augustine, directing your attention to May 27 th of 2020 , could you briefly describe for us what occurred to you that day that caused you an injury or injuries that is the basis of your application?

A We were on a call and as were carrying the patient out, me and my partner, were caring the patient on the stair chair. I was on the bottom of the stair chair and $I$ stepped down from the curb and $I$ suddenly felt pain on the right lower side of my back.

We continued with the call with the help of the engine crew. Moved the patient over to the stretcher, got her into the ambulance. Proceeded with the call. I was still feeling pain through the whole call. Got the patient to the hospital. With the help of the hospital staff, transferred the patient over to the hospital bed. I was still having pain when $I$ moved her over.

I went to the ambulance to finish my Run Report and I right before I started I tried to take some Ibuprofen or aspirin to help with the pain.

Sat there for about a hour with no improvement in pain and $I$ realized $I$ wouldn't be able to continue my shift with this type of pain going on so $I$ went into the emergency room at Little Company of Mary to get examined and layup.

Q With respect to the incident, was there another member of the Fire Department that was involved with you in an attempt to move the patient at that time?

A Yes, it was my partner and the engine crew was helping me. My partner was at the top of the stair chair and I was at the bottom of the stair chair. We were the only two using the stair
chair.
Q Your partner's name for the record?

A Kelly Newcomer.
Q He was a Fire Paramedic; is that correct?
A Yes, she was. She still is.
Q She is, sorry. Thank you. Prior to this incident had you ever had any injuries to your back?

A No, I had not.
Q No lay-ups or any treatment at all for your lower back prior to this incident; is that right?

A No, that is correct.
Q Following the injury, it looks like from the records you underwent a period of time with conservative treatments attempting to address the problems in your back but that did not resolve them; is that correct?

A That is correct.
Q Ultimately you had a spinal fusion surgery on February 22nd of 2021, this year, correct?

A Yes, sir.
Q Can you briefly describe for the members


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of the Board what your current condition is with respect to any limitations or pain or discomfort that you still are experiencing?


A I am still experiencing some pain in my lower back as normal with the healing of the surgery. I am limited in how much $I$ can bend over. According to my doctor, $I$ can't carry more than ten pounds currently. Last time at physical therapy, with the assistance of the therapist, I could go do up to 30 but on my own $I$ can't carry any more than 10 pounds.

Q Since you went on layup, have you engaged in any activities by which you earn income?

A No, sir.
Q Are you currently taking any medications for pain prescribed by your treating doctors?

A No, sir.
Q Do you have any appointments scheduled with your treating doctor?

A Yes, $I$ have one coming up on July 21 st.

Q Is it your intention and desire to try to get back to the point where you can return to active duty?

A Yes, that will be my long-term goal as DEBBIE TYRRELL REPORTING SERVICE-
long as I get approved by some doctor.
Q And the Fire Department agrees?
A Yes, sir.
MR. PINELLI: Thank you. That is all the questions of this witness.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustees, any questions for Mr. Augustine?

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: No questions.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Hearing none, Vince.
MR. PINELLI: Thank you. I would proceed with Dr. Peters?
(Witness previously sworn.)
MICHAEL I. PETERS, M.D.
a witness herein, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

EXAMINATION
BY MR. PINELLI:
Q Dr. Peters, would you state your name for the record?

A Michael I. Peters.

Q You are a physician; is that correct?
A Yes.
Q Do you and Dr. Samo both perform a function as a consultant to this fund?

A Yes, we do.
Q In that capacity, do you review medical records, examine or interview applicants and report to the Board?

A Yes, we do.
Q With respect to this applicant, he was interviewed by Dr. Samo; is that correct?

A That is correct.
Q Dr. Samo is not available at this time to testify; is that correct?

A That is correct.

Q Did you have the opportunity to review the records for this matter?

A Yes, I did.
Q Does that include the written report filed by Dr. Samo?

A Yes, it does.
Q Could you please briefly describe for us what Dr. Samo's findings were with respect to the applicant?

A Dr. Samo's findings were consistent with the mechanism of injury described by the applicant, with transferring a patient with a stair chair and developing acute low back pain.

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He did not improve with the usual
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conservative measures, including epidural steroid injections. He ultimately underwent a posterior fusion and as he described he is still symptomatic and he is still on significant lifting restrictions.

Q Doctor, just generally is there some period of time usually associated with that type of surgery before somebody reaches maximum medical improvement?

A Approximately nine months.

Q He just had this surgery in February?
A February.

Q He's not --

A February 21st.
Q He's not at MMI yet, correct?
A No, he is not.
Q Based on that, would he be able to perform his duties with the Fire Department?

A Not presently.

MR. PINELLI: All right. Thank you,
doctor. That is all the questions I have.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustees, any
questions for Dr. Peters?

MEMBER MURPHY: No questions.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Hearing none.
MEMBER MURPHY: I'd like to make a motion to grant the disability benefits requested by Mr . Augustine.

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Second.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There is a motion to
grant by Trustee Murphy. Seconded by Trustee McPhillips.

Trustee Murphy.
MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Holt.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
MEMBER SONI: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Valencia.
MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.
Motion carries.
MEMBER MURPHY: I'd like to make a motion

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for reexams consistent with the Board's policy.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Second.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There is a motion for reexam by Trustee Murphy. Seconded by Trustee Holt.

Trustee Murphy.
MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Holt.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
MEMBER SONI: Yes.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Valencia.
MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And $I$ am a yes.
Motion carries.
MEMBER MURPHY: Counsel has previously
sent around proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. Having had a chance to review those, I'd like to make a motion to adopt those Findings of Fact and Conclusions of law in this
matter.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Second.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There is a motion by Trustee Murphy. Seconded by Trustee Holt.

Trustee Murphy.
MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Holt.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.

MEMBER SONI: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Valencia.
MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And $I$ am a yes.
Motion carries.
Based on the findings of fact and conclusions of law made by the Trustees, the Trustees have voted to grant you the benefit you have requested.

You will be notified by mail of the
Findings of Fact and the Board's decision.

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Thank you and good luck.
MR. AUGUSTINE: Thank you, board members. MEMBER MURPHY: Christopher Ibata is online.

MEMBER CONYEARS-IRVIN: Good morning,
everyone, $I$ am here.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Good morning, Trustee Conyears-Irvin.

MR. PINELLI: I think Mr. Ibata is represented by counsel, Mr. Jerry Marconi. Is Mr. Marconi on the line?

MR. MARCONI: Yes.
MR. PINELLI: What about your client is he on the line?

MR. MARCONI: He should be on. I know he was calling in.

MR. PINELLI: Let the record reflect this is a hearing on the application for a Duty Disability Benefit being made by Lieutenant Chris Ibata.

Mr. Ibata is on the line. He's also represented by counsel. Could you please identify yourself for the record, counsel?

MR. MARCONI: Good morning. Jerome

Marconi on behalf of the applicant.

MR. PINELLI: Okay. Mr. Ibata is also on the line with you; is that correct?

MR. MARCONI: That is correct.

MR. PINELLI: Before we begin testimony, for the record, let's confirm that you did receive copies of the Board Exhibits, which have previously been marked in this matter Board Exhibits 1 through 12. Did you receive them, counsel?

MR. MARCONI: I did. I have no objection to them going into evidence.

MR. PINELLI: Okay, thank you. And, in addition, did you submit for the Board's consideration what's been marked as Applicant's Exhibits 1 through 6 as well?

MR. MARCONI: We did and then $I$ followed up $I$ think with a clarification because some of the documents were unreadable in the first submission so I sent Lori $I$ think some pages that are easier to read.

MR. PINELLI: Okay, very well. Thank you for doing that. I take it you are moving for admission of those exhibits?

MR. MARCONI: Yes, sir.

MR. PINELLI: No objection here. So, Mr.
Chairman, that having been said, at this time I move for admission of Board Exhibits 1 through 12 and Applicant's Exhibits 1 through 6, without objection.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Admitted without objection.
(Board Exhibits 1 through 12 and Applicant Exhibits 1 through 6 were admitted into evidence.)

MR. PINELLI: Thank you. Now, counsel, do you wish to proceed with testimony?

MR. MARCONI: Yes. The only caveat, I just want to put on the record, you probably did not get my email attaching, but $I$ saw a headline yesterday in the New York Times regarding a study that came out yesterday. The title of it is "A Detailed Study of Patients With Long Haul Covid" and it is a study of 2 million individuals.

So I think what $I$ wanted to do, $I$ don't want to defer this again, I haven't even read through this study. I emailed it to you. I am sure you haven't seen it either. I'd like to at least get going today. If board members have any
issues or questions, we have no objection if we have to defer it to finish it so that we can take a look at this study and maybe get either Mr. Ibata's treating physician on the line next time or give Dr. Peters a chance to look at it as well.

I am not saying $I$ am asking for a deferment. I am saying if board members have a question, you know, we have no objection to not finishing this today. I mean, we're kind of in uncharted territory here with regard to a Covid case. I think the medical research is also ongoing. I just wanted to throw that out there at the beginning of the hearing.

MR. PINELLI: Okay. Well, Mr. Chairman, I would ask if the Board has any objection to proceeding this morning with the evidence and testimony that we have present?

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustees, any objections?

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: No objection.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Hearing none, Vince, proceed.

MR. PINELLI: Then we are ready to proceed. Mr. Ibata, could you please raise your
right hand?
(Witness sworn.)
MR. PINELLI: Thank you, counsel, you may proceed.

## CHRISTOPHER IBATA

a witness herein, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

EXAMINATION
BY MR. MARCONI:

Q Lieutenant Ibata, you are the applicant; is that correct?

A Yes, sir.
Q You had a chance to read through the Board's packet containing your history and I think there was also in our exhibits there was a diary that you kept early on after you became infected; is that correct?

A Yes, that is correct. That package was so big.

Q I am going to fill in some blanks just for the Board. Could you just explain to them -it indicates you have been employed by the Chicago Fire Department since February 22, 1999. Can you just describe some of the assignments you have had
through your career as a Chicago Firefighter?
A I came on Ambulance 10 and then $I$ took the PIC and went to Ambulance 45. I crossed over in '03 and went to Engine 26 . A pretty good house. Then I went to Truck 29, that was a good time. Then $I$ went to Tower 54 for a year and then $I$ went to Air and Rescue. I learned a lot there. I was in great shape. Then $I$ went out to the airport. I got injured there and $I$ had to leave.

Q Were you a diver at some point?
A I was a rescue diver on Air and Sea Rescue and $I$ was a diver on Squad 7 after $I$ was assigned to the airport. I was assigned to the airport at Engine 12. I had to put in for somewhere so I went to Engine 12. They asked me to put in for the squad to be one of their top divers.

Q Can you dive any more?
A Right now, no.
Q Not now but why did you leave diving?
A I left Air and Rescue because I blew my ear out and I didn't go to the hospital and I ended up with peripheral visual vertigo and $I$ ended up having to have physical therapy for that anyway. My dad was dying of cancer at the time and I didn't
want to layup so $I$ just sucked it up to the point where $I$ couldn't deal with it anymore and then $I$ had to leave Air and Rescue. In order to be close to my family and close to my dad, I went out to the airport.

Q The last assignment was at the airport; is that correct?

A That is correct.
Q I want to fill in some of the blanks regarding that assignment. Which specifically was your assignment before you laid up?

A My assignment was diving at Squad 7 and we were doing Covid screening for international passengers coming in from around the world at Terminal 5. That is what $I$ was doing before $I$ got ill.

Q This would have been right at the beginning of the pandemic; is that correct?

