1	BEFORE
2	THE RETIREMENT BOARD
3	FIREMEN'S ANNUITY AND BENEFIT FUND OF CHICAGO
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7	IN THE MATTER OF)
8	REGULAR MEETING NO. 1081)
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10	STENOGRAPHIC REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had at
11	the video conference meeting of the above-entitled
12	matter, held at 20 South Clark Street, Suite 300,
13	in the City of Chicago, County of Cook, State of
14	Illinois, on Wednesday, December 16, 2020,
15	commencing at the hour of 8:30 a.m.
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1	APPEARANCES
2	BOARD MEMBERS:
3	DANIEL FORTUNA, President and
4	Annuitant Trustee
5	ROBERT TEBBENS, Active Trustee
6	WILLIAM MURPHY, Secretary and Active Trustee
7	TIMOTHY McPHILLIPS, Active Trustee
8	MELISSA CONYEARS-ERVIN, City Treasurer
9	ANNA VALENCIA, City Clerk
10	RESHMA SONI, City Comptroller
11	ANNETTE NANCE-HOLT, Active Trustee
12	ATTORNEYS FOR THE BOARD:
13 14	BURKE, BURNS AND PINELLI, LTD. BY: MS. MARY PATRICIA BURNS MR. VINCENT PINELLI
15	ALSO PRESENT:
16	LORI LUND, Deputy Director STEVEN R. SWANSON, Executive Director
17	LORNA SCOTT, Chief Investment Officer JACLYN VLAHOS, Comptroller
18	MARC TORRES, IT Analyst MARK MYSLINSKI, City Treasurer's Office
19	DANIEL G. SAMO, M.D., Board Physician MICHAEL I. PETERS, M.D., Board Physician
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1	MS. BURNS: At the request of the
2	President, I am going to take the roll.
3	Trustee Tebbens.
4	MEMBER TEBBENS: Here.
5	MS. BURNS: Trustee Murphy.
6	MEMBER MURPHY: Here.
7	MS. BURNS: Trustee McPhillips.
8	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: I am here.
9	MS. BURNS: Trustee Soni.
10	MEMBER SONI: Here.
11	MS. BURNS: Trustee Conyears-Ervin.
12	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Good morning.
13	Here.
14	MS. BURNS: Trustee Holt.
15	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Present.
16	MS. BURNS: Trustee Valencia.
17	MEMBER VALENCIA: Present.
18	MS. BURNS: President Fortuna.
19	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Here.
20	MS. BURNS: Sir, you have a quorum.
21	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Thank you, very much.
22	We are going to start the meeting here on
23	December 16th at 8:32.
24	For the president's opening remarks, as I

have to do at every meeting now, Public Act

101-0640 allows this meeting to be conducted by

audio and video. The Act requires a roll call vote

on each matter acted on.

Further, consistent with the Public Act 101-0640 for the record I am physically present at the Fund's office as is Fund counsel.

We are proceeding by video conference because we continue to believe that due to the pandemic it is prudent not to be physically present in the same space.

We have posted a notice of this meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and the meeting is being recorded. The transcript will be provided after approval and will be made available on the Fund website.

Moving on to public comments. 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 matters within its jurisdiction.

So are there any requests for public

1 comment out there? 2 Hearing none, we will be moving on. 3 Before I get started, I want to take a minute to remember one of our members, Lieutenant 4 5 Dwain Williams, who recently lost his life to violence. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the 6 7 family and their colleagues, guys, that were friends of his. 8 9 At this time of the year I think it's 10 important that we, as trustees of this Fund, 11 remember all of the sacrifices certainly big and 12 small that are made every day by our members. 13 let's keep his family in our prayers. 14 MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Amen. 15 CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Thank you. 16 First order of business, we are going to 17 handle the elections of officers. As you all know 18 under the Pension Code, we are required at our December meeting to elect officers for next year. 19 20 Does anybody have a motion? 21 MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes. Good morning, 22 Trustee Nance-Holt. 23 I would like to make a motion to elect 24 Dan Fortuna as our President.

1 CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There is a motion by 2 Annette Holt. Is there a second? MEMBER VALENCIA: Second. 3 CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There is a second. 4 5 Again, I have to go through the roll call. 6 MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Actually, on the 7 question, Dan. 8 CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Go ahead. 9 MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: I don't want to make 10 another motion and have two competing motions, but 11 I would like to consider maybe Anna Valencia for President. 12 13 I was really impressed, Anna, with your 14 recent article in the Sun Times talking for a new 15 generation of leaders. 16 Dan, you know, you have been on the job 17 for about three years as President. I think a 18 young woman taking over the role, especially someone that has been the City Clerk, would be 19 20 ideal. And I would like to maybe have some of the trustees consider someone new, someone like Anna 21 22 Valencia. Any comments on that? 23 MEMBER VALENCIA: Thank you, very much, 24 Trustee McPhillips. I really appreciate your

support and encouragement.

At this time, though, I would like to support President Fortuna and continue as the Vice-President, if lucky. I just feel like my capacity right now is at a very low capacity and I don't want to take something on that I can't know that I would be successful in. But, thank you, for your encouragement and throwing my name out there.

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: That's okay, but while I am not going to push you, I am going to pull you to this role, Anna. I really don't think you have to worry about the capacity, there is not too much to it.

If you look at the administrative expenses, the legal counsel takes care of a lot of the stuff that has to be done. Dan really is just more of kind of, you know, reading from the script.

But what is more concerning is that I
think at the Pension Fund, we really turned a
corner of doing things new, rather than the old way
of doing it and I think you represent that.

I can't believe any trustee wouldn't think you are capable, especially since you preside over the City Council. But, you know, I think

there's been some mismanagement at the Pension Fund and we changed that ever since you got here and I really want to kind of move on to this new generation of leaders as you spoke about.

If any trustees want to speak about the mismanagement, I think you should. I mean, that is kind of your role to make sure that we are administered properly. But I think some of the nonsense we have been here -- you know, I don't mean nonsense, but some of the issues we have been having at the Fund the last two years can be resolved with somebody new and I think that is you. I really do.

I mean, there's been a lot of push in the last two years for having females, more Black and Brown people. And then for you to not to take this role I guess is a little concerning.

You know, we talked about a new auditor last month and the big push was that it be somebody of color. And I supported that not so much because it was someone of color but because we needed somebody different and that is why we had a change and I think that same concept applies here. We need somebody different. We need to change things

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     Dan in any way. I think Dan has done an okay job,
     but I think we need new blood.
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               So I would like to hear some comments
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     from some other trustees. I mean, we have been
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     pushed quite a bit about getting females, Black
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     females, Brown females, in the leadership roles.
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     Why would we not start right here at our own board?
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     I just don't understand it.
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               MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: I have a comment to
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     make.
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               MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Sure.
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               MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: This is for the
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     Board. Okay, so I nominated Dan Fortuna and I
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     believe Trustee Valencia she said not at this time
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     and so can we vote or get a second and vote on the
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     motion that I put on the floor?
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               CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: I am going to ask for
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     any more comments.
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     Holt.
            There was a second made by Trustee Valencia.
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               CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There is a motion and
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     a second. Any more comments? I am going to move
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on to the vote.

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: If I can, is
everyone's volume working? I can't believe there
is not any other comments from some of the trustees
that are constantly pushing, you know, females and
especially Black and Brown of color in leadership
roles.

Here we are in our own board not going to move forward somebody, you know, of this stature.

It just doesn't seem logical to me.

MEMBER VALENCIA: Tim, I appreciate your support a lot and I think everyone here on the board would support me. I am not afraid of that.

I just at this time also I think what we are talking about in terms of equity is the ability to also say no. As much as I am supportive, and talk the walk and walk the talk, or whatever that is. It is early, I am on my first cup of tea. I just know personally that this -- I feel like I can do a very good role as Vice-President at this time, with all the things I have going on on my plate.

But I appreciate you supporting and I know that the women on this board would support it, too. But I just think also as a woman it is our choice to be

1 able to say no, too, and that is okay. 2 But thank you again and I just also want 3 to comment that ever since joining this board and our new Executive Director and the President I 4 think that we had a lot of success and it is not 5 just one person. It's been a team effort and I 6 7 really have seen that come to light. And having Treasurer Melissa Conyears-Ervin and Reshma and 8 9 Annette, it's been really exciting to see all the 10 work that they have put into this board and taking 11 it to a new level. I just also wanted to point 12 that out. It's been a real team effort ever since 13 I joined this board. 14 I second the motion for President 15 Fortuna. 16 MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Thank you, Madam 17 Clerk. 18 I think that Trustee McPhillips is probably alluding to me as well. 19 20 Certainly, he knows and I appreciate the diversity and inclusion extremely -- (Audio 21 22 distortion.)