A Yeah, yeah.
Q Can you give the Board kind of a picture of the setup at the time and the volume of passengers that you were screening?

A The setup was in Terminal 5 in the lower part of the -- the baggage collection area. I
don't know if anyone has ever gone through there. It was at the far end of the baggage collection area underneath Terminal 5. They had curtains setup and they had tables setup for screening stations. The passengers would come off the plane, they would come down to the CDC checkpoint, the border patrol checkpoint, and then we were the next stop.

We were the actual screener so we were the ones taking their temperature and asking them a series of questions and then if they were questionable we would take them back to the CDC checkpoint for further evaluation.

Q So you had very close contact with these passengers who were coming in from other countries; is that correct?

A Oh, yeah. You could feel them breathing on you. They literally -- you could feel them breathing on you. No such thing as social distancing.

Q There was some indication in $I$ think $D r$. Peters report regarding the PPE that was being used or being distributed. Was there sort of a shortage at that time?

A Yeah, there was, obviously, a shortage because we couldn't get enough gloves and we were issued one $N 95$ mask that we would use for several days at a time. If you were doing a high volume of screening, you had to switch masks sometimes to just a surgical mask because we didn't have enough to go around. We didn't have gowns. We didn't have face shields. You had to make do with what you had.

Q When you say volume, can you give the Board some idea of the volume you were dealing with at that time?

A Flights would come in one after another. Several hundred to thousands of people walking through the terminal.

Q That would be every day?
A That was every day. I was screening every day between every platoon shift daily for over two weeks in the month of March.

Q Now, at this time, and I can't remember where in the records it was, you told, maybe it was Dr. Peters, that you were living with one other person; is that correct?

A Yes, one other fireman. He was assigned
to the airport as well. We were on different shifts. He was doing the same thing $I$ was with screening so.

Q Other than going to work and being exposed to people with COVID-19, there was no one at home that you were aware of that contracted COVID-19; is that correct?

A That is correct.
Q Did you also work with other emergency personnel that you knew contracted COVID-19 that you may have been exposed to?

A Yes. I know for certainty that one of the other private ambulance providers at the time had contracted Covid and that person was laying around. They were trying to take care of her. They ended up taking her to the hospital by CFD ambulance because she got so sick.

MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Can I ask Mr.

Ibata, I am having a hard time hearing him. Can he talk a little louder, please?

THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. I will try. BY MR. MARCONI:

Q You were just saying that you were working with another $I$ think was it a private
ambulance company?
A Yes. We were working alongside with several private ambulance companies at the time.

Q One in particular you knew that -- did you transport her or did you help load her or what?

A I helped load her into the ambulance. I noticed that she was going outside to take a break. She was waiting for the ambulance to load her so I just assisted them getting her on the stretcher and throwing her in the ambulance.

Q Okay. During this time you were not using any type of a respirator or a new $N 95$ mask every day; is that correct?

A We never used any kind of respirator. We had N95 masks most of the time but we didn't have access to them all of the time.

Q Now before I go into the initial symptoms, $I$ wanted to try to let -- if we could let the Board know your level of fitness prior to contracting Covid. How would you describe your level of fitness and what types of workout routines would you engage in to maintain your fitness?

A Anybody who has seen me at the firehouse over my entire career, one place they have seen me,

I am always in the gym. I was swimming a mile after shift. I was running 2 miles before shift. I was dead lifting 250 pounds. I was squatting 250 pounds. I was benching 225 pounds. Those were my regular max weights. I was doing cross fit, weight training, biking. I worked out five or six days a week. I had no problems with my breathing. No problems with my muscles. I endured multiple injuries over my career. I have always been able to work through every single one of them.

Q What kind of activities did you engage in, other than what you just said?

A Activities sport-wise?
Q Yes, sport-wise.
A I skied every winter. I had gone to Colorado. I climbed to the top of a 4,000 feet peak every year. I would do back country backpacking all over the south, southwest. I hiked the Grand Canyon three times. You know. I could hike all day with a 35,40 pound pack with no problem. I couldn't go into the woods today and hike for a hour. My legs are garbage.

Q How about your height and weight at the time just before you laid up?

A I weighed 191 pounds. I was like a pit bull. I'm sorry, right now I am extremely stressed out. Right now I hover between 172 pounds and 178 pounds.

Q How tall are you?
A Five foot seven.
Q So in the applicant's packet, I am not going to go through all of your initial symptoms, it looks like you kept a dairy of what was going on after you contracted COVID-19; is that correct?

A That is correct. I put -- I could not physically write after April when I realized I was -- Medical called me and -- I didn't even remember I was a fireman for the City of Chicago when they called until after $I$ hung up and then $I$ realized I have to write this shit down.

I couldn't even write with my right hand.
My wife and my daughter helped me through Google Docs to take all the Kodak pictures of what $I$ went through in April because $I$ was there is no way Medical is going to believe what $I$ went through.

So I put together, with the help of my daughter and my wife, what $I$ went through in April and that is what is printed out in one of the
exhibits from the end of March to the second week of May.

Q And that document fairly and accurately describes the symptoms you were experiencing right after you learned you had Covid; is that correct?

A Yes, that is -- yes.
Q Just prior to getting Covid, did you have a pulmonologist?

A No.
Q Had you ever been diagnosed with asthma?
A No.

Q Did you ever complain of any asthma type symptoms?

A No.
Q In the packet, I have a hard time pronouncing her name, $I$ think it is Dr.

Chua-Apolinario. She's an allergist; is that correct?

A She's an allergist immunologist.
Q Was this someone that you treated with prior to Covid?

A No.
Q To the best of your knowledge, did you have any allergies prior to Covid?

A No.
Q There was reference in the packet regarding bee stings and that you have to be cautious with regard to that. Did you see that?

A Yes.

Q Or did you read that?
A Yes.

Q And that is accurate?
A Yes, that is accurate, yeah.
Q The only thing that you were experiencing prior to Covid is you knew you had some hypersensitivity to insect stings; is that correct?

A That is correct.

Q As far as allergies, after Covid were you having an issue with allergies or allergic type symptoms?

A Yes. So after the initial infection, I started having issues with my sinuses that $I$ had -prior to the Covid infection, $I$ had an infection while $I$ was on the ambulance. I had a really bad infection years ago. I had them under control.

After Covid, it was like somebody opened up a spigot in my sinuses and it would just drain. It was disgusting. I am on three medications for
that everyday to keep it under control.
I never had allergy like symptoms. Itchy face, watery eyes, feeling like crap. I had nothing like that until after Covid. I had nothing like that until Covid.

Q There's a Dr. Soltes who is also referred to in the Board packet. Was Dr. Soltes someone that you were treating with prior to Covid or post-Covid?

A That is post-Covid.
Q How did you get to Dr. Soltes?
A Dr. Soltes was referred to me by the allergist immunologist because after she took my history when $I$ went to see her for the $B P$ and the sinus drainage, she started treating me for Covid. She did a bunch of labs. She did a MRI of my head. And then explained a bunch of things to me and then referred me to Dr. Soltes to followup for my sinus issue.

Q You have been treating with Dr. Soltes; is that correct?

A Yes. I saw him yesterday. He wants to do surgery next week on my sinuses to clear up the allergy reaction in my head is the way he explained
it.
Q I think you had surgery last July for a deviated septum?

A No, I had surgery because I coughed so much that $I$ blew an old hernia suture line from an ambulance run when $I$ first got on the job. I had a hernia 20 some years ago lifting a patient on an ambulance. I forget whatever ambulance. Blew a hernia. Had surgery. I coughed so much it blew the old suture line which I had to have surgery for.

Q That was last July?
A Surgery was done last July. I coughed so much -- I didn't stop coughing for an entire month and a half. I coughed every day from the end of March all the way through April. It was like a holiday, May 14 th, $I$ actually went a full day without coughing.

Q And then next week's surgery is a deviated septum?

A The surgery is going to be for the deviated septum and the hyper enlarged -- I can see them. It is pretty disgusting. You look in the mirror and you can see the thing sticking out. He
explained it as a hyperreactive response to allergens, which is causing a lot of the drainage. He wants to reduce those and correct the deviated septum which will improve my breathing.

Q There is also a Dr. Anna Scigacz?
A Yes. Anna Scigacz is my primary care physician.

Q Was she your primary care physician prior to Covid?

A No. My primary care physician was Dr. Mylnt.

Q Why change the primary care physician?
A I changed primary care physicians because Dr. Mylnt was my primary care physician but he is semiretired and I couldn't get a hold of him. I called his office, called his office. Because of Covid everybody was shutdown.

When $I$ finally did get a hold of him, it was in and out, and $I$ decided it was better if $I$ just changed to a different primary care physician.

Q Just as long as we are on that train of thought, were you having difficulty getting treatment post-Covid?

A Yes. You were treated like you had the DEBBIE TYRRELL REPORTING SERVICE-
plague. I couldn't even get blood drawn. I was kicked out of the laboratory when $I$ went over because I had to have a blood draw before I had a CT. As soon as you said Covid, they kicked you out. You were treated like you had the plague. I couldn't get surgery. You know, I can't explain what it was like being treated like you had the plague. For months and months and months being treated like you had the plague.

Q There is a Dr. Welbel; is that correct?
A Yes. Dr. Welbel I just recently started seeing her a couple of months ago for post-Covid issues.

Q She's a physiatrist; is that correct?
A Yes, she is.
Q Her specialty is basically rehab?
A Yes.
Q How did you get to Dr. Welbel?
A Dr. Welbel -- $I$ was finally able to get a
referral to Christ's post-Covid rehab program through my primary care physician because they didn't have anything available until January or early this year. I didn't have access to that program there.
$Q$ Have you been satisfied with her
treatment to-date?
A Yes, she is awesome. She linked everything together for me in my head. Her and the allergist immunologist had a plan. They are great. They actually understand like what is going on with my body. Why my body is not the same. This is a different fucking body.

Q There is also reference in the records to the Christ rehab program, what is that?

A The Christ rehab program is through the rehab department. Dr. Welbel is a physiatrist. It is a post-Covid physical rehab that focuses on basically reprogramming my body through physical therapy and she is going to be doing -- trying a different set of prescriptions. It is a lot.

Q When was your last doctor's appointment?
A I just saw Dr. Welbel last week. I saw Dr. Soltes yesterday for a presurgical consult. I saw the allergist yesterday. I had rehab yesterday. The neurologist last week. He prescribed me a new medication to try another antiviral. And $I$ saw my primary two weeks ago.

Q Are you also doing home therapy?

A Yes. I do therapy every day so I do the physical therapy program that $I$ go to once a week. I have a physical therapy program that $I$ have and it is -- yeah, I do it every day. Breathing exercises and like muscle exercises.

Q Are there limitations on what you can do according to your doctors as far as the rehab right now?

A Yes. The physiatrist told me that I could not do any exertional exercises. It is extremely difficult for me not to do. She said I can't -- I actively can't push my legs. I cannot walk -- she said $I$ could walk for five minutes total. I can go outside and walk for two and a half minutes one way and two and half minutes back. She said I can lift with two pound dumbbells only right now. I can't lift my normal weights. They don't want me lifting heavy weights right now for some reason. They want me doing breathing exercises and Pilates like exercises at home for the next week. Then it will slowly progress to where it adds time and weight.

Q Have you noticed a change in your body composition in the past year?

A My upper leg muscles aren't coming back. If the doctor would actually look at my upper leg muscles, they are not the same leg muscles. They shrunk during that month of Covid from April of last year. I have been doing nothing but walking and trying to push my body to try and get back in shape. These muscles are like not getting stronger. I didn't know why. The physiatrist was able explain it to me, to the best of my ability to understand it.