-- to change their mind for this type of roll.

1 I support and appreciate what President 2 Fortuna has done. And I am certainly fine with 3 moving forward because when it comes to diversity and inclusion of this board, I think a lot of work 4 5 has been done by all of the Trustees. We work together as a team and I have seen that in 6 7 President Fortuna and his support for diversity and 8 inclusion of this Pension Fund. And so what can we do now but move forward with the vote. 9 10 CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: I am going to take the 11 We have to get moving here. There is a vote. motion and there is a second. 12 13 MEMBER TEBBENS: This is --14 MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Hold on. I think 15 somebody else has a comment, Dan. 16 MEMBER TEBBENS: This is Trustee Tebbens. 17 I just wanted to know is anyone interested in the 18 position, other than -- shown any interest, other than Trustee Fortuna? 19 20 MEMBER SONI: This is Trustee Soni. 21 just want to also make a comment. I think there is a lot of time commitment that President Fortuna 22 23 puts into this board, not only in the current 24 situation but over many years and he is looking at

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     the greater good not only of the Fund but what the
     pension systems can do and how we can benefit
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     overall for our members. It is a lot of time
     commitment that he puts in and I just want to say
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     how much I appreciate that.
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     trustees, all the ladies on the board, who have
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     think any of our members could do a good job as
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     well, but I think the energy, the skills, the
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     expertise that President Fortuna brings to our
     board, especially at this time, is much needed.
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     I would like to be in support of President Fortuna.
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               CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Thank you, very much
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     for those kind words. And, please, I'd like to get
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     this meeting going.
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               MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Listen, Dan, Dan,
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     this is important stuff.
               CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Okay. Do you want to
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     make a motion? Make a motion for somebody.
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               MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: No.
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     the question, Dan. This is how these rules work.
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               MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Go on the question.
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               CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: I will tell you what
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1 2 MS. BURNS: Wait. President Fortuna, 3 please, this is a legal issue now. Trustee Valencia you have spoken. 4 5 Trustee Conyears-Ervin you have spoken. Trustee 6 Holt you have spoken. Trustee Soni you have 7 Trustee McPhillips you have spoken. spoken. 8 Trustee Murphy, do you have a comment 9 you'd like to make? 10 MEMBER MURPHY: Not at this time, thank 11 you. 12 MS. BURNS: Trustee Tebbens, I know you 13 are new to the board, but you have spoken. 14 answer to your question was no other trustee who is 15 siting on the board at this time has expressed as 16 of this date any interest in the position, other 17 than President Fortuna. Would you like to make 18 another comment? 19 MEMBER TEBBENS: That sufficiently 20 answers my question. 21 MS. BURNS: Thank you, sir. 22 All comments have been had. You have met 23 the requirements of Robert's Rules. You are able to call this for a vote. 24

1 If the vote fails, then, Trustee 2 McPhillips, you are more than welcome to make 3 another motion. MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Well, I can't make a 4 5 comment on Reshma's comment? I mean, this is a 6 discussion on the qualifications of the President 7 and the role of the President. 8 The only comment I'd like to make is, 9 Trustee Reshma, there is not that much of a time 10 commitment for the President. It is pretty clear, 11 where we are at, but there is not that much of a 12 time commitment. 13 With that being said, Anna, I am 14 disappointed. I was hopeful that you would take on 15 this role. I think you are very qualified and very 16 bright and I think some of these pension funds need 17 a new voice. 18 But, Dan, go ahead on to the vote. CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: 19 Thank you. 20 There is a motion by Trustee Holt seconded by Trustee Valencia. 21 22 Trustee Valencia. 23 MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes. 24 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 Murphy.
MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: No.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Motion carries.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: I have a second
motion to make, is this appropriate right now?
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Yes, it is.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: I would also like to
make a motion to elect Anna Valencia as the
Vice-President of the Board.
MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Second.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There's a motion by
Trustee Holt seconded by Trustee McPhillips.
Trustee Valencia.
MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.

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1	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Annette Holt.
2	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
3	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee
4	Conyears-Ervin.
5	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
6	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
7	MEMBER SONI: Yes.
8	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Murphy.
9	MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
10	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
11	MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
12	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
13	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
14	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.
15	Motion carries.
16	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: I'd like to make
17	a motion, Mr. President.
18	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Yes, madam.
19	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: I would like to
20	make a motion for Trustee Bill Murphy for Fund
21	Secretary.
22	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There is a motion for
23	Fund Secretary Trustee Murphy. Is there a second?
24	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Second by Trustee

1 Holt. 2 CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Second by Trustee 3 Holt. Any comments? MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Onto the question, 4 5 this one is going to take a long time I think 6 because you know historically we have always had 7 the Secretary detailed up here full-time. Is Bill willing to come up here full-time? 8 9 I mean, here is a guy with an 10 undergraduate degree, a law degree, I think he can 11 do a lot of good up at the Pension Fund. 12 Two years ago we spent a lot of money to 13 have somebody come up here and rewrite -- \$1,000 we 14 spent to have somebody come up here and rewrite 15 policies. I haven't seen much results from that 16 expenditure and I am just wondering if Bill is 17 willing to come up here full-time. Bill? 18 MEMBER MURPHY: Sure, my --MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: You don't have to 19 20 answer that question right now. If Bill is not 21 comfortable with answering that or the decision is 22 not made, can he say that and we can still proceed 23 with the vote? 24 MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: I prefer you not.

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     mean, let's get somebody that is willing to come up
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     here full-time.
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               TRUSTEE CONYEARS-ERVIN:
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     are saying but I still have the motion on the
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     floor. So whether Bill, Trustee Murphy, is ready
     to answer that or not it is not dependent on my
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     motion.
               MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: No, you are right.
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     We are discussing the motion. We are onto the
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     question.
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               TRUSTEE CONYEARS-ERVIN:
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     my motion is not dependent upon your answer so if
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     you are not prepared to answer that right now we
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     can certainly move on.
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               MEMBER MCPHILLIPS:
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               MEMBER MURPHY: I'd rather hold off.
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               MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: I definitely think
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     that is clear but I think we can discuss it now if
     we wanted to. And I think it is less about Bill
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     but more about the bigger role of what the
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     Secretary's role is.
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               It clearly states in the Pension Code
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     that we can have him come up here permanently which
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     is great. We did that for over a decade.
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               And as you know, Melissa, Trustee, at the
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     other Pension Fund you serve on I think they have
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     two or three secretaries up there.
               CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: How long do I have to
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     wait?
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               MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Maybe we should
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     figure out what they do on the Police Fund over
     here at the Fire Fund.
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               MS. BURNS: Trustee Valencia, would you
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     like to make a comment on this point?
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               MEMBER VALENCIA: I am ready for the
     vote. I was going to say the same about it as
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     Treasurer Conyears-Ervin as well.
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               MS. BURNS: Trustee Holt, would you like
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     to make a comment? You understand Trustee
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     McPhillips' position I assume.
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               MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes, I heard him.
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     seconded the fact that -- he said we need new blood
     so I think the nomination for this person to be the
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     Secretary/Treasurer I think is a good move in a
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     different direction.
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               MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes, I agree,
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     Nance-Holt, but I think you are on the wrong
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     motion, that was on the previous motion. I am not
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     talking about new blood here. I am talking about a
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     need for somebody --
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               MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: But I am, but I am.
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               MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Okay.
               MS. BURNS: Trustee McPhillips, I think
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     she is entitled to make her comments, she has the
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     floor.
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               Trustee Holt, are you complete with your
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     comments?
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               MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: I'm sorry?
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               MS. BURNS: I am asking Trustee Holt if
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     she has completed her comments.
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               MEMBER HOLT: Yes, I have. I have
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     completed my comment. Are we calling for the vote?
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               CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: We are calling for the
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     vote.
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               MS. BURNS: Let's just make sure if
     Trustee Tebbens would like to say something on this
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     question.
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               MEMBER TEBBENS: I have no comment at
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     this time.
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               MS. BURNS: Thank you, sir.
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               Trustee Soni, would you like to make any
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1	comments?
2	MEMBER SONI: I am in support of
3	nominating Trustee Murphy in this position. Thank
4	you.
5	MS. BURNS: Mr. President, everyone has
6	had a chance to speak on this subject.
7	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: So we have a motion on
8	the floor and a second.
9	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Just to be clear is
10	Bill
11	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Anna Valencia.
12	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: okay coming up
13	here full-time?
14	MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.
15	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Bill?
16	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Annette Holt.
17	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
18	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee
19	Conyears-Ervin.
20	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
21	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
22	MEMBER SONI: Yes.
23	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Murphy.
24	MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.