Q Okay. As far as treatment is concerned, I read in the records that the prognosis though is good; is that fair to say?

A Yeah. The physiatrist and the allergist immunologist they have a great game plan. I was losing a lot of hope. But, yeah, they are basically -- yeah, yeah, it's going to be -hopefully, it is going to be helpful. The physiatrist sounds very, very hopeful that $I$ can get my body back so I can get back to work. That is all I have been trying to do is get my body back in shape to get back to work. I hit a wall last year and I couldn't get through it. The physiatrist is very hopeful that she can get me
back to work.
Q Do you feel like you are making progress?

A It is progress, yes. It is so slow, that is what is frustrating.

Q As far as your medications, what medications are you on today?

A Oh, geez. Let's see. What do I take in the morning? I take Breo Ellipta in the morning. I take Gabapentin in the morning. I take Olmesartan in the morning. I just started Amantadine, that is before bed. I stopped taking Montelukast on the doctor's recommendation and switched it to Xyzal in the morning. And $I$ just started Prednisone, pre-surgery Prednisone.

Q I think it is pretty clear $I$ think in the records that you right now have not been released back to work; is that correct?

A No, I have not.

Q Can you tell the Board your intentions and your feelings regarding work?

A I want to go back to work. I'd go to the Bureau if I could. I asked the physiatrist my last day if $I$ could do an eight hour day and she said absolutely not. She said we have to slow your body

## down.

I am a workout nut. I can't workout anymore the way $I$ used to. It is freaking me out, okay. I am being honest. You know, it is freaking me out. I can't push my body to what I normally do, that is the most stressful thing for me right now. I can't push my body to what it used to do. I am half the person. This is a different body. It is frustrating. It is slowly getting better. The physiatrist hopefully will be able to get me there.

Q When were you promoted to Lieutenant?
A September of last year.
Q So this was while you were ill or before?
A It was during my layup.
Q Is it your intent to get back to work as soon as you possibly can?

A I would go back to work right now if $I$ could.

Q As far as the prognosis is concerned, has anyone set a timeline? Has the doctor said $I$ think you are going to be good to go in two months, three months, six months? Does anyone know at this point that you know of?

A No. Every doctor I have asked, I have seen over the last entire year I have asked, they all say the same thing. They don't know because of Covid. They have no idea what the long-term effects of Covid are going to be.

Q As you sit there today or if you are standing, you are optimistic?

A I am optimistic. I push myself. Yeah, yeah, $I$ just want to go back to the firehouse, that is all $I$ want. My body is not letting me do that.

MR. MARCONI: I don't have any other questions, Vince.

## EXAMINATION

BY MR. PINELLI:
Q Good morning, Mr. Ibata. I just have a few questions for you as well.

Just to confirm, though, you did have a positive test showing that you had COVID-19 on April 8th $I$ believe after you had worked at the airport, correct?

A Yes, that is correct.
Q And then you had a subsequent test still positive at the end of April as well, correct?

A Yes, that is correct.
$\square$
Q Now, you made a comment in your application that you have been asked several times if you were so sick why weren't you hospitalized and you explained that. Could you just briefly tell us so we understand how bad were you sick and then why you weren't hospitalized as far as you knew?

A To be honest, I should have died on my couch. I don't know why my body shutdown but I got sick so fast. It is so to hard to describe. I rarely get sick, that is what is so frustrating to me.

I had the flu-like symptoms maybe twice I can remember in the last 20 some years. Maybe three or four days you're a little tired.

It was like being run over by a freight train at warp speed. It was insane. I got so sick. It was funny because I could piece everything together just because it was April Fool's Day was the day $I$ was supposed to be back at the airport working. I notified my company officer the night before that. Something has to be wrong. I barely made it home driving.

I had been coughing for a day or two and
the coughing started getting worse and the cough started getting worse and then $I$ started getting more and more fatigued and then I had nightsweats, diarrhea.

I realized that $I$ just couldn't keep any food or foods in me. I laid on the couch literally from April 1st until -- I can't remember -- the middle of April. I didn't get off that couch. There were several days that $I$ couldn't move. I woke up several times and I realized the only reason why $I$ was awake was because $I$ wasn't breathing. I don't know why I woke up. I woke up. My eyes felt like they had sand in them. Right at the beginning after the -- when $I$ got home April 1st, people were calling and texting seeing how I was doing. They were insisting I go get tested. They finally found a place close to my house and I got lost going there. It was five blocks from my house. I was sitting in the parking lot completely lost. I am like where is this place.

I was able to find my way back to where I was supposed to be by using my phone app. After that it was just getting worse.

My eyes felt like they had sand in them.

I couldn't figure out why. My skin turned white and yellow. I remember like all these Kodak memories in my head. I blew my back out coughing. I had to crawl into the bathroom several times because of that.

It's just the fatigue. I literally didn't get off my couch. I literally could not get off my couch for over a week into the second, third week in April. Then I realized that when $I$ was laying there I had given up. I had hit rock bottom. I realized I had lost like I don't know most of my body fat and all my muscle tone. I lost all my muscle tone. And my upper lip pulled up to my nose, that is when $I$ realized -- I think that is when it clicked in my brain, that my upper lip pulled up to my nose. I could feel it laying on the couch that my mouth it was so dry. I couldn't even move my jaw, I remember that. I couldn't move my jaw. I couldn't move my tongue. My upper lip pulled up to my nose. For some reason $I$ woke up that one last time and something made me -- I don't know if something carried me to the bathroom to look in the mirror. After that $I$ somehow got water and I made myself -- just every time I opened my
eyes after that whether I liked it or not $I$ would sip on water. I sipped on water and I started getting better.

Q Let me just ask you this, Mr. Ibata. The symptoms that you are currently experiencing that you have described, did you have any of those symptoms -- did you ever experience any of those symptoms before you were diagnosed with the Covid?

A The only thing $I$ ever had before Covid was sinus drainage, that is the only thing that $I$ ever had before Covid.

Q Okay. Since you went on layup as a result of this, have you engaged in any activities by which you earn money or income?

A No, no.
Q Okay. I think you said but you haven't worked out, you haven't engaged in any sporting activities; is that correct?

A No, I have not. I have not been able to.
MR. PINELLI: Thank you. That is all the questions $I$ have, $M r$. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustees, any questions?

MEMBER MURPHY: NO.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Hearing none, Vince.
MR. PINELLI: Counsel, at this time do you have anything else before $I$ call the Fund's doctor to testify?

MR. MARCONI: No. I just wanted to have Lieutenant Ibata just clear up one thing from what you asked him about his skin turning colors. I think there was some references in the packet regarding the skin also turning blue and $I$ wanted to ask him when that occurred and if it is still occurring.

MR. PINELLI: Okay.

## EXAMINATION

BY MR. MARCONI:
Q Lieutenant Ibata, did you hear me? I mean, $I$ know that there was some reference in the medical records with regard to your skin turning blue. Can you elaborate a little bit on that?

A Yes. So last year in the summertime it was just my fingertips. My fingertips were feeling heavy and they turned blue. No big deal.

When $I$ went to the emergency room in
March for stroke like symptoms and stroke workup because my left side of my body completely went to

## sleep.

And shortly after that, my entire hand when $I$ would go walking -- it was my entire hand, my entire hand, was -- both my hands turned blue, swelled, they looked blotchy. The fluid built up in them and $I$ could squeeze the fluid out of my fingertips.

And the physical therapist actually just yesterday morning I explained that to her when $I$ first started seeing her, she started doing a physical therapy autonomic -- something to do with my autonomic nerves and she was able to do a bunch of exercises and she was able to make my hands turn blue right there just by doing those three exercises.

I was like how did you do that? It was like a magic trick. She was like I just stimulated your autonomic nerve system. I don't know what is up with that. It was kind of creepy actually.

Q Your hand turning blue is not as much anymore but at least you have identified or she has identified somewhat of a cause for it?

A Yes, yes. Part of the rehab program to reset that somehow.
$Q$ How long is that rehab? Is it indefinite at this point or is there a set number of sessions you have to get -- you have to go back and do they have to do another order for more sessions, do you know?

A No, I don't know exactly the time frame how many of these.

MR. MARCONI: Okay, that is it, Vince.
MR. PINELLI: Thank you. At this time I would call Dr. Peters to testify.
(Witness previously sworn.)
MICHAEL I. PETERS, M.D.
a witness herein, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

EXAMINATION

BY MR. PINELLI:
Q You understand you are under oath, correct?

A Yes, I do.
Q State your name for the record.

A Michael I. Peters.
Q You're a physician; is that correct?
A Yes.

Q A copy of your qualifications as a

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physician are attached to the Board Exhibits, right?

A Yes.
Q Do you perform a function as a consultant to this fund?

A Yes, I do.
Q In that capacity, do you review medical records, examine applicants and report to the Board?

A Yes, I do.
Q Did you follow that procedure with respect to Lieutenant Ibata?

A Yes, I did.
Q And did you file a written report with the Board that is marked as Board Exhibit Number 2 ?

A Yes, I did.
Q Doctor, can you just briefly summarize for us what your findings were with respect to his state of his current medical condition?

A The state of his current medical condition was what he reported to me during our phone interview that he still subjectively has a variety of complaints that are new from his diagnosis of COVID-19. Primarily the symptoms he
has described to you. Fatigue, shortness of breath, generalized weakness, a loss of his ability to participate in vigorous exercise, which was a big part of his life prior to being infected.

Q Doctor, did you have an opportunity to review the applicant's exhibits?

A Yes, I did.
Q Those included some more recent evaluations of him by various physicians, correct?

A Yes.
Q They also included the results of some EMG testing; is that right?

A Yes.
Q Also some medical literature articles regarding the COVID-19 and persistent symptoms associated with it, correct?

A Yes. There were two articles and I reviewed them both.

Q With respect to his current condition, and I understand you said he has these subjective complaints, based on those subjective complaints would he be able to perform his duties with the Fire Department?

A It sounds like he has significant
deconditioning based on the fact that he was -during the acute phase of his COVID-19 infection, he was very ill and it sounds like he really doesn't or hasn't participated in any type of exercise. He is reporting now that he has been advised not to participate in exercise so I don't think he can function as a Firefighter Lieutenant because he's deconditioned.

Q Let's talk about his breathing and his ability to breathe. What did you find in the records with respect to testing that was done on his lungs and so forth?

A So he developed symptoms of acute COVID-19 at the end of March while he was working at the international terminal. About a week later he got a positive test back, which was very typical of testing at that time, that it would take so long. And then he almost immediately complained as he described of an intense cough, feeling like he was going to die, being very short of breath, having alertness changes, trouble thinking, driving to places, all during that acute phase.

But then as he got better and he had a negative test and his symptoms were getting better,
he still had shortness of breath with walking. He was using an inhaler, a bronchodilator inhaler.

He underwent a total of three pulmonary function tests. The first one was negative. He did not have any evidence of the main types of diseases which you look for with pulmonary function tests. Which would be obstructive lung disease, that is asthma, or restrictive disease, or any decrease in diffusion capacity which is the most common lung finding post COVID-19 infection.

Then he had -- I think his pulmonologist, Dr. Mohammed, had a high suspicion that he might have asthma so he ordered something called a Methacholine Challenge Test, that was done on September 4, 2020.

The idea of that test is that you administer a medication that should cause a person with asthma to have spasm of their lungs and there is a very well-established threshold that defines that by the American Thoracic Society called a PT 20.

So, if your obstruction number, that is the FEV 1, goes down by 20 percent at a certain dose of methacholine, that is defining asthma.

His was negative. He never dropped by 20 percent and he got a much higher dose than the threshold, that test was negative.

Not until January of 2021 , when he had his third pulmonary function test, did it show evidence of an asthma like illness. That is defined by the fact that he got -- he had his pulmonary function test and then they gave him a bronchodilator medication, an inhaler called Albuterol, which is commonly used as a rescue medication for people with asthma.

What happened is his breathing ability, his FEV 1, went up. There is a threshold for that and he surpassed that threshold significantly. So he had significant improvement in his bronchoconstriction or his asthma with that medication. That is a definition for the diagnosis of asthma.

So the point is that it was nine months after his acute phase of COVID-19 before he had an abnormal pulmonary function test. He had two previous negative ones.

The only objective finding of any type of lung disease for him that is new is the January

2021 and it is a diagnosis of an asthma illness. Bronchial hyperresponsiveness.

Q Are you aware of any literature to-date that indicates that COVID-19 can cause or precipitate this type of condition that he did not have before exposure clearly but now he has after? Are you aware of any literature on that?

A So Mr. Marconi started the presentation I think with an important point, that the literature on a pandemic that really just started in March of last year is evolving.

So just as frontline treatment for patients with COVID-19 in the hospital setting evolved almost daily, weekly for sure, now the literature is coming out and there is new articles coming out frequently.

But my most recent medical literature review would show that by far the most common two lung diseases that occur post COVID-19 are restrictive lung disease, that is where the lung volumes are diminished. The ability to hold air within your lungs is significantly diminished.

Or, what we would more expect from this type of illness, is the actual alveoli, the
smallest air containing bodies within the lungs, the part where a membrane allows the blood to air or blood to gas interface.

Those alveoli are significantly damaged during bad COVID-19 pneumonia and they are scarred and you get fibrosis and they never return to normal. That is measured in the pulmonary function test by something called the effusion capacity of carbon monoxide.

So by far the most common post-Covid-19 lung disease reported are restrictive and decreased effusion of carbon monoxide.

There is some report in the Medanalysis that is a combination -- or they took many, many, many medical literature articles and put the studies all together of about 7 percent of people post-Covid develop some type of obstructive lung disease like asthma but some percentage of those people already had preexisting lung disease.

The question of whether you're going to get new asthma because you had COVID-19, I don't see a lot of evidence for that right now today.

Nor do I expect that that would be the disease people would get because that's not --
bronchial hyperresponsiveness is not what $I$ would expect as a complication of Covid-19 pneumonia.

The articles that Mr. Marconi sent me made a very strong emphasis on the fact that disease severity is not proportional to likelihood of, at least in the articles, going to a rehab.

In fact, the disease severity is very proportional to the severity of the lung disease you are going to have later objectively.

Meaning, if you had significant COVID-19 pneumonia, you were on supplemental oxygen, you were hospitalized, perhaps in an ICU, you were much more likely to have restrictive or lung disease than if you weren't one of those kinds of patients.

MR. PINELLI: Thank you, doctor, that is all the questions $I$ have.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustees, any questions for the doctor?

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: No questions.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Okay. Hearing none.
MR. PINELLI: Counsel, if you have a question?

EXAMINATION

BY MR. MARCONI:
Q Good morning, Dr. Peters. I just wanted to followup with that last comment. Correct me if I am wrong, it sounds like Lieutenant Ibata's prognosis would be good because of the fact that he doesn't have this permanent scarring or permanent damage to his lungs.

A I don't think Lieutenant Ibata has any objective findings of permanent lung disease so I would say, yes, that is probably true.

Q Okay. And then as far as the rehab that he is in, are you familiar with that, at Christ, what he is going through right now in terms of them trying to get him back to work?

A I am not familiar with what they do at Christ and I am not familiar with the details of post-COVID-19 rehab, specifically, no.

Q If you presume that the goal is to return him to work and the prognosis is good, I am assuming that you would agree that at least for now this is the proper course of treatment?

A Yes, definitely.
Q As far as Dr. Welbel, I am assuming you don't know her personally; is that correct?

A I don't know her.
Q She's a physiatrist and I think, maybe in a leading question, a physiatrist basically is a doctor that kind of specializes in rehabilitation; is that correct?

A Yes.
Q So I am assuming you don't really know about Dr. Welbel's practice or her emphasis on treating patients with Covid, correct?

A I don't know anything about her. I'd be happy to review her records but $I$ don't know her and $I$ don't know anything about her practice.

Q Okay. Assuming she has some experience with treating many patients with Covid, I would assume you would agree that this is another proper treatment for Lieutenant Ibata to continue treating with Dr. Welbel?

A I would agree that Lieutenant Ibata should participate in a rehabilitation program. But, again, $I$ don't know specifically what she is doing or what goes on in their rehab facility. I would assume that is a highly regarded hospital and that it is being done properly but $I$ don't know what they are doing.
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Q As far as the asthma, and I know for me it is a bit confusing in the records of whether or not he has asthma, but $I$ think it's clear that -in the records you reviewed, he never reported any asthma symptoms prior to his Covid infection, correct?

A I don't see any evidence of him having asthma until that January 2021 EFT.

Q Can you be cured of asthma? In other words, can you have asthma on a temporary basis and then it gets to the point where you don't really show symptoms anymore of asthma?

A Asthma in an adult is a chronic disease. By definition, the episodes of asthma are precipitated by something usually predictably. This would be just putting together information but I think there is a likelihood given that Lieutenant Ibata had chronic rhinitis in 2016 and that he has positive allergy testing for mold more recently and that he has polyps and a deviated symptoms. Those are structural problems, for which he reported he is going to have surgery pretty soon. I mean, I think it is very reasonable to think that he could control his symptoms to a point that he wouldn't be
having asthma exacerbations very often.
At least when I spoke to him, he was
walking. He said he was not requiring a rescue inhaler forever how much he's able to walk.

Q I guess my point is just because of the fact that Dr. Mohammed put down a diagnosis of asthma doesn't necessarily mean he can't go back to work?

A The Chicago Fire Department has a set criteria for -- the Medical Division has a set criteria for which asthmatic patients can go back to work and they have their pulmonologist sign-off on that.

That criteria it based on a national very well established criteria. So, no, as long as he meets all of those criteria, he could go back to work. He presently does not because he had a significant response to a bronchodilator during his last PFT in January.

Q If he continues to improve is the prognosis good that he will be able to get back to work as a Lieutenant?

A Regarding his asthma diagnosis, he would need another PFT. I would advocate that he should
get another PFT after he completes all of his allergy therapies with his allergy immunologist. I think the deconditioning thing is a separate question.

Q I noticed in the medical records, he was never sent for a FCE or Functional Capacity Evaluation, correct?

A Not in the records that were provided to me, $I$ did not see a FCE.

Q I am assuming that is one of things, at least in other cases, you would look at to determine whether or not somebody could perform the duties of their job, correct?

A Yes.
Q Do you know why he didn't have a FCE or it's just not indicated in any of the records?

A I don't know why he didn't have one and it is not indicated in any of the records.

Q And I think in going out -- or, my initial comments, $I$ am assuming you haven't seen this study that was done that came out yesterday, a detailed study of patients with long haul Covid, correct?

A No. While you were speaking, I did a
quick search through our Northwestern library. I would need the title and which journal it was in and then $I$ can look it up. If you are going to present that, $I$ would prefer that you send it to me. Either way, if $I$ had the title, $I$ can find it myself.

Q No, I was not going to present that. I think the point was $I$ think $I$ just found out yesterday it was out there. It is from a nonprofit organization called FAIR, F-A-I-R.

Anyway, I just wanted to make clear that none of us have reviewed this study. I believe it was done on 2 million people, which $I$ think is one of the more comprehensive studies, assuming it was actually on 2 million people, correct?

A I think it depends on which 2 million patients they are looking at. I don't know that by what you are explaining to me. The article you sent me from the Mayo that was on 100 outpatients, who were selected with subjective complaints. Very few of those patients actually had any objective findings.

So it all depends on what group of people you're looking at and whether that sample was --
there was a controlled study or whether it was blinding. I would have to look at it. I would like to look at it so that we can answer those questions, but $I$ can't say anything about it without seeing it. I can only comment on the two articles you sent me.

Q I agree. This just came out yesterday. Obviously, I sent it to Vince. He can send it to you just for your own education moving forward. But the point is that no one has really looked at this particular study as of today.

MR. PINELLI: We understand that.
MR. MARCONI: You haven't seen that. MR. PINELLI: Right.

BY MR. MARCONI:
Q Okay. As far as the host of symptoms, which Lieutenant Ibata explained today, you didn't see any of those symptoms present in the medical records prior to his Covid infection, correct?

A The only symptoms he had that $I$ saw in the medical record that he's describing somewhat now, but they don't sound debilitating to him subjectively, is the rhinitis or the sinus issues. But, no, he sounds like he was an exceptionally
physically strong person, who did all kinds of vigorous activities. And, no, there was no complaint of shortness of breath that $I$ saw.

MR. MARCONI: Vince, I don't have anything else.

MR. PINELLI: I have nothing further on that. Do you rest at this point, counsel?

MR. MARCONI: Yes, $I$ would rest, subject
to any of the Board's requests that we look at these further studies or bring in further evidence since this is such a novel issue which is before this Board.

MR. PINELLI: Okay.
MEMBER MURPHY: I would like to make a
motion to grant Duty Disability Benefits to Lieutenant Ibata.

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Second.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There is a motion to grant by Trustee Murphy. Seconded by Trustee McPhillips.

Trustee Murphy.
MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Holt.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.

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CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
MEMBER SONI: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee
Conyears-Ervin.
MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Valencia.
MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And $I$ am a yes.
Motion carries.
MEMBER MURPHY: Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion for reexam consistent with the Board's policy over the next three months.

MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Second.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There's a motion for
reexam by Trustee Murphy. Seconded by Trustee Conyears-Ervin.

Trustee Murphy.
MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Holt.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.

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MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee

Conyears-Ervin.
MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
MEMBER SONI: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.

MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Valencia.

MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.
Motion carries.
Mr. Ibata, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law made by the Trustees, the Trustees have voted to grant you the benefit you have requested.

You will be notified by mail of the Findings of Fact and the Board's decision.

Good luck to you and hurry back to work.
MR. IBATA: Thank you, very much. I
don't plan being off any longer than $I$ need to. Thank you, Board, I appreciate your time.

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MEMBER MURPHY: I would like to move on
to Approval of Board Physician Reviews of
Disability Recipients. I move to approve the Board
Physician's recommendations for reviews.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Second.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There is a motion by
Trustee Murphy. Seconded by Trustee Holt.
Trustee Murphy.
MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Holt.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee

MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
MEMBER SONI: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Valencia.
MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And $I$ am a yes.
Motion carries.

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MEMBER MURPHY: Mr. President, I'd like
    to turn the next item over to Lorna to Investments
    on the agenda.
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MS. SCOTT: I will ask Marc to share the screen, please.

As we get started here, just a few updates. First the investment consultant contract.

Just a reminder that the Board rehired Callan as its investment consultant in May and that was subject to successful contract negotiations. That contract has been successfully negotiated, we do have a final agreement.

I think it should also be noted as part of those negotiations, Callan did drop its consulting fee by $\$ 20,000$ and that was in line with the lowest bidder, so that gesture was very, very much appreciated.