1	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
2	MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
3	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
4	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: I am a no if Bill
5	can't commit to coming up here full-time.
6	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Motion carries.
7	MS. BURNS: Your vote is a yes, President
8	Fortuna?
9	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: I am.
10	Let's move on. I'd like to turn the
11	meeting over to Secretary Murphy, please.
12	MEMBER MURPHY: Thank you, Mr. President.
13	I'd like to move on to the Administrative
14	Items. Item A, approval of the regular audio
15	meeting of November 18, 2020. I would like to make
16	a motion to approve the open minutes and the
17	executive session minutes from the November 18th
18	board meeting and to keep the executive session
19	minutes closed.
20	MEMBER VALENCIA: Second.
21	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Motion by Trustee
22	Murphy seconded by Trustee Valencia.
23	Trustee Valencia.
24	MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.

1	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Annette Holt.
2	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
3	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee
4	Conyears-Ervin.
5	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
6	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
7	MEMBER SONI: Yes.
8	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Murphy.
9	MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
10	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
11	MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
12	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
13	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
14	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.
15	Motion carries.
16	MEMBER MURPHY: Moving on, I would like
17	to make a motion to approve the transcript for the
18	November 18, 2020 board meeting.
19	MEMBER SONI: Second.
20	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There is a motion by
21	Trustee Murphy seconded by Trustee Soni.
22	Trustee Valencia.
23	MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.
24	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Annette Holt.

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1	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
2	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee
3	Conyears-Ervin.
4	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
5	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
6	MEMBER SONI: Yes.
7	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
8	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
9	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Murphy.
10	MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
11	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
12	MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
13	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.
14	Motion carries.
15	MEMBER MURPHY: Moving on, I would like
16	to approve the Minimum Formula Annuities starting
17	with 12272 Anderson and ending with 11464
18	Zaccagnini.
19	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Second.
20	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There's a motion by
21	Trustee Murphy seconded by Trustee Holt.
22	Trustee Valencia.
23	MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.
24	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Annette Holt.

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1	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
2	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee
3	Conyears-Ervin.
4	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
5	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
6	MEMBER SONI: Yes.
7	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
8	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
9	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Murphy.
10	MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
11	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
12	MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
13	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.
14	Motion carries.
15	MEMBER MURPHY: Moving to C, I'd like to
16	make a motion to approve the Widow's Annuities
17	starting with 08387 through Member 10943.
18	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Second.
19	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There is a motion by
20	Trustee Murphy seconded by Conyears-Ervin.
21	Trustee Valencia.
22	MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.
23	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Annette Holt.
24	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.

1	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee
2	Conyears-Ervin.
3	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
4	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
5	MEMBER SONI: Yes.
6	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
7	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
8	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Murphy.
9	MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
10	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
11	MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
12	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.
13	Motion carries.
14	MEMBER MURPHY: Moving on, I would like
15	to make a motion to approve the Children's
16	Annuities beginning with Member 14152.
17	MEMBER SONI: Second.
18	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There's a motion by
19	Trustee Murphy seconded by Trustee Soni.
20	Trustee Valencia.
21	MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.
22	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Annette Holt.
23	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
24	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee

1	Conyears-Ervin.
2	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
3	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
4	MEMBER SONI: Yes.
5	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
6	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
7	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Murphy.
8	MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
9	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
10	MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
11	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.
12	Motion carries.
13	MEMBER MURPHY: Moving on to D, Refunds,
14	there are none this month.
15	Moving on to E, Death Benefits, I would
16	like to move to approve the Death Benefits for
17	Members 07140 through 10943.
18	MEMBER McPHILLIPS: Second.
19	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There's a motion by
20	Trustee Murphy seconded by Trustee McPhillips.
21	Trustee Valencia.
22	MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.
23	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Annette Holt.
24	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.

1	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee
2	Conyears-Ervin.
3	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
4	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
5	MEMBER SONI: Yes.
6	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
7	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
8	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Murphy.
9	MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
10	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
11	MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
12	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.
13	Motion carries.
14	MEMBER MURPHY: Moving on to F, Partial
15	Payments. I would like to make a motion to approve
16	the Partial Payments beginning with Member 10670
17	continuing through to Member 10943.
18	MEMBER SONI: Second.
19	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There's a motion by
20	Trustee Murphy seconded by Trustee Soni.
21	Trustee Valencia.
22	MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.
23	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Annette Holt.
24	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.

1	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee
2	Conyears-Ervin.
3	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
4	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
5	MEMBER SONI: Yes.
6	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
7	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
8	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Murphy.
9	MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
10	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
11	MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
12	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.
13	Motion carries.
14	MEMBER MURPHY: Moving to G, Benefit
15	Recalculations, there are none this month.
16	Requests for Permission. Guardianship.
17	There are two guardianship matters for Members
18	06758 and 12973. Staff has confirmed that the
19	appropriate documentation is on file for both
20	members.
21	MEMBER TEBBENS: Second.
22	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Motion by Trustee
23	Murphy seconded by Trustee Tebbens.
24	Trustee Valencia.

1	MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.
2	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Annette Holt.
3	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
4	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee
5	Conyears-Ervin.
6	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
7	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
8	MEMBER SONI: Yes.
9	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
10	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
11	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Murphy.
12	MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
13	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
14	MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
15	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.
16	Motion carries.
17	MEMBER MURPHY: Moving on, I'd like to
18	make a motion there is one request for Member
19	14757 Robert Stepanek to reside out of state. I
20	make a motion to approve.
21	MEMBER VALENCIA: Second.
22	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Motion to approve by
23	Trustee Murphy seconded by Trustee Valencia.
24	Trustee Valencia.

1	MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.
2	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Annette Holt.
3	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
4	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee
5	Conyears-Ervin.
6	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
7	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
8	MEMBER SONI: Yes.
9	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
10	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
11	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Murphy.
12	MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
13	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
14	MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
15	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.
16	Motion carries.
17	MEMBER MURPHY: Moving on to I, Removals.
18	I move to approve the Removals starting with Marion
19	Szumski and ending with Matthew Ethell.
20	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Second.
21	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Motion by Trustee
22	Murphy seconded by Trustee Holt.
23	Trustee Valencia.
24	MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.

1	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Annette Holt.
2	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
3	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee
4	Conyears-Ervin.
5	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
6	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
7	MEMBER SONI: Yes.
8	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
9	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
10	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Murphy.
11	MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
12	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
13	MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
14	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.
15	Motion carries.
16	MEMBER MURPHY: Moving on to Payments
17	Pursuant to Administrative and Court Orders. I
18	move that all administrative and court orders
19	listed in the docket starting with Member 010979
20	and ending with Member 015566 be approved.
21	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Second.
22	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There's a motion by
23	Trustee Murphy seconded by Trustee
24	Conyears-Ervin.

1	Trustee Valencia.
2	MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.
3	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Annette Holt.
4	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
5	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee
6	Conyears-Ervin.
7	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
8	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
9	MEMBER SONI: Yes.
10	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
11	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
12	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Murphy.
13	MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
14	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
15	MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
16	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.
17	Motion carries.
18	MEMBER MURPHY: Moving on to the
19	disability applications.
20	MS. BURNS: Can I interrupt you here?
21	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Go ahead.
22	MS. BURNS: Ladies and gentlemen, the
23	first item on the agenda today for the disability
24	hearings was to adopt Findings of Facts and

Conclusions of Law in the Ricardo Gomez matter,
which you heard last month.

We have received a request from Mr.

Gomez's lawyer. He did not have a lawyer at the hearing but subsequent to the hearing and subsequent to your vote he retained an attorney. That attorney is Mr. Marconi who you know from other matters before this Board.

Mr. Marconi has asked us to present to you his request that you defer voting on this matter until such time as Mr. Marconi has been able to review the transcript, consider the facts and perhaps come back to you with some motions.

If you remember, and, Vince, please jump in if I am wrong on these facts, but you voted four to two to grant this benefit. Is that correct, Vince?

MR. PINELLI: Four to two to grant but it didn't pass because it wasn't the quorum of five, that's correct.