The next little item is the Investment

Committee Meeting. We do have a Investment Committee Meeting set up for the end of June. It is an education meeting and all trustees are encouraged to attend. There are two agenda items. Callan will present on infrastructure investing so that it is an asset class that may be added in our
next Asset Liability Study.
And, secondly, we're going to have two short presentations by our current real estate, core real estate, managers. Again, that is just to provide a market update. There is no issues there.

Again, June 30th, Wednesday, all trustees are encouraged to attend and the attendance would count towards your required trustee education hours.

Looking at this agenda, $I$ have three topics I want to cover. I want to look at performance, the Callan review, and issue that we are currently having with a manager and Jackie and I will end with a review of our cash position and a look at the asset allocation.

Starting with performance. Next slide, Marc. This slide shows the state of the market as of thus far in 2021 as of May 3lst. Look, these returns look great. These are some really, really nice returns.

You can see U.S. value stocks are dominating. They are up 19 percent. We are also getting some strong performance from commodities up 18.9 percent.

Also, look at U.S. small caps. Those are
up 15.3 percent. It's just a reminder that the Fund does have a tilt towards small cap stocks. Meaning, we are more heavily invested in small than the index.

This strong outperformance in this segment is going to be positive for the Fund.

Other performance items to note here, U.S. growth stocks, which drove performance last year, are lagging so far this year.

Also, one of the things is fixed income is negative, that is down primarily due to inflation concerns.

As a reminder, these are the index
returns. We do believe in active management. We do expect more from our managers than these returns.

Next slide looking at Fund performance.
Year-to-date the Fund is up 8.8 percent. It is outperforming the benchmark by about 90 basis points so it is a really solid start to this year. Our 10-year number still looks good, too, returning 9.1 percent year-over-year. So far so good.

Let's take two minutes to talk about our
year-to-date outperformance, that is in the next slide. I can explain how we are outperforming.

It is a reminder we are going to perform differently than the benchmark. We will perform differently than the benchmark in two ways.

One way is asset allocation, that is why having slightly different weights than the benchmark then we are going to have slightly different performance.

We really don't expect a lot of performance differential from this part of performing differently from the benchmark. Most of our outperformance versus the benchmark, or different performance from the benchmark, hopefully outperformance will come from manager selection. That is what we are seeing this year as well. All of our outperformance versus the benchmark is coming from manager selection.

Then on the next slide, we can break that down a little further with some detail.

Year-to-date the Fund is up 8.8 percent. We can see that in column three. The benchmark is up 7.9 percent. We can see that in column four.

If we compare the returns for each of the DEBBIE TYRRELL REPORTING SERVICE-
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asset classes, looking at column three versus column four, we can see that our managers are outperforming their benchmarks in every asset class, except for public real estate.

It is really nice to have this
outperformance broad based across the asset classes.

I will pause there for any questions.
Otherwise, just generally it is a very good start to the year with performance.

Turning to our MWDBE allocation, that is the next slide. We discussed we are under our goals for emerging managers and that remains on our radar. Things that we have to look at and do something about. We are at the upper end of our range of our total MWDBE allocation.

One last thing before $I$ turn the presentation over to Brady, that is to take a look at our watchlist managers.

So we have two managers on watch, Keeley Teton and Globeflex. Remember, Keeley Teton is on watch due to a portfolio manager change.

Looking at these performance numbers, these returns look pretty good. This portfolio


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seems to be on track but it doesn't hurt to continue to watch this portfolio.


A couple of lines down, you see Globeflex. Globeflex was on watch due to performance. The one year number looks good. There is still some work to do over the longer return given the performance there. We will continue to watch this manager as well.

As I transition over to Brady, let's take a look at Kennedy Capital just a few down from Globeflex. Kennedy was hired in May of 2011 so that is ten years now with FABF. There is some short-term underperformance but it is still a very strong absolute return, but generally a solid performance above the benchmark over the long return.

With that introduction, $I$ will turn it over to Brady to talk about the current issue that we have.

MR. O'CONNELL: Thank you, Lorna.
We have got a memo here from Callan recommending to the Board that we place Kennedy Capital Management on the Fund's watchlist.

The memorandum from Callan details a
change in the portfolio management staff that
Kennedy Capital made both Lorna and myself aware of several weeks ago. The Senior Portfolio Manager that has been on the account left the firm. As a result, the individual who had been the Assistant Portfolio Manager was elevated to Co-Portfolio Manager and they also added a second Co-Portfolio Manager from the firm. Somebody with experience managing microcap equity portfolios like this one. So it is a new team and a slightly different portfolio management dynamic and we do anticipate a slight change in the way the portfolio will be managed as a result of this. So we will be watching the portfolio closely from a performance standpoint but we do believe the new team in place should be able to effectively manage this. We would like to give them the shot to do that and we will be evaluating their performance very closely.

Again, to summarize, it is Callan's recommendation that the Board place Kennedy Capital on the Fund's watchlist as a result of these recent portfolio management changes.

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Lorna, are you
looking for that motion now?
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MS. SCOTT: Yes, looking for that motion now.

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: I would like to make
a motion to put Kennedy on the watchlist at the direction and advice of the $C I O$ and the investment consultant Callan. Do I have a second?

MEMBER MURPHY: Second.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There is a motion by Trustee McPhillips. Seconded by Trustee Murphy. Trustee Murphy.

MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Holt.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Conyears-Ervin.

MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
MEMBER SONI: Yes.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Valencia.
I think she had to take off.

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And $I$ am a yes.

Motion carries.

MS. SCOTT: The third item is our cash needs. I will turn that over to Jackie.

MS. VLAHOS: So for the June cash needs, we start with the cash reconciliation. As of June 9th, we have approximately $\$ 97.4$ million. We are anticipating an additional $\$ 1.8$ million in salary contributions giving us a total of a little over $\$ 99$ million at the end of June.

Our benefit payments for this month are \$31.5 million. We have, with our outstanding checks, the refunds that we will be providing this month to members, Death Benefits, bring us to the expenditures for the month of June $\$ 33.7$ million.

After we pay that out, as of June 30 th, we should have a surplus of approximately $\$ 65.5$ million in our Chase account.

If we go to the next page, for the cash flows. Cash flows, as you can see, is basically as of June, after we get our $\$ 1.8$ million in our benefit payouts, on the top line, you're going to see at the ending balance of the $\$ 65.5$ million should be our balance. As well as you can see
that, as we discussed before, there should be no further drawdowns from investment managers due to the new funding that went into place this year.

As well as if you can see under the average tax receipts so far what was due to us this years was the $\$ 371$ million and we have approximately $\$ 124.4$ million left to still be collected so we are doing pretty good as to where we should be at. We are a little bit ahead of schedule than what we would normally anticipate.

Lorna, are you going to try to transfer?
MS. SCOTT: I am not going to transfer anything, if we want to take a look at the Rebalancing Statement.

MEMBER SONI: Can I mention one thing before we go there and that is $I$ heard some rumblings that the County may do the same thing as what they did last year, which was issue out bills for the second half for property taxes in July and ask for an August 1 st payment but give a grace period of two months. And that impacted us a bit but $I$ think by the end of the year we were okay. That's not something that has really taken flight or we have heard a lot more than just a little bit
of a rumbling. That was also like through a media FOIA that the City had gotten.

I just mention that to say we should keep track of what the County is doing in terms of any changes in collections or timing of collections.

Then my other question, Jackie, to you, and this might be a coincidence, where it says average tax receipts for June '21 of $\$ 1.85$ million, is that tax receipts or is that the contribution from the City for employees?

MS. VLAHOS: Sorry, you are right, that is in the wrong column. The payroll contributions it is in the tax column but it should have been in payroll.

MEMBER SONI: In terms of cash flow, it wouldn't making an impact.

MS. VLAHOS: Yes.
MEMBER SONI: That is perfect. Thank you.

MS. VLAHOS: One comment, Reshma, I know you're saying that even if they do an extension, $I$ think the good thing is with the City you were giving us a lot more in these other contributions. It still makes us ahead of schedule from where we
would have been in prior years. Before we would get -- like in the PPRT taxes, we would usually get about $\$ 14$ million. Now we're getting 100 plus million dollars from these other sources, that we have already gotten. So we are still kind of ahead of schedule, even if the tax receipts come a little slower in the second half.

MEMBER SONI: Yes, exactly. Hopefully, that helps from an investment standpoint being able to earn something on those funds coming in. So, absolutely, agree. Thanks, Jackie.

MS. VLAHOS: Thank you.
MS. SCOTT: Marc, if you want to pull up the rebalancing template.

As we said, we do not have to raise cash. With $\$ 65$ million at Chase right now, that means we are probably pretty good at least until the end of September.

Using this template, let's take a look at our asset allocation. So it's just basically comparing where we are versus our targets.

If we look at that last column, that is the variance. Within equities, we are above target in U.S. equity and global ex-U.S. That is offset
by being under target in private equity. But, generally, total equities look good. We are under target in real assets and liquid diversifying and that is offset with a slight overweight in cash.

So, generally, again, everything looks good here. We are broadly in range of our asset allocation targets so on track.

We talked about performance, we talked about the manager issue and we have reviewed our cash asset allocation, so that pretty much sums up the investment report. With that, I conclude.

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: What is the plan to do with that extra $\$ 65$ million since it doesn't look like we will be short on cash until January of 2022?

MS. SCOTT: The $\$ 65$ million that is in Chase now, that is going to pay -- that is after June payments. That is going to pay for July and August, that is two months of benefit payments. At that point in time, we have to see some money coming in before we know exactly what is going to happen.

So there is Jackie's projections. Like Reshma just said, there might be some timing
difference of some of that.
So I look more at, if nothing comes in, the end of September where am I going to get cash, that is more my concern.

I think you are looking ahead at the projected numbers but $I$ don't really know the timing on those yet.

To answer your question, some of the cash will stay at the Chase. It is going to earn checking account interest.

As we have more and more cash accumulate, we may be able to roll it over to the investments and invest it over here.

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Can we go back to the previous slide with the cash projections? So as of now at the end of June, we are anticipating $\$ 65$ million?

MS. SCOTT: Yes.

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: July, we anticipate getting more money in. We will be up to 70 , then up to 107 by the end of August. Is that right, August?

MS. SCOTT: The timing might be different, right. Like July we have got $\$ 33$
million coming in tax receipts. I don't think tax bills have gone out yet. At least I haven't seen mine. I don't know how much money will come in, in July. Maybe that gets pushed a little further. Yes, we are expecting tax receipts.

Maybe that is July, maybe that is August, maybe that is September. Like Reshma said, maybe it is October.

The timing of these cash flows is a little bit undetermined at this point. Definitely, if cash is raised, and we have cash to be invested or to be held for benefit payments, we will be weighing that.

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: So the decision to not invest that money is based on the uncertainty of the timing of those tax receipts? If they were certain, you would be investing that money, is that a correct assumption?

MS. SCOTT: We would be looking at what we could do with it, right. Because, again, yields are very low and knowing that this cash is going to be used to fund short-term benefit payments, I would be hard pressed to put it in something that is too volatile.

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: I understand that but

MS. SCOTT: We would be looking at what we could do with it over a -- if we were going to -- very much like we have already done. If we were going to hold cash for four, five, six months, we have invested cash with Earnest and we have got money invested at Northern.

We are kind of picking off what we can but we are being very conscientious because we know that money is being used for short-term benefit payments.

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: If you look at this schedule, we are going to have cash for quite awhile, the ending balance, all the way until January '22. So I just want to make sure I understand your logic. Your concern is that these average tax receipts may not be coming in, based on this schedule. It may be a little later.

MS. SCOTT: Correct.

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Fair enough. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Is there a motion to accept the Investments?

MEMBER MURPHY: I'd like to make the motion.

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Second.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Motion by Trustee
Murphy. Seconded by Trustee McPhillips.
Trustee Murphy.
MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Holt.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee
Conyears-Ervin.
MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
MEMBER SONI: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And $I$ am a yes.
Motion carries.
MEMBER MURPHY: Mr. President, moving to
Item 7, under Miscellaneous, we are now going to
hear from our actuaries and our auditors for the fiscal year 2020 reports.

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Sarah, would you please introduce this?
MS. BOECKMAN: Thank you, Secretary
Murphy.
Is Matt, Ben and Jacob on from Segal?
MR. TORRES: I have Benjamin and we have
Matt. I will let them in now.
MS. BOECKMAN: Hi, Matt. Hi, Ben.
MR. STROM: Good afternoon. How is everyone?

MS. BOECKMAN: Your presentation has been provided to the Board. If you would like it to be shown on the screen, Marc can definitely do that, if that is helpful.

I did let the Board know that you are thinking about 10 to 15 minutes for your presentation, but that you're happy to answer any questions.

The actual report, all 118 pages of it, is in your board material. If board members need to look at it, they can, but I think the focus today is just going to be on your presentation and any questions that the trustees have. Thank you for both joining us.

MR. STROM: Good morning, everyone. We
do have myself and Ben. We are actuaries that work on the annual valuation. Because we're going to do kind of an abridged presentation, we are just going to go over the highlights of market valuation, take a quick look at the membership, which is one of the input items that drives the liabilities, and then our output items of the required contributions, things like the funded ratio, and then look at the asset level.

We do have an appendix, that we won't go through. It has some of the background information. And just to kind of refresh your memory on some of the terms that we will use --

MS. BURNS: Matt, can I interrupt you and ask you to speak up?

MR. STROM: Definitely. Is that okay, Mary Pat?

So the appendix has some descriptions of terms like accrued liability, that is going to be your liability for all past service earned to-date and we're going to use a term of normal cost which is the value of benefits that are earned during the year. The value of benefits assigned to the current year as well as the term actuarially
determined contribution which is effectively how you would pay for your unfunded liability and normal cost over time.

So with that, we can look at the next slide. The purpose of the valuation, again this is a snapshot, this goes back to 12-31 of 2020, is to report the Fund's actuarial assets.

Your market value of assets are reported by your investment advisors and your investment consultants. You are allowed for funding purposes to use a smooth value of assets, what we call the actuarial assets, and what this does it mitigates some of the volatility that you would see year-to-year and then the sponsor can have a smooth pattern versus the market value which you know swings widely from year-to-year.

We calculate the liabilities, we calculate this actuarially determined contribution and the statutorily required contribution, and we compare those amounts.

And then, of course, this valuation is as of 12-31-20. We did one as of last year and we want to compare the differences between the two valuations as we true-up from year-to-year.

On Slide 4, these are the highlights. So on a market value basis, the assets returned roughly 11.4 percent during 2020. And if you look at the actuarial value from year-to-year and back into a return, there was an implicit return of 9.3 return on the actuarial assets and compared to the assumption of 6.75 percent there was an investment gain on the asset side.

On the liability side, of course, the liabilities increased due to that normal cost of the benefits accruing, the passage of time, the interest on the liability. There was also -again, we true-up the experience with the new valuation and we have assumptions from year-to-year and the assumptions are not always -- they are never met exactly and so when we do the true-up we report back on how the liability changed compared to expected.

There was an experience loss, which was primarily driven from salaries that were higher than expected, so that contributed to about 2.8 percent loss.

The funded ratio on a market value basis increased from last year at 19.9 percent compared
to 18.4. On an actuarial value basis, it increased from 18.2 percent to 19.4 percent.

The actuarial value, the smooth value, is still a little bit less than market. So as we go forward in years, those deferred gains will be brought into the actuarial asset calculations. You have a little bit of a cushion there on the asset side.

Then the contributions, there is a table down here. So this year's valuation is calculating the statutory required contribution for the tax levy year 2022, that number is $\$ 398$ million.

Last year's valuation, we calculated the amounts for the 2021 , which was $\$ 367$ million.

The actuarially determined amounts are calculated with the valuation so this year's valuation we calculated an actuarially determined contribution 4-21 of $\$ 476$ million, that would be compared to the $\$ 367$ million in the 2021 column, and then from the 2020 levy year, the contribution requirement was $\$ 371$ million and compared to an actuarially determined amount of about \$467 million.

MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Matt, while we
are on this, and this is a great graph, at the bottom, but I'd like you to elaborate just for those that on the line, $I$ notice this in my other pension funds and this can be confusing. To explain why is it that the statutory contribution is much less than the actuarial contribution requirement.

MR. STROM: This is a great question and I do want to talk about this. As you know, by statute, the contributions will-- they used to be a multiple of -- the $C i t y$ was required to pay a multiple of member contributions, which really has no reference to the normal cost of the plan, the accrued liability.

Then there was the funding bill that came in which provided for ultimately a 90 percent funding target in 2055 I think is the year and then there was a ramp to get to that point. That is what the City says is what the -- that is what the statute says the City contributions should be.

From a trustee's perspective, you have the ability and you should have an actuarially -like a funding policy contribution. Ignoring whatever someone else says what the law says to put
in, what would be an amount that would probably fund the plan and that is all defined by the Board. So what would be the amount that we would like to put in?

I will use an example. I had a Home Equity Line of Credit for an amount and the statements that $I$ got for that HELOC was just to pay the interest on the liability, but $I$ knew that I wanted to pay off the HELOC so I calculated my own amount.

So that would be like my funding policy funding was an amount that $I$ wanted to pay that off over a 10 -year period. I was paying more than that amount.

You have in your purview to set a funding policy contribution. And what that amount is it is the normal cost of the plan so the value of benefits being accrued during the year and an amortization of unfunded liability.

The amortization is based on a 30-year rolling, and using my HELOC example, or mortgage example, it would be like refinancing every year over a 30-year period, but it is based on a level dollar contribution amount so almost exactly like a
refi every year. So you're always pushing out the target but it is targeting 100 percent liability over a 30-year period. That is where you are seeing -- so the difference between the statutory amount and the actuarially determined contribution was probably much larger several years ago, especially when it was the contribution multiple was the statutory amount.

Now that it's based on the 90 percent target amount over 2055, it is closer but there is still a shortfall there. That is kind of what those two metrics are.

The ADC is the amount, that as your group of Trustees say, this would be the amount that we ideally would like to see be made in order to properly fund the plan over a certain period of time.

I don't think that those provisions from like the level dollar, the 30 -year period, the rolling, I don't think those have been revisited. It probably should be revisited at some point to come up with a revised board funding policy.

MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: The state had good intentions, right, on the statutory
contribution amount?
MR. STROM: Yes.

MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: At the end of the day, while it may, like you say, get us closer, based upon our actuary valuation, it will not necessarily probably get us to be made whole, if $I$ can say that in lack of a better term.

MR. STROM: I think that is spot on. Again, our stake as the actuary, we are not paying the bill but I look at -- with a 90 percent target, the retirees don't want 90 cents for every dollar that they are owed.

At some point everyone is going to want make sure there is enough money to receive their checks.

There is ways to setup an actuarially determined contribution that is reasonable for all the stakeholders, the taxpayers, the members.

In my opinion, a 30-year rolling with a level dollar admortization is on the outside bounds but I still think that is okay. Would it pay down principal?

I mean, again, people refinance their houses all the time. I just did it a couple of
months ago and got a new 30-year mortgage.
Where entities got in trouble with this actuarial contribution work, they would have a 30 -year rolling period and then they would amortize it over a level percentage of payroll which back loaded contributions. That is how a lot of public sector funds got underfunded because they thought they were paying an actuarial amount but it was paying interest on the unfunded liability so they were never going to pay it off.

I think the goal of the Board would be at some point in time we want to target 100 percent over a reasonable time period.

MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Got it. Thanks for the clarification.

MR. STROM: Thank you for introducing that topic, $I$ really did want to talk about it.

As far as the details, we can move on to the next slide. Again for membership, this is a snapshot of the membership from this year's valuation compared to last year.

And a slight uptick in the number of members but this will highlight the average pensionable salary for members. Almost 8 percent
increase in average salaries so that kind of highlights what lead to that demographic loss because I think the assumption on average is probably closer to like 3 percent.

My suspicion is that had something to do with a contract or something coming up and we probably saw gains for a couple of years. Over the long-term, we expect the assumption to be on average but on a year-to-year basis it won't be the same so we do expect gains and loses.

On the retirees and beneficiaries, a slight increase there of 2 percent. The average monthly benefits increased by 3.3 percent.

On Slide 6 are the valuation results.
Again, here's that accrued liability number that we mentioned. Last year's was 6.25, that increased to 6.5. We expected it to increase because there were benefits accrued. There was one year less of interest discounting on the liability and then we had the loss that was baked in there.

Those are the actuarial value assets on the next line. 1.1 billion that increased to 1.276 so I think the market is over
1.3. The difference there is that deferred gains,
that will be reflected in the next couple of years as a cushion.

Of course, the liability minus the assets leaves you with the unfunded liability. That increased from $\$ 5.1$ billion to almost $\$ 5.3$ billion. About $\$ 175$ million increase in the unfunded.

As we mentioned before, the funded ratio, which is the assets over the liabilities, did increase from 18.2 to 19.4 percent.

The next few slides to take us home are some graphs and I'd like these graphs because we are showing a little bit of history, the current year result, and then a little bit of projection. The projection is based on -- of course, the statutory contribution relies on a projection so we are taking the first few years to show the trajectory.

Again, the green side on the left are the actuals. The blues on the right are the projected amounts. These are the required employer contributions.

So you can see the number for 2022 is \$398 million and that is calculated with this valuation. The 367 was actually calculated with
last year's valuation. But the numbers for '23, '24 and '25 are almost straight lined and that is by design. That is part of the statutory policy, which is to increase contributions as a percentage of pay.

As our payroll increases, and it is roughly about -- it averages about 2.5 percent so those amounts projected in the future increase around the same amount.

MEMBER SONI: I have one question about 2016, that went down quite a bit. I don't remember it going down so much. Do we know why it was such a large drop like $\$ 82$ million?

MS. VLAHOS: The issue that happened there -- Matt, do you know the answer?

MR. STROM: I don't.
MS. VLAHOS: So the issue that happened there, that is where we had a different funding mechanism at the time, and $I$ believe it was like similar to the ARC funding and then they went through and they changed it. So we had already did like the reporting for Financials of the receivables, based on ARC funding, and then they went and changed the funding to those statutory
amounts like 199 so basically the next year we had to reverse the difference of the receivable that we had originally.

MEMBER SONI: That's right, it went back.

MS. VLAHOS: That is what it is, it is accounting.

MR. STROM: I remember now. There was a funding provision that was put in and then it was overturned. So if you were to go back a little bit further, $I$ think the amounts are closer to the $\$ 150$ million than the 236.

MEMBER SONI: Okay, thank you.
MR. STROM: On Slide 8, again, this is a graph of the funded ratio was declining and then these higher contributions kicked in by the statutory funding. So now we are expecting an increase from last year to this year and all other things being equal, meaning the assumptions coming true and of the course one of those that is the most important is the 6.75 return on investments, we do expect a gradual improvement of that over time, if you were to extend -- Actually, later on in the appendix, it is a projection of this out to the end of the statutory period. Of course, it is
projected to hit 90 percent as you get out towards the funding date.