MS. BURNS: We could talk about this in more detail in closed session, but we're trying to move this meeting along in respect of your time so maybe today all you need to consider is whether or

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     not you would be willing to grant the request of a
     member, through his attorney, to defer this to the
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     January time period.
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               We can certainly update you in January of
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     all the pros and cons of the motion that we expect
     you to receive, which is going to be we think a
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     motion to ask you to take a new vote on this.
               CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Do I just need a
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     recommendation or do I need to make a motion?
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               MS. BURNS: It is our recommendation,
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     Vince and I spoke about it, that given the close
     vote that you defer this again as a courtesy to our
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     member who has now retained an attorney.
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               Whether we would recommend you change
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     your vote I think it is worthy of a discussion at a
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     later date.
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               Is that fair, Vince?
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               MR. PINELLI: That is totally accurate.
               MS. BURNS: It would be a motion to defer
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     the matter of Ricardo Gomez at the request of Mr.
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     Gomez and his attorney.
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               MEMBER MURPHY:
                                I make the motion.
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               MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Can I ask you a quick
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     question?
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               MS. BURNS: Yes, sir.
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               MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: If we end up voting
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     again, without going into the logistics of why that
     is allowed, how would that affect the new trustee?
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               MS. BURNS:
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                           That is a question I have,
     Trustee McPhillips. I am concerned about that.
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     is sort of like a second bite at the apple.
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               I don't want to get into too many
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     details, but it would be my recommendation, Vince
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     may disagree, that Trustee Tebbens could not
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     participate.
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               MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Would the former
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     trustees' votes stand or is this a new vote is it
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     not?
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               MS. BURNS: I think all those issues are
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     valid.
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               MR. PINELLI: Right.
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               MS. BURNS: We have to talk about them in
     closed session. Today is just a request to defer.
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               MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Okay, yes, let's move
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          Thank you for clarification.
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     on.
               CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: We have a motion to
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     defer by Trustee Murphy.
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               MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Second by Trustee
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1	Holt.
2	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Seconded by Trustee
3	Holt.
4	Trustee Valencia.
5	MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.
6	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Annette Holt.
7	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
8	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee
9	Conyears-Ervin.
10	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
11	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
12	MEMBER SONI: Yes.
13	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
14	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
15	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Murphy.
16	MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
17	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
18	MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
19	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.
20	Motion carries.
21	MEMBER MURPHY: Moving on, Vince.
22	MR. PINELLI: The next matter on the
23	agenda, Mr. Secretary, is the application for a
24	Compensation Widower's Annuity being made by

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     Kenneth Buczko, who is the widower of deceased
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     Firefighter Denise McCormick.
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               I don't know if Mr. Buczko is on the call
     or not. If he is, could you identify yourself?
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     may not be. I just wanted to make sure.
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               MR. TORRES: He is on the call. He just
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     needs to unmute.
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               MS. BURNS: Mr. Buczko, could you please
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     unmute yourself?
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               MR. PINELLI: He is not going to testify.
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     Hopefully he can hear us even though he is muted so
     I'd like to at least begin.
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               MS. BURNS: He's unmuted, Vince.
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               MR. PINELLI: Thank you.
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               Good morning, Mr. Buczko. Can you hear
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     me?
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               MR. BUCZKO: Yes, I can.
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               MR. PINELLI: Mr. Buczko, we are going to
     proceed with this hearing on your application.
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               By way of introduction to the board
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     members, I am going to move to admit Board Exhibits
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     1 through 8, which have previously been distributed
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     to you. Mr. Buczko, did you receive a copy of
     those Board Exhibits?
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               MR. BUCZKO: Yes, I did.
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               MR. PINELLI: Okay. You had a chance to
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     review them I take it?
               MR. BUCZKO: Yes.
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               MR. PINELLI: And do you have any
     objection to their admission into the record?
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               MR. BUCZKO: No, I don't.
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               MR. PINELLI: Thank you, sir.
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     going to move to admit, Mr. Chairman, Board
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     Exhibits 1 through 8, without objection from the
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     applicant.
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               CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: So moved.
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                (Board Exhibits 1 through 8 were
                admitted into evidence.)
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               MR. PINELLI: Mr. Buczko, just to advise
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     you, there are currently eight trustees present to
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     hear the evidence or consider the evidence on your
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     application.
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               You should know if you don't know you
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     need the yes vote of at least five of those eight
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     trustees in order to receive this benefit. Do you
     understand that?
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               MR. BUCZKO: Yes, I do.
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               MR. PINELLI: Okay. Thank you.
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At this time, to the members of the Board, this is an application pursuant to Section 6-140 of the Pension Code, which is death in the line of duty of a member, and that provision provides that the surviving spouse of a deceased member who died in the performance of duty may apply for death in the line of duty annuity.

The difference between this and a regular widow's annuity is just in the calculation of the amount of the annuity. It is a higher calculation.

75 percent of salary versus 50 percent for the regular Widow's Annuity.

Historically, there's been case law on this very provision going back a number of years. The Board litigated what is called a Bertucci case, which was an application by a widow under this section which historically prior to the date of that decision the Board would award obviously this annuity to spouses of firefighters who were actually killed or died at the scene of a fire or responding to a fire and so forth or shortly thereafter as a result of injuries that they sustained during the response to the fire.

However, Ms. Bertucci challenged the

Board's denial of an annuity to her, based upon a fact that her husband who had gone off on a Duty Disability for a particular injury and remained on disability but then he died from a cause that was distinct, separate, completely different than the disability injury that had caused him to go out.

So she claimed that under the clause of that provision that says that if the firefighter is prevented from subsequently resuming active service as a result of that initial disability and then dies, even though it is from a cause completely different than his disability, that she would be entitled to that benefit because he was never able to return to active duty as a result of that disability.

The Appellate Court reversed the Board and affirmed that in a decision, the Bertucci decision, and basically interpreted that provision to indicate that if any firefighter goes on disability and is never able to return to active duty and then dies from any cause, regardless of if it is related to the disability cause, that the surviving spouse is entitled to the death in the line of duty benefit.

So since that time the Board has followed that decision. The legislature has not in any way amended the statute or changed it in any way as a result of the Bertucci decision.

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By way of background, that is the The documents that have been submitted background. clearly establish that, first of all, Mr. Buczko was married to Ms. McCormick, Denise McCormick. That she went on duty disability as a result of a shoulder injury a number of years ago and was granted by this Board in 2007 I believe. And that she remained off-duty, she remained disabled, during that period of time. She was reexamined consistent with the Fund's policy by our doctors and provided evidence to indicate that she remained disabled up and through the date that she recently passed away on October 11th of 2020. So she was never able to return to active duty as a result of that shoulder injury. She was reexamined actually just recently by the Board's physician consultant. His records are in the board exhibits and he found her to be still disabled as of the date of her most recent reexamination.

Based upon that evidence, I would

1 indicate that the records and the Board Exhibits 2 would meet the burden of proof required of Mr. 3 Buczko to be entitled to this surviving spouse annuity under Section 6-140. 4 5 MEMBER MURPHY: Mr. President, I would like to make a motion to grant the benefit 6 7 requested by Mr. Buczko. MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Second by Trustee 8 9 Holt. 10 CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There is a motion to 11 grant by Trustee Murphy seconded by Trustee Holt. Trustee Valencia. 12 13 MEMBER TEBBENS: On the question, this is 14 Trustee Tebbens. Based on the previous 15 conversation, am I voting on this or not voting on 16 this? 17 MS. BURNS: Yes, sir. You are a full 18 member of this board and we would expect you to vote, unless you had a conflict of interest or if 19 20 you are uncomfortable for some reason feel free to 21 recuse yourself. 22 MEMBER TEBBENS: I thought based on the 23 conversation I was precluded from voting on this. 24 MS. BURNS: No, sir. This is a new

1	matter.
2	MEMBER TEBBENS: Thank you.
3	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: We have a motion on
4	the floor by Trustee Murphy seconded by Trustee
5	Holt.
6	Trustee Valencia.
7	(Trustee Valencia briefly left
8	the video conference.)
9	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Annette Holt.
10	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
11	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee
12	Conyears-Ervin.
13	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
14	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
15	MEMBER SONI: Yes.
16	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
17	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
18	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Murphy.
19	MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
20	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
21	MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
22	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.
23	Motion carries.
24	MEMBER MURPHY: Counsel has previously

1	sent around proposed Findings of Fact and
2	Conclusions of Law on this matter. Having had a
3	chance to review those, I make a motion to adopt
4	the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on this
5	matter.
6	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Second.
7	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Motion by Trustee
8	Murphy seconded by Trustee Nance-Holt.
9	Trustee Valencia.
10	MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.
11	(Trustee Valencia briefly left
12	the video conference.)
13	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Annette Holt.
14	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
15	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee
16	Conyears-Ervin.
17	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
18	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
19	MEMBER SONI: Yes.
20	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
21	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
22	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Murphy.
23	MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
24	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.