Lastly, on Slide 9, is a look at cash flow. Which is interesting because in the recent history, if you look at the red line is benefit payments of refunds and admin expenses compared to the purple which is the historical total contributions, that is going to include the City's contributions plus the member contributions.

There was negative cash flow. In 2020 was actually the first year of positive cash flow and it looks like there is projected to be positive cash flow for the next several years. It is kind of a change there but that is good and that's how the funding is going to improve over time.

I mentioned the appendix. We won't go through any of that.

I know, Sarah, you mentioned the full valuation report. The interesting things in there, there is a section on risk, which is a requirement to include in an Actuarial Report, just to identify the different risks. Again, market returns. Longevity of members is a big risk for the fund. So if members live longer than what is assumed, the
cost of the plan actually will be higher.

It is an interesting section. Part of that section in the report talks about a detailed risk analysis. And that would be things like if you were interested in the different risks, you know. What if contributions, if the $\$ 400$ million amount, what if that amount is put in indefinitely and that would be the amount. What kind of impact does that have. What if the returns for the next 20 years looked like the returns for the past 20 years. What kind of impact does that have on the contribution levels.

If things like that would be of interest, those definitely are the type of modeling we can do and show you. Some of that we can even do in a live setting so we can look at different scenarios and run those live.

Really that is the end of what we wanted to talk about, just go over these results at a high level. Let us know if there is any questions.

MS. BOECKMAN: Thanks, Matt. Do any
board members have any questions?
MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: I do, Matt, if you don't mind. I don't know who is controlling this,
but can they turn to Page 15?

Matt, really quick, on year 2022, which is next year, am $I$ reading this correctly? The normal cost which is, what, $\$ 65.1$ million, that represents the cost of providing benefits just that year for the active members?

MR. STROM: It does, except for it is already net of the expected member contributions. So the actual cost of benefits accrued is higher than that and then whatever the member contributions look like they are expected to be about $\$ 50$ million so it is like the normal cost is 95 but then the employer's normal cost is net of expected member contributions.

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: The City is going to statutorily be required to contribute $\$ 398$ million?

MR. STROM: $\quad$ Mmm-hmm.

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Is it safe to say that extra, whatever it is, $\$ 343$ million, which is, what, six times higher than the employer normal cost, is strictly attributed to paying off the unfunded liability?

MR. STROM: Yes, that's right.

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Okay, thank you.

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MEMBER MURPHY: I'd like to make a motion
to accept and file the fiscal year 2020 Actuarial Report as presented.

MEMBER MCPHILIIPS: Second.

MEMBER TEBBENS: I have a question on the

Actuarial Report. Sarah, $I$ talked to you a little bit. I had a conversation about Local 2, which has requested information on the birthday rule and the impact that would have on funding and maybe you can update me and the Board on that.

MS. BOECKMAN: Yes, Trustee Tebbens. Like $I$ mentioned, that is not included in this report because the effective date of that Public Act fell outside the years that the actuaries were reviewing. But it is something that the actuaries are planning on reviewing and we will report back to the Board as soon as they have completed that report which $I$ would anticipate would be soon.

MEMBER TEBBENS: It's going to be again independent of this report. We were hoping to get it in this report and it's going to be independent then.

MS. BOECKMAN: Correct.
MEMBER TEBBENS: Thank you.

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MS. BOECKMAN: Of course.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There is a motion by
Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee McPhillips.

Trustee Murphy.

MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Holt.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee

Conyears-Ervin.

MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.

MEMBER SONI: Yes.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.

MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And $I$ am a yes.
Motion carries.

MEMBER MURPHY: Moving on to Item 8, Expenditures.

MS. BOECKMAN: I apologize, Secretary

Murphy. I just wanted to mention with respect to the Financial Statements and the report from the

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auditors, first, I'd like to give kudos to Jackie and John, who put in a lot of long hours working with the auditors, trying to get them to finalize their report by this board meeting.

Consistent with your past practice, normally the Financial Statements are final by the June board meeting and are presented by the auditors.

As you know, you have new auditors this year and unfortunately they were unable to complete the Financial Statements by today's meeting. We are, obviously, very disappointed by that but they will be presenting at the July meeting.

I will note that we have been in
communications with the City and Trustee Soni to make sure that the City does get what information that it needs in order to complete the work on the City's end. And, we will, of course, continue to do that, but $I$ did want the board to be aware that unfortunately the auditors were unable to complete their report. They will be presenting at the July meeting.

MEMBER SONI: Sarah, thank you. We do need a full set of Financials to be able to issue.

Jackie, to your point, has really been pushing and following up in her regular role of doing her work as comptroller and then also auditing the auditors, right, looking at the Financials and making the numbers tie out and all those kinds of things.

We do need Financial Statements to be able to issue our report. So even if it is a draft, but we know that the numbers are not moving, at this point this is the only fund that is left for providing Financials.

Again, the $F A B F$ team has been fantastic. Jackie has really been pushing. I think this is really to the auditors that we need to tell them this was the deadline we gave to them and they had committed when we brought them on board that they would meet this.

On top of that, we have seen errors in terms of tying information from Jackie and our office as well.

So I say all that to the members so they know that even with this detailed scrub and the fact that we are at the middle of June, we still don't have a set of draft Financials that are even
tying to various schedules within the Financials. And I think we need to make it really known to the auditors that we all are here spending until one, two o'clock in the morning every day trying to get our stuff done. They need to burn the midnight oil to get their part done.

MS. BOECKMAN: I cannot agree more,
Trustee Soni. Thank you for those comments and we have definitely expressed our frustration to the auditors from the staff level but we will do it from the board level as well and let them know that the Board was extremely disappointed and that it directly impacts the City as well.

I will note that they have indicated that they will be finalizing the Financial Statements this week. It will be in draft form because it will be subject to the Board formally accepting it at the July meeting. But we will continue to push them, Trustee Soni, so the City gets the information it needs. I could not agree more with you.

MEMBER SONI: I just want to say, Sarah and Jackie, thank you so much for really pushing for this and $I$ know you're spending a lot of hours
to get this done, especially Jackie, so thank you. MS. BOECKMAN: Thank you for your work. MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: If I can, Trustee Soni, this is Trustee McPhillips, do you think now might be the time to consider whether or not we want to continue this relationship with our auditors?

MS. BURNS: If I may, let's deal with that after we get these Financial Statements finished. Certainly, it will be a subject, Trustee McPhillips, that we will have on the agenda.

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Can you repeat that, Mary Pat?

MS. BURNS: Yes, it is something that I would suggest from a legal perspective that we let them finish their existing audit report before we bring up the issue of termination or have any discussion regarding what you, as a board, decide to do in July.

We will put that on the agenda for discussion because it is worthy of discussion. I don't believe they have met their contractual requirements to us but we want to get these Financial Statements done.

So can you give us a little patience and
we will bring the matter you raised back in July?
MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: We will put that on
the agenda in July.
MS. BURNS: Yes, sir. Thank you.
MEMBER MURPHY: Moving on to Item 8,
Administrative Expenses for Board review and approval. I'd like to make a motion to approve the Administrative Expenses as they are presented.

MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Second.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Motion by Trustee Murphy. Seconded by Trustee Holt.

Trustee Murphy.
MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Holt.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee
Conyears-Ervin.
MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.

MEMBER SONI: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.

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MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And $I$ am a yes.
Motion carries.
MEMBER MURPHY: Moving on to Item 9, the Interim Executive Director's Report. Sarah, please, proceed.

MS. BOECKMAN: Thank you. If it is okay with the Board, $I$ know that Brandon Phelps is on the phone. Is it okay if we go out of the regular order of business and have Brandon present the legislative report?

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Please.
MS. BURNS: Brandon, could you present the legislative end of session report to the Board, please?

MR. PHELPS: Yes, thank you, Sarah. Thank you, Mary Pat, and to all the board members.

Brandon Phelps here waiting for Committee so we're at the capital today. The Senate was in yesterday. The House is in today. It doesn't look like they are going to go past today.

They did not get an energy bill done. I know you probably read a lot of the media reports. The energy bill right now is dead.
I was with Leader Hoffman last night. He
thinks that they are going to do some negotiations
over the summer.
The Budget was completely done. They had
to go back in yesterday. Governor Pritzker did the
minutes on the veto on the Budget. It was messed
up on some dates. They went in yesterday and
corrected that and the House is going to follow
suit today. I don't see the House doing much today
but the Budget.

But other than that, Sarah, I think you wanted me to talk about House Bill 3004. That is the one where they were really going after the Chicago Public Schools on the Board. And what it more or less says is that if you are a board member now on any kind of pension fund, you cannot go and be an employee of that fund for 12 months. At one time, to the Board, one time that that was really getting really more restrictive, they were going to do five years but they got it down to just 12 months.

> If you are an active board member now, you have to wait 12 months to become an employee of the fund that you were a board member of.

It passed both houses, and the House, 118
to zero. In the Senate, it was 59 to zero. We think the Governor is going to sign that bill pretty soon.

Sarah, I didn't know if there was any questions on that. Really there is not much going on this week. There will be negotiations through the summer. The remap is done. They will have to come back to do the congressional remap but that will be a later date.

MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Did they pass the elected school board issue, Brandon?

MR. PHELPS: That is going to happen today. They are going to finish that up today but it will be elected, absolutely. They are trying to work some things out with the Mayor, to be honest with you. It is has really caused a lot of problems between members on that issue. A lot of friendships are a little upset right now.

MS. BOECKMAN: Any other board members have any questions for Brandon?

MEMBER MURPHY: Not right now.
MS. BOECKMAN: Thank you, Brandon.
MEMBER MURPHY: Getting back to Item 9,
the Interim Executive Director's Report, Sarah.

MS. BOECKMAN: Thank you, Secretary
Murphy. I believe we are actually going to talk about the two items in legal so $I$ have nothing to report.

I would like to note that Mr. Weller is joining us today. We're very excited for him to start. I will be the most excited. So effective July lst, Kelly will be the new Executive Director here at the Fund.

I just want to thank the Board again for the opportunity to serve you. During this period of time, it's been an honor. And we will, of course, continue to help Kelly in any way he deems appropriate. But $I$ will be putting my legal hat back on and $I$ am happy to answer any legal questions the Board may have in the future so thank you for the opportunity.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Thank You, Sarah.

Thank you, very much.
MEMBER MURPHY: Thank you.

MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Thank You, Sarah.

MS. BURNS: In your board packet,
consistent with Kelly taking over as Executive

Director, it occurred to us that perhaps you would want to see the current Organizational Chart for your Firemen's Fund, to make sure you are comfortable with it and actually formally approve it prior to Kelly starting.

We couldn't find any record that you had done that before. I don't know, Trustee McPhillips, if you remember if we have ever done that. We couldn't find any record of it.

Here before you is the current

Organizational Chart. What we have done on this Organizational Chart is we added Kelly. And then consistent with the Board's direction, we changed Lori's title effective July 1st. As you know as of July lst she's going from the title of Deputy Director to clarifying it to Deputy Executive Director, that is consistent with the direction the Board had given us earlier.

The rest of the changes to the chart are where we filled in the names of employees in the specific positions so you could see who is working for the Fund and what positions are vacant right now and which ones are filled.

Unless there are questions, what $I$ would
recommend, Trustee Murphy, is a motion to adopt the 2021 Organizational Chart as presented.

MEMBER MURPHY: I'd like to make the motion as presented by counsel to approve the revised Organizational Chart as presented.

MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Second.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There is a motion by Trustee Murphy. Seconded by Trustee Holt.

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: On the question, Dan, really quick. I'd like to recommend we not do this right now. I think it would be wiser to let Kelly come in, see the layout of the land, and because he is the new Executive Director decide what the best route is for the Organizational Chart to meet his kind of strategy.

Although, $I$ do think an Organizational
Chart is important, $I$ think it would be better left to Kelly since we just hired him as the new Executive Director. Those are just my thoughts.

MS. BURNS: Maybe what we could do is adopt this as the baseline, Trustee McPhillips, so then Kelly can then amend it and come back to you in December with what he suggests going into the new year. The reason for that is this

Organizational Chart isn't even official. This approval would at least establish the lay of the land as it exists today.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Okay.
MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: It is not like
out of the box. I mean, these are things that we have been discussing and $I$ don't think it is a surprise to anyone on the line. I don't necessarily think that we are shaking things up to a point that he will come in with what did they do. I mean these are just some things that we are cleaning up $I$ will say before he gets in.

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: One, I don't think we really discussed it. I don't know if we are cleaning anything up. To me, it seems very normal business practice, you would not make this decision two weeks before the new Executive Director starts.

MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: We made these decisions already. These are not decisions we're making today. We're voting on them today but we had already discussed these decisions months ago.

MS. BURNS: Right.
MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: People are having meetings without me then. The only decision we
discussed was about Lori Lund and that was last
month.

MS. BURNS: That is all that has changed on here, sir. That is all we did was fill that in and give you the names of people so we can hand this to Kelly Weller on his first day so he knows who is sitting in what chair, based on what the current structure is. With the certain
understanding that he has the right to come back to the Board, if he deems it appropriate, to change the structure.

MEMBER TEBBENS: This in no way limits his ability to come back and amend it. So this is just a formality, move forward with this, and allow him to make any recommendations in the future.

MS. BURNS: Yes, sir.
MEMBER TEBBENS: Thank you.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There is a motion and there is a second. Any further discussion?

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Nothing to add, thank you.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There is a motion and a second.

Trustee Murphy.

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MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Holt.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee
Conyears-Ervin.
MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
MEMBER SONI: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.

MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.
Motion carries.
MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Mr. President,
can I take an opportunity to really thank Sarah for her service as Interim Executive Director?

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Absolutely.
MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: So, Sarah rocks, we all know that and you know she just comes from a boss that rocks and all of that. We just really appreciate her. I mean it was so seamless. I can't believe she was an Interim Executive Director because it was so seamless. So just really thank

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you for everything. We know that it was a lot. We thank you for what you have done, not only for us but also the members and annuitants. They would be happy to know that it was a seamless transition with you as an Interim Executive Director so thank you.

MS. BOECKMAN: Thank you so much, Madam Treasurer, it's been an honor.

MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: I'd like to echo that, Sarah. Thank you so much for all your help and everything you have done to keep us going. We really appreciate it.

MS. BOECKMAN: Thank you, Commissioner.
MEMBER SONI: I agree. You have done a lot. You have been extremely responsive communicating with all of us and making sure that we are on top of all that we need to know. I truly just appreciate you always being available, Sarah.

I totally agree with Trustee ConyearsErvin that it was so seamless. Although, we miss Steve but you definitely filled that void and even more so thank you.

MS. BOECKMAN: Thank you, Trustee Soni.
I should say it was a team effort. You have a
great staff here and $I$ have to give them credit. I could not have done it without them.

MEMBER TEBBENS: I would just add two words; seamless and responsive. It was a pleasure. I wish you well. We will still see you in the future.

MS. BOECKMAN: Thank you, Trustee Tebbens.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Don't leave.
MS. BOECKMAN: I have the same number.
MS. BURNS: She is not going anywhere.
The other issue we wanted to discuss today is the DAP issue. This issue $I$ know is a concern to many of the trustees. What Sarah told you a few months ago was that we were able to make retro payments for a number of our annuitants but some we had to hold back due to a lack of information. I believe 180 some individuals were held back because there is a legal issue as to whether or not those individuals are entitled to Duty Availability Pay.

The City gets to make that decision at least in the first instance. The City has not made that decision.

When Sarah first presented the issue, she recommended, and I concurred from both an administrative and a legal position, that we hold those 180 plus retros back so we weren't either over paying people, and then trying to collect the amount, or under paying people and trying to then make it up and have to change our programming to do that.

Now that several months have gone by and the angst amongst our members is rising, we're back to you with the suggestion that you allow us to take these 180 or so people and spend some time reprogramming our system to be able to separate out the retro payments that they are entitled to for which there is no legal question from the DAP retro payments where there is still an issue. The DAP retro payments represent a smaller amount that is being withheld.

We talked about this with Secretary Murphy at length and he was comfortable with this suggestion. What we would do, if you are generally in agreement with this, is Sarah, for the next couple of weeks, and then certainly we will work with Mr. Weller and staff to generate the program
that we need to be able to separate out these payments. We hope to come back to you in August to approve the retroactive payments and then ultimately we'll see if we can get resolution from the City on the DAP payments. If that is acceptable, we would like to proceed that way.

My second thought was the City has a lot of issues going on and they haven't really maybe been able to spend enough time focused on this issue.

What I'd like to do, and perhaps we should be in closed session and we will do so if trustees want to discuss it in more detail, but my recommendation is that we ratch up the pressure a little bit, by drafting a letter to the Corporation Counsel asking them for an official legal opinion as to whether or not this Duty Availability Pay should or should not be paid to these 180 some people.

I know that is aggressive but $I$ do think you should be on record protecting your members and that is what such a letter would accomplish.

Of course, it would be accompanied by phone calls from Sarah and $I$ to the Corporation

Counsel explaining why we are doing so and also offering to help them any way we can to get to the right decision, but we need an answer.

Two things. One, if you are okay -- I don't know if you want a motion on this, Trustee Murphy, it is really just direction. One, to make sure you're comfortable that we proceed in this way separating out retro payments from Duty

Availability Pay and then we would get back to you in August about that.

And, two, whether you are comfortable with us drafting a letter on your behalf to the Corporation Counsel as allowed by the statute for them to give us a formal legal opinion on what you should do regarding Duty Availability Pay for the retro payments. Any questions?

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Any questions?
MEMBER MURPHY: As I have indicated, I am comfortable with that.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: I am all for drafting a letter.

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Is someone going to make a motion?

MEMBER MURPHY: We don't need a motion on DEBBIE TYRRELL REPORTING SERVICE
that, right?
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: We are not going to take a motion.

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Isn't legal counsel going to incur expenses to draft that letter?

MS. BURNS: Yes, there definitely will be some legal expenses but $I$ don't think that it will be that unusual from what you normally do and so as your counsel $I$ would consider this to be part of my normal assignment and it would show up, obviously, in a future invoice that you would approve.

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: So the motion was to approve the administrative expense with your expenses added to that?

MS. BURNS: Yes, sir. If you don't want to approve them later on, that's fine. I still think you should write the letter. I am willing to draft it assuming you approve it.

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: I will make the motion, just so it is on the record, that you draft the letter to City Council on the advice of Fund counsel. Do $I$ have a second?

MEMBER MURPHY: Second.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There is a motion by DEBBIE TYRRELL REPORTING SERVICE-

Trustee McPhillips. Seconded by Trustee Murphy. Trustee Murphy. MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Holt.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee
Conyears-Ervin.
MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.

MEMBER SONI: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.
Motion carries.
MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Can I ask a question? $I$ just want to make certain $I$ am clear and $I$ know we just did this motion but why did we do that?

MS. BURNS: One of our recommendations was that you allow us to send a letter. Trustee McPhillips wanted that approved because it involves the expenditures of funds, maybe a couple thousand
dollars, for me to write such a letter.

Does that answer your question or do you want the bigger point on what we are talking about?

MEMBER TEBBENS: Can $I$ make a motion to
go into executive session?

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: I will second it.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There is a motion by

Trustee Tebbens to go into executive session.

Seconded by Trustee McPhillips.

Trustee Murphy.
MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Holt.

MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee

Conyears-Ervin.
MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.

MEMBER SONI: Yes.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.

MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And $I$ am a yes.

Motion carries.

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(Whereupon, the Board went into
Executive Session off the record.
No action was taken in Executive
Session.)

MEMBER MURPHY: Mr. President, I happily move on to Item 12 and turn it over to you to present the resolution to Trustee Nance-Holt.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Thank you, Secretary Murphy.

There is a resolution for Acting Fire Commission Trustee Nance-Holt. I would like to turn this over to Sarah to please read the resolution.

MS. BOECKMAN: Thank you, President Fortuna.

It is with great honor that $I$ get to read this resolution for Acting Commissioner Annette Nance-Holt.

Whereas, the Firemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago, its Board of Trustees and Staff wish to thank Annette Nance-Holt for her dedicated and generous public service as a Trustee of the Fund; and.

Whereas, Annette Nance-Holt is a proud DEBBIE TYRRELL REPORTING SERVICE-
graduate of Chicago Public Schools, Chicago State University and Anna Maria College, where she earned a Master of Science Degree in Public Administration/Fire and Emergency Management; and Whereas, Annette Nance-Holt entered the Chicago Fire Department in 1990, where she faithfully served with distinction in nearly every role at the department for over 30 years before becoming at the first woman and the first Black woman to serve as First Deputy Commissioner in 2018; and.

Whereas, as First Deputy Commissioner, Nance-Holt served as a Firefighter Trustee to the Firemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago where she served faithfully and diligently in many capacities, including serving as an example to fellow Board Members through her leadership on governance issues to ensure the effective and efficient administration of the Fund on behalf of Fund participants and beneficiaries; and.

Whereas, while we will miss our friend and colleague, we are proud of her recent appointment as first woman and first Black woman to serve as Commissioner of the Chicago Fire

Department and we take comfort in knowing that our City will be well served by her effective and gracious leadership; now therefore,

Be it resolved, on this 16 th day of June, 2021, the Trustees, Staff and all Active and Annuitant members of the Firemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago wish to honor and thank Commissioner Annette Nance-Holt. We will miss her leadership, her professionalism and her uncompromising dedication to the Fund and its participants.

Be it further resolved, in order that all may know of the esteem and honor in which this Fund holds Commissioner Annette Nance-Holt, that this Resolution be entered on the permanent record of this Fund and that a copy of this Resolution be suitably engraved and presented to her as a token of our respect and gratitude for her valued service to the Fund, and its Trustees, Staff and participants.

Thank you, Commissioner Holt.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: It's been a great
honor to make this motion to adopt this as a
Resolution. Can I get a second?

and my fire people.
It is actually sad for me to leave you, honestly. I really enjoyed being with you. I enjoyed the challenges. I enjoyed the fight some days, too. I enjoyed mostly what we do for our members on the Chicago Fire Department and the great job we all do together to represent them.

I am sure the next person who comes on the Board will have the same passion that $I$ have because you are just great and you will fill her in and she will know everything that $I$ know.

Thank you, again, much love to everybody on the board and $I$ hope you still continue to invite me to things after work.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: You are always invited.

MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Thank you so much. God bless you all.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: God bless you, Annette.

MEMBER MURPHY: Moving on to Item 13, is there any old business or new business?

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Hearing none.
MEMBER MURPHY: I would like to make a
motion to adjourn today's meeting.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Second.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Motion by Trustee
Murphy to adjourn. There is a second by Trustee Holt.

Trustee Murphy.
MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Holt.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee
Conyears-Ervin.
MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
MEMBER SONI: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And $I$ am a yes.
We are adjourned.
Thank you, very much.
(WHICH WERE ALL THE PROCEEDINGS
IN THE ABOVE-ENTITLED MEETING
AT THIS DATE AND TIME.)

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