1	MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
2	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.
3	Motion carries.
4	Sir, based on the Findings of Fact made
5	by the Trustees, the Trustees have voted to grant
6	the benefit that you have requested. You will be
7	notified by mail of the Findings of Fact and the
8	Board's decision. Thank you.
9	MR. BUCZKO: Thank you, sir.
10	MEMBER MURPHY: Moving on to Paramedic
11	Chief Robert Hickey.
12	MR. PINELLI: Thank you, Mr. Secretary.
13	This is the hearing on the application of
14	Paramedic in Charge Robert Hickey for a line of
15	Duty Disability application.
16	Mr. Hickey, are you present?
17	MR. HICKEY: Can you hear me?
18	MR. PINELLI: Yes. Can you hear me?
19	MR. HICKEY: Yes, this is Robert Hickey.
20	MR. PINELLI: Thank you, Mr. Hickey. I'd
21	like to indicate to you I am one of the attorneys
22	for the Pension Fund and advise you of some
23	preliminary matters before we start evidence on
24	your application.

1 First of all, there are eight trustees 2 present at this time to hear the evidence on your 3 application. If you don't know you should know you need the yes vote of at least five of those eight 4 5 trustees in order to receive this benefit. Do you understand that, sir? 6 7 MR. HICKEY: Yes, sir. 8 MR. PINELLI: Also, you do not have an 9 attorney that has filed an appearance on your 10 behalf. Is it your desire to proceed without an 11 attorney at this hearing? MR. HICKEY: Yes, if -- is it possible to 12 13 get one later should I like to appeal? 14 MR. PINELLI: Well, certainly, yes, you 15 can hire an attorney at a later date, if that is 16 your choice. But for today's purpose in order to 17 proceed with the hearing I just need to know that 18 you want to go forward without an attorney. MR. HICKEY: Yes, I'd like to go forward. 19 MR. PINELLI: Lastly, it is the 20 applicant's burden of proof to present sufficient 21 evidence to the Board in order for the Board to 22 23 grant the benefit. You understand it is your 24 burden of proof?

1 MR. HICKEY: Yes. 2 MR. PINELLI: By way of procedures, I am 3 going to start by asking you some questions under oath. The board members may or may not have 4 5 questions of you. Then I will call the Fund's doctor, who examined you or interviewed you. I 6 7 will ask him some questions. If there is anything 8 I don't ask him that you think is important for the 9 Board to know, let me know and you will be given 10 that opportunity. Do you understand the procedures 11 for today? 12 MR. HICKEY: Yes. 13 MR. PINELLI: Then at this time we are 14 ready to proceed. Doctor Peters and Mr. Hickey, 15 could you both raise your right hands? 16 (Witnesses sworn.) 17 ROBERT HICKEY 18 a witness herein, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows: 19 20 **EXAMINATION** 21 BY MR. PINELLI: 22 Mr. Hickey, first then would you please 23 state your name for the record? 24 Robert Patrick Hickey. Α

1 Q What is your current rank with the Fire 2 Department? 3 Paramedic in Charge. What was your last assignment before you 4 Q went on layup? 5 I was south side relief. 6 Α 7 Directing your attention to the exhibits, 8 you should have been provided a copy of what has been marked as Board Exhibits 1 through 13 prior to 9 today's date. Did you receive a copy? 10 11 By email, yes. Α 12 Okay. Did you have a chance to review Q 13 them all? 14 Α I looked over most of it, yes. 15 Q All right. Do you have any objection to 16 their admission into the record in support of your 17 application? 18 Α No, I do not. 19 MR. PINELLI: Thank you, sir. 20 Mr. Chairman, I move for admission of 21 Board Exhibits 1 through 13 without objection from 22 the applicant. 23 CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Admitted without 24 objection.

1 MR. PINELLI: Thank you.

2 (Board Exhibits 1 through 13

4 BY MR. PINELLI:

Q Now, Mr. Hickey, you are applying for this disability benefit based upon an injury or injuries you sustained on December 1st of 2019. Is that correct, sir?

A That's correct.

Q Now understanding the Board has your written statement that you did provide and is one of the Board Exhibits, 1-B, could you just briefly summarize for the Board where you were and what happened to you that caused you the injuries?

A I was carrying an elderly female down the stairs with a stair chair and I wanted to stop and re-grip. The person who was on the bottom of the stair chair said that he was on the stairs and he was not able to stop. We proceeded down the stairs. I felt a tear in my right shoulder. We made it down the stairs without dropping the patient and I had pain in my lower back and my right shoulder.

At the bottom of the stairs, they took

1 the QRP off my back and then relieved me of my 2 duties on the stair chair and another fireman then 3 carried the patient out to the ambulance. Is it accurate that there was just one 4 5 other firefighter assisting you carrying the chair down the stairs; is that correct? 6 7 Well, yeah, there was a top and the bottom of the chair. Only two people could 8 9 actually carry the chair. 10 You were at the top and the other was at 11 the bottom, correct? 12 That's correct. Α 13 All right. Now, sir, had you ever had 14 any prior injuries to either your right shoulder or 15 your back before this incident? 16 My right shoulder. I had rotator cuff 17 surgery done to the right shoulder. 18 The records indicate that was in 2018; is Q that correct? 19 20 Α That's correct. 21 What was the cause of that injury to your rotator cuff? 22 23 Α Well, I believe it was the amount of

times you have to carry that QRP, toss that QRP

- over your shoulder. It is a 50-pound bag. I would toss it over my shoulder close to, you know, 50 times a shift. You know, when you run 20 calls, you have to pick that bag up and set it down and pick it up and set it down. But it was not indicated that at a specific time so it was considered non-duty related.
 - Q Okay. Is it your testimony that you didn't injure it doing something else like playing sports or lifting weights or anything like that?

- A It is my testimony that I did not injure it that way.
- Q Subsequently were you able to rehabilitate it sufficient to return to work after that surgery in 2018?
- A Yes, I was able to rehabilitate. The PT record is in the material that you have down quite a ways but I did return to work in October of 2019.
- Q Okay. Now, let's return to this incident, which occurred in December, so several months later, you had this incident and you underwent some conservative treatment, in other words non-surgical treatment, to attempt to rehabilitate the shoulder, correct?

A Yes. That was done -- rehabilitate the shoulder was done after the conservative attempts to alleviate the pain in the back. But, yes, I did have PT.

- Q Did you also have steroid injections?
- A That was after the PT that was not effective, I did have a steroid injection. The relief lasted approximately a week or maybe less but I did have some relief.
- Q Can you describe for the board members today as you are here what if any pain or limitations you have with respect to your right shoulder and/or your back?
- A Well, I have pain and movement of the right shoulder. I am not able to put things away in the cabinets, you know, such as groceries and stuff, you know, over my head. If I put like the plates in the cabinet, I have to put like maybe two at a time. I am not able to carry any weight to put it up. Doing that, you know, such as like, you know, vacuuming the house, I wind up with pain in the shoulder following that.
- Q Okay. Now, since you went on layup have you engaged in any activity by which you earn

1 income? 2 No, I have not. Α 3 Have you engaged in any sporting Q activities? 4 Well, I am unable to row my boat, which I 5 built a siding wood rowboat. I am unable to use 6 7 that. I am able to ride a bicycle which is about the only activity other than walking that I can do 8 to continue a healthy lifestyle. 9 Okay. Are you taking any medications 10 11 prescribed by a physician for pain management? 12 Pain management, I am only taking Α 13 Ibuprofen at this time. 14 Do you have any appointments scheduled 15 with any physicians with respect to your treatment 16 of your right shoulder? 17 Α Not at this time. 18 Q There seemed to be an indication in the record that with respect to your low back there was 19 a recommendation for you to undergo some Work 20 21 Hardening? 22 Α That was precluded because of the 23 shoulder restriction. 24 In other words, you could not undergo the Q

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     Work Hardening to address your lower back problem
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     because of the limitations, the lifting
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     limitations, on your right shoulder; is that
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     correct?
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               That is correct.
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               MR. PINELLI: Okay. Thank you, sir, that
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     is all the questions I have at this time.
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               CHAIRMAN FORTUNA:
                                   Trustees, any
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     questions?
               Go ahead, Vince.
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               MR. PINELLI: I call Dr. Peters.
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                             (Witness previously sworn.)
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                    MICHAEL I. PETERS, M.D.
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     a witness herein, having been first duly sworn, was
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     examined and testified as follows:
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                          EXAMINATION
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                       BY MR. PINELLI:
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               Please, state your name.
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               Michael I. Peters.
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               You are a physician; is that correct?
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               Yes.
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               And you perform a function as a
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     consultant to this fund?
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               Yes, I do.
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1 In that capacity do you review medical 2 records, examine or interview applicants and report 3 to the Board? 4 Α Yes. 5 Q Did you file a written report with the Board that is marked as Board Exhibit 2? 6 7 Yes, I did. Α Doctor, could you briefly summarize -- or 8 9 strike that. Did you have the chance to interview 10 the applicant? 11 Α Yes, by telephone. And was the information he provided to 12 Q 13 you consistent with the medical records that you 14 examined before you interviewed him? 15 Α Yes, it was. 16 Can you briefly summarize for the benefit 17 of the Board what his current condition is? 18 Α As Paramedic in Charge Hickey described, he still has limitation in his range of 19 motion and strength of his right upper extremity at 20 21 the shoulder because of the labral tear and 22 bicipital tendinosis. He also has ongoing

radicular low back pain going down the right knee

and hip and thigh which intermittently causes

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1 numbness. 2 He reported to me that he can't kneel 3 down and stand up quickly because of that low back discomfort and that his strength for overhead 4 5 reaching is limited. Based on those symptoms and limitations, 6 7 do you believe he would be able to perform his 8 assigned duties with the Fire Department? 9 Α No, he would not. 10 MR. PINELLI: All right. Thank you, 11 doctor, that is all the questions I have. 12 CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustees, any 13 questions for the doctor? 14 MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: None. 15 MEMBER MURPHY: None. 16 MEMBER TEBBENS: I have none. 17 MEMBER MURPHY: I make a motion to grant 18 the benefits requested by Robert Hickey. 19 MEMBER SONI: Second. 20 CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Motion by Trustee 21 Murphy seconded by Trustee Soni. 22 Trustee Valencia. 23 MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes. 24 CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Annette 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 Murphy.
MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
MEMBER TEBBENS: 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 CONYEARS-ERVIN: Second.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Motion for reexam by
Trustee Murphy seconded by Trustee
Conyears-Ervin.
Trustee Valencia.
MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.
CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Annette Holt.
MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.

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1	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee
2	Conyears-Ervin.
3	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
4	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
5	MEMBER SONI: Yes.
6	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
7	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
8	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Murphy.
9	MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
10	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
11	MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
12	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.
13	Motion carries.
14	MEMBER MURPHY: Mr. President, counsel
15	has previously sent around proposed Findings of
16	Fact and Conclusions of Law. Having had a chance
17	to review those, I make a motion to adopt the
18	Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in this
19	matter.
20	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Second.
21	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Motion by Trustee
22	Murphy seconded by Trustee McPhillips.
23	Trustee Valencia.
24	MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.

1	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Annette Holt.
2	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
3	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee
4	Conyears-Ervin.
5	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
6	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
7	MEMBER SONI: Yes.
8	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
9	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
10	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Murphy.
11	MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
12	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
13	MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
14	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.
15	Motion carries.
16	Sir, based on the Findings of Fact made
17	by the Trustees, the Trustees have voted to grant
18	the benefit that you have requested. You will be
19	notified by mail of the Findings of Fact and the
20	Board's decision. Thank you and good luck.
21	MR. HICKEY: Thank you.
22	MEMBER MURPHY: Moving on to the next
23	one, Paramedic Oraha.
24	MR. PINELLI: Let the record reflect this

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     is a hearing on the application for a Duty
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     Disability benefit by Paramedic Marline Oraha, if I
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     am pronouncing that correctly. Marline, are you on
     the line?
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               MS. ORAHA: Good morning. Yes, I am.
     That's correct.
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               MR. PINELLI: Okay.
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     before we start evidence I'd like to advise you of
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     some preliminary matters. First of all, there are
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     eight trustees present to hear the evidence on your
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     application. If you don't know you should know the
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     Pension Code requires that you receive the yes vote
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     of at least five of the eight trustees. Do you
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     understand that?
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               MS. ORAHA: Yes.
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               MR. PINELLI: Secondly, it does not
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     appear you have an attorney representing you.
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     it your desire to proceed without an attorney
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     today.
               MS. ORAHA: Yes.
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               MR. PINELLI: Lastly, it is the
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     applicant's burden of proof to present sufficient
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     evidence to the Board in order for the Board to
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grant the benefit that the applicant is seeking.

1 Do you understand it is your burden of proof? 2 MS. ORAHA: Yes. 3 MR. PINELLI: By way of procedures, I am 4 going to start by asking you some questions under 5 oath. The board members may or may not have questions of you. Then I will call Dr. Samo, the 6 7 Board's doctor, who interviewed you. If there is 8 anything I don't ask him that you think is 9 important for the Board to know, let me know and I 10 will give you that opportunity. Do you understand 11 the procedures? 12 MS. ORAHA: I do. Thank you. 13 MR. PINELLI: You're welcome. Could I have you raise your right hand, along with Dr. 14 15 Samo? 16 (Witnesses sworn.) 17 MARLINE ORAHA 18 a witness herein, having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows: 19 20 **EXAMINATION** 21 BY MR. PINELLI: 22 Would you please state your name and 23 spell your last name for the record? 24 Sure. My name is Marline Oraha, Α

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               What is your current rank with the Fire
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     Department?
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               Fire Paramedic.
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               What was your last assignment before you
     went on layup?
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               Ambulance 51.
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               Directing your attention to the Board
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     Exhibits 1 through 13, you should have received a
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     copy of those in advance of today's hearing. Did
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     you get a copy of them?
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               Did you have the opportunity to review
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     them?
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               Do you have any objection to their
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     admission into the record in support of your
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     application?
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               No.
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               MR. PINELLI: Thank you.
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               Mr. Chairman, I move for admission of
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     Board Exhibits 1 through 13, without objection from
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     the applicant.
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                                   Exhibits are admitted
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1 | without objection.

2 MR. PINELLI: Thank you, sir.

3 | (Board Exhibits 1 through 13

BY MR. PINELLI:

Q Now, Ms. Oraha, you are applying for this disability benefit based upon an injury or injuries you sustained on November 24th of 2019; is that correct?

A That's correct.

Q Understanding the Board has had the opportunity to review your affidavit, which is marked as Board Exhibit 1B, could you just briefly describe for us today where you were and what happened to you to cause you the injury?

A Sure. Yes. On November 24, 2019, I was an on-duty fire paramedic on Ambulance 51. While driving the patient to the hospital, the ambulance was struck by a vehicle on the passenger side. My head hit the window and I had right shoulder and low back pain. I was transported and received treatment at Little Company of Mary. They then sent me to an orthopedic surgeon that did a MRI and found a complete rotator cuff tear. I had surgery

1 on February 10th of this year. 2 Around June I developed frozen shoulder 3 that causes pain and limited range of motion. this time I cannot lift, push or pull. I can't 4 5 move above shoulder height when reaching forward or sideways. For me doing basic things, putting on a 6 7 coat, combing hair, is challenging. I have been attending PT, getting steroid injections, 8 9 anti-inflammatories and pain meds. 10 Thank you. Had you ever injured that 11 right shoulder prior to this incident? 12 Α No. Since you went on layup, have you engaged 13 14 in any activities by which you earn income? 15 Α No. 16 Have you engaged in any sporting activity 17 of any kind? 18 Α No. Do you take any medications prescribed by 19 Q 20 a physician for pain management? 21 Yes, Tramadol. Α 22 Do you currently have any appointments 23 scheduled with your treating doctor for your right shoulder? 24

1	A I just had an appointment with him
2	December 10th. The next one will be around in four
3	to six weeks.
4	Q Has he indicated to you yet whether you
5	have reached maximum medical improvement?
6	A No. There is still improvements in range
7	of motion, PT, the steroid injections, the
8	anti-inflammatories. If there's improvement, it is
9	steady but slow.
10	MR. PINELLI: Thank you. That is all the
11	questions I have at this time.
12	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustees, any
13	questions?
14	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: No questions.
15	MR. PINELLI: I with call Dr. Samo to
16	testify.
17	(Witness previously sworn.)
18	DANIEL SAMO, M.D.
19	a witness herein, having been first duly sworn, was
20	examined and testified as follows:
21	EXAMINATION
22	BY MR. PINELLI:
23	Q Sir, please state your name.
24	A Daniel Samo.

1 Q You are a physician; is that correct? 2 Α Yes. 3 Is a copy of your qualifications as a Q physician attached to the Board Exhibits? 4 5 Α Yes. Do you perform a function as a consultant 6 7 to this fund? 8 Yes. Α 9 In that capacity, do you review medical Q 10 records, examine or interview applicants and report to the Board? 11 12 Α Yes. 13 Did you file a written report with 14 respect to this applicant that is marked as Board Exhibit Number 2? 15 16 Α Yes. 17 Dr. Samo, could you just briefly 18 summarize what the state of her current condition? 19 Currently, as she stated, she has what is Α called adhesive capsulitis, frozen shoulder, that 20 21 is scarring across the joint, which will cause her 22 the pain and loss of range of motion. 23 She has been improving in therapy and other treatments and therefore additional surgery 24

1 has been delayed. The surgery that could be done 2 is called a MUA, Manipulation Under Anesthesia. 3 Basically puts the patient asleep and moves the shoulder through the range of motion to tear those 4 5 adhesions apart, but that's not done until the conservative treatments fail. Since her 6 7 conservative treatment is making her better, she is proceeding in that direction. 8 9 She is likely to continue to improve but 10 at this point she still has a lot of limitations 11 due to loss of range of motion and pain. 12 Would those limitations prevent her from Q performing her full assigned duties with the Fire 13 14 Department? 15 Α Yes. 16 MR. PINELLI: Thank you, doctor, that is 17 all the questions I have. 18 CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustees any questions for the doctor? 19 20 MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: No questions. 21 MEMBER MURPHY: I'd like to make a motion 22 to grant the benefit requested by Marline Oraha. 23 MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Second. 24 CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Motion on the floor to

1	grant by Trustee Murphy seconded by Trustee
2	Conyears-Ervin.
3	Trustee Valencia.
4	MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.
5	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Annette Holt.
6	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
7	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee
8	Conyears-Ervin.
9	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
10	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
11	MEMBER SONI: Yes.
12	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
13	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
14	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Murphy.
15	MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
16	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
17	MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
18	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.
19	Motion carries.
20	MEMBER MURPHY: I'd like to make a motion
21	for reexam consistent with the Board's policy.
22	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Second.
23	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There's a motion for
24	reexam by Trustee Murphy seconded by Trustee

1	McPhillips.
2	Trustee Valencia.
3	MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.
4	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Annette Holt.
5	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
6	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee
7	Conyears-Ervin.
8	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
9	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
10	MEMBER SONI: Yes.
11	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
12	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
13	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Murphy.
14	MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
15	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
16	MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
17	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.
18	Motion carries.
19	MEMBER MURPHY: Fund counsel has
20	previously sent around proposed Findings of Fact
21	and Conclusions of law in this matter. Having had
22	a chance to review those, I make a motion to adopt
23	Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in this
24	matter.

1	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Second.
2	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There is a motion by
3	Trustee Murphy seconded by Trustee Holt.
4	Trustee Valencia.
5	MEMBER VALENCIA: Yes.
6	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Annette Holt.
7	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
8	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee
9	Conyears-Ervin.
10	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
11	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
12	MEMBER SONI: Yes.
13	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
14	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
15	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Murphy.
16	MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
17	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
18	MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
19	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.
20	Motion carries.
21	Based on the Findings of Fact made by the
22	Trustees, the Trustees have voted to grant the
23	benefit that you have requested. You will be
24	notified by mail of the Findings of Fact and the

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     Board's decision. Thank you and good luck to you.
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               MS. ORAHA: Thank you. Thank you for all
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     that you do for us.
               MEMBER MURPHY: Moving on to Paramedic
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     Gabriel Palominos.
               MR. PINELLI: Let the record reflect this
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     is a hearing on the application of Paramedic
     Gabriel Palominos for a Line of Duty Disability.
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               Mr. Palominos has an attorney who has
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     filed an appearances on his behalf. Is the
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     attorney and Mr. Palominos on the call?
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               MR. TORRES: They are both on the call.
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               MR. PINELLI: Okay. Thank you.
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               This is the final hearing on the docket
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     for today. Counsel, can you please identify
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     yourself for the record?
               (No response.)
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               MS. BURNS: Mr. Palominos, can you
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     contact your lawyer?
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               MR. PINELLI: Somebody just texted me and
     said "I am trying to unmute".
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               MS. BURNS: We can jump to approval of
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     Board Physician Review.
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               CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: That would be Item 5,
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1	Bill.
2	MEMBER MURPHY: Moving on to Item 5,
3	Approval a Board Physician Review of Disability
4	Recipients. I move to approve the Board's
5	physician recommendations.
6	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Second.
7	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There is a motion to
8	approve by Trustee Murphy seconded by Trustee
9	Holt.
10	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Annette Holt.
11	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
12	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee
13	Conyears-Ervin.
14	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
15	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
16	MEMBER SONI: Yes.
17	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
18	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
19	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Murphy.
20	MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
21	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
22	MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
23	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.
24	Motion carries.

1	MS. BURNS: Do you want to go to
2	Expenditures, Number 7?
3	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Bill, go to Number 7
4	and then we will come back.
5	MEMBER MURPHY: 7 is Expenditures.
6	Administrative expenses for Board review and
7	approval. I make a motion to approve the
8	administrative expenses as presented.
9	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Second.
10	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There's a motion by
11	Trustees Murphy seconded by Conyears-Ervin.
12	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Annette Holt.
13	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
14	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee
15	Conyears-Ervin.
16	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
17	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
18	MEMBER SONI: Yes.
19	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
20	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
21	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Murphy.
22	MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
23	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
24	MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.

1 CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes. 2 Motion carries. 3 Executive Director's Report. MEMBER MURPHY: Moving to the Executive 4 5 Director's Report. Steve, could you please give us your report? 6 7 MR. SWANSON: Sure. A couple of items that we have in board pack under the Executive 8 9 Director. 10 The first one is our annual report that 11 we have to submit to the Governor. It is required by the Pension Code. It is due at the end of the 12 13 year for our use of diverse investment managers. 14 Lorna is always extremely helpful in putting that 15 all together so we have that prepared on time. Ιt 16 is there for the Trustees review. 17 Next we have the handout that Lorna and I 18 presented at the Senate hearing. Again, on our use of diverse investment managers. 19 20 I felt the Senate hearing went well. 21 There was only one Senator that asked us a few 22 questions and Lorna did a great job of really 23 handling the questions. So, again, that is there 24 for the Trustees review, if you want to see what

1 was presented. 2 MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Steve, can you 3 elaborate on some of the questions that were asked? MR. SWANSON: One was our lack of Black 4 5 and Brown investment staff, Fund investment staff. I did inform the Senator that we only have one 6 7 member of our Fund that is considered investment staff and that is Lorna, which explains probably 8 9 our lack of diversity. 10 The next he asked also regarding Lorna 11 the use of minority brokers. If someone falls 12 outside of our policy, what is done. Lorna 13 explained in detail what is done in terms of first 14 sending a letter, following up, seeing if the Board 15 would like to speak with the manager, and the steps 16 involved in that. 17 Those are the two that pop off the top of 18 my head. I don't know what else was asked beyond that. 19 20 MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Was this the same 21 Senator? MR. SWANSON: Yes, just one Senator asked 22 23 the questions. It was the co-chair Senator Harris. 24 MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Did you push back

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     saying that if we were fully funded there would be
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     more ability to hire more minorities management?
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               MR. SWANSON: That is our part of our
     presentation. If you look at the one pager, that
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     is that we start with. We are 18 percent funded.
     We have a 5 billion dollar liability. We suffered
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     a negative cash flow for a number of years. Even
     most recent year you are selling off 50 to 60
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     million dollars. So that limits our ability to
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     invest, which then limits your ability to invest
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     with diverse managers overall. So Lorna and I
     covered that right from the very beginning.
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               MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: What was his response
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     to that?
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               MR. SWANSON: He didn't have one.
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     specific questions that he wanted to ask.
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               MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Thanks, Steve.
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     appreciate it.
               MR. SWANSON: Also, I have the
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     preliminary Budget in board pack. I also sent
     along some preliminary salary information to the
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     Trustees separately in an email.
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               The preliminary budget right now we are
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     looking at a 4 percent projected decrease compared
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to the 2020 Budget that was approved by the Board.

Jackie and I will be available to meet with the Trustees ahead of the January meeting to answer any questions, go through it in detail. So I will be reaching out to the Trustees after this meeting to see when we can get something scheduled.

Also, the next item I have is the new auditor that was hired. We have been able to complete the contract at least on our end. It is with the auditor and we're just waiting for their approval. We're expecting it shortly. They have been very easy to work with so far.

Also, I did just have one comment to the Trustees, who I sent out at the Fund President's request, if anyone is having difficulty attending the January 20th meeting, Wednesday, January 20th, which also coincides with the Presidential inauguration, please let me know because if we need to reschedule that meeting the President would like to get moving on that sooner as opposed to later.

MS. BURNS: Is Mr. Marconi available now?

MR. MARCONI: Can you hear me?

MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: I was going to say, certainly, for an inauguration on January

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     20th, as historic as that will be, I appreciate you
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     asking about the meeting.
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     formal announcement has been made but if I was a
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     betting person I would say that it is probably
     going to be virtual. I think they probably already
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     announced that, but nevertheless I do not believe
     that this will interfere and I do appreciate you
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     proposing that.
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               CHAIRMAN FORTUNA:
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               MEMBER TEBBENS: Pertaining to that
     meeting, Mr. President, I am at the firehouse on my
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     shift that day.
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               CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: We'll make sure you
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     are off.
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               MEMBER TEBBENS:
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               MS. BURNS: Vince, if you would like to
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     go back to the regular order. Trustee Murphy, we
     will finish up the hearing.
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               MR. PINELLI: We now have Mr. Palominos
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     on the line, along with his counsel. Counsel,
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     could you please identify yourself for the record.
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               MR. MARCONI: Jerry Marconi for the
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     record.
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               MR. PINELLI: Before we start, counsel,
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     did you receive a copy of Board Exhibits 1 through
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               MR. MARCONI: Yes, I did.
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               MR. PINELLI: Do you have any objection
     to their admission into the record?
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               MR. MARCONI: I have no objection.
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               MR. PINELLI: Mr. President, I move for
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     admission of Board Exhibits 1 through 13, without
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     objection from the applicant.
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               CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Admitted without
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     objection.
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               MR. PINELLI: Thank you, sir.
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               (Board Exhibits 1 through 13
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                were admitted into evidence.)
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     proceed. Counsel, do you have any witnesses you'd
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     like to call? And, please, bear in mind that the
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     Board has had the benefit of your client's sworn
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     statement. So to the extent we don't have to
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     duplicate information, that would be helpful.
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               MR. MARCONI: Yes.
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     quick. So I will virtually call Gabriel Palominos.
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               MR. PINELLI: Mr. Palominos and Dr. Samo,
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1	could you please raise your right hands?
2	(Witnesses sworn.)
3	MR. PINELLI: Thank you. You may
4	proceed.
5	GABRIEL E. PALOMINOS
6	a witness herein, having been first duly sworn, was
7	examined and testified as follows:
8	EXAMINATION
9	BY MR. MARCONI:
10	Q Mr. Palominos, if you could just spell
11	your name. I am not sure if there is a court
12	reporter, just spell your last name.
13	A Good morning. This is P-a-l-o-m-i-n-o-s.
14	Q You are currently a member of the Chicago
15	Fire Department?
16	A That's correct, I am a Fire Paramedic for
17	the Chicago Fire Department.
18	Q You were hired on November 1, 2010; is
19	that correct?
20	A Correct.
21	Q Now in the records you filed an
22	application for disability benefits on September 7,
23	2020, correct?
24	A Correct.

Q And that stemmed from an accident that happened November 18, 2018, correct?

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Q If you could just tell the Board exactly what happened on November 18th which lead you to seek medical treatment.

So, on November 18th, we were called to the home of a patient. He needed to go to the emergency room. We got the patient onto the stretcher. Lifting the patient into the ambulance, I felt a pop in the upper back area of my shoulder. I didn't have any immediate pain with that. Once we got to the hospital, we were transporting the patient to, we did have some assistance lifting him out of the ambulance, but then in the hospital transferring him over to the gurney the patient began to kind of roll off to the side before I was able to get the bar up on the gurney. Put my arms out to hold him up and that is when I felt the tear. It was a very intense pain that was immediate once I put my hands on the patient's back.

Q Let me ask you to references in the documents according to the (audio distortion) I

1 think anywhere between 500 and 550? 2 Yeah, I believe my partner documented it Α 3 as about 500 pounds. He was definitely a very large. He was definitely about 450 pounds. 4 5 That wasn't a typo? Α I'm sorry? 6 7 That is not a typographical error, that person did weigh 450? 8 9 Α I can't remember exactly what the 10 patient told us his weight was, but yeah he was 11 about 450 or so. 12 MR. PINELLI: Counsel, before you 13 continue your questioning, for some reason you are 14 breaking up at certain points. I don't know if you 15 can position your microphone in a way to try 16 minimize it if possible. 17 MR. MARCONI: I will try to move my 18 location. Is that better? MR. PINELLI: A little bit. 19 BY MR. MARCONI: 20 21 I just don't want to lose you. So, Mr. Palominos, after you felt the 22 23 pain and suffered what you thought was an injury, 24 what did you do next for treatment?

A So the next thing that happened was I alerted my partner to the pain I was having. We alerted our Field Chief and I was transported over to University of Chicago where I was seen in the emergency room. They did x-rays and recommended that I follow up with my primary.

I alerted the Fire Department Medical to the fact that I was injured. They recommended also that I followup with my personal care physician which I did. She ordered a MRI and made recommendations to see ortho.

Upon my first visit with Medical, CFD Medical, they made an appointment for me to see Dr. Nicholas Garvis with Loyola and he took over my care.

He ordered a followup with the MRI that Dr. Shaughnessy ordered which I got in December.

And then in February they proceeded with the arthroscopic surgery and the rotator cuff repair.

I did have some physical therapy before the MRI and then started PT for the shoulder surgery about three or four weeks after the surgery.

Q You had that surgery February 3, 2020; is

that correct?

- A Correct.
- Q You had therapy after the surgery to get 4 you back to work?
 - A I did have surgery after surgery, yes. I mean therapy after the surgery, yes.
 - Q Was that therapy successful in that you were able to return to work for any period?

A I never got to a point where the doctor was comfortable to return me to work. I did have periods where the physical therapy seemed very successful and then I would have these flare-ups that left me unable to participate in anything other than passive motion therapy.

The doctor, Dr. Garvis, did administer a cortisone injection with very limited success. It was only helpful for about a week, maybe two weeks, and then we also did a steroid pack in I believe at the end of July.

We did attempt to do work conditioning at the beginning of August, but it was the same thing that happened. We were able to do it for about -- I was able to get through about five sessions before the pain in the shoulder and the neck got so

1 bad that the physical therapist said that it needed 2 to be addressed before we could continue, that is 3 when I was referred to Best. Are you currently treating with Dr. Best? 4 5 Α Currently I am with Dr. Best. I have not seen Dr. Garvis in about four months or so. 6 7 Is that basically for pain management at this point? 8 9 At this point, yeah. Dr. Best ordered a Α 10 MRI of my neck. I am on Gabapentin right now to 11 try and limit the nerve pain I am experiencing down 12 my left arm and we tried some physical therapy with 13 no change. I will be seeing him for a cervical 14 epidural this week actually. 15 Q (Audio distortion) You are in therapy or 16 at least continue to be treated with the hope that 17 you can return to work; is that correct? 18 Α That is the hope that the cervical 19 epidural will get me to a point where we can continue rehabbing the shoulder. 20 21 MR. MARCONI: I don't have anything else. MR. PINELLI: Trustees, any questions? 22 23 MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: No questions. 24 MR. PINELLI: Mr. Chairman, I just have a

1	couple of questions, if I may.
2	EXAMINATION
3	BY MR. PINELLI:
4	Q Mr. Palominos, had you ever had any
5	injury to your left shoulder prior to the date of
6	this incident?
7	A No, I have not.
8	Q And since you went on layup have you
9	engaged in any activity by which you earn income?
10	A No, sir.
11	Q Have you engaged in any sporting
12	activities of any kind?
13	A No, sir.
14	MR. PINELLI: Thank you. That is all the
15	questions I have, Mr. President.
16	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustees, any
17	questions for Vince?
18	MR. PINELLI: Counsel, do you have any
19	other witnesses you wish to present at this time
20	before I call Dr. Samo?
21	MR. MARCONI: I do not.
22	(Witness previously sworn.)
23	DANIEL SAMO, M.D.
24	a witness herein, having been first duly sworn, was

1	examined and testified as follows:
2	EXAMINATION
3	BY MR. PINELLI:
4	Q Then I would call Dr. Samo. Please,
5	state your, name, sir.
6	A Daniel Samo.
7	Q And you're a physician; is that correct?
8	A Yes.
9	Q And is A copy of your qualifications as a
10	physician attached to the Board Exhibits?
11	A Yes.
12	Q Do you perform a function as a consultant
13	to this Fund?
14	A Yes.
15	Q In that capacity, do you review medical
16	records, examine or interview applicants and report
17	to the Board?
18	A Yes.
19	Q Did you file a written report with the
20	Board marked as Board Exhibit 2?
21	A Yes.
22	Q And, Dr. Samo, when you interviewed Mr.
23	Palominos was the information he provided you
24	consistent with the medical records you had

reviewed?

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Can you briefly describe for us what the Q records indicate as to his current condition?

Currently he continues to have symptoms probably both from his shoulder and his neck. Ιt is not unusual to have some difficulties sometimes figuring out whether pain comes from the neck or the shoulder or sometimes it can be both. Sometimes it seems like it is a neck problem and it is really shoulder and visa versa or sometimes both.

I think that is where he is right now. So he continues to have some pain in the neck with radiation into his arm and also pain and loss of range of motion and strength due to his shoulder problems.

He's relatively -- well, not relatively, he's a young man. 38 years old I believe.

> Α Yes.

So given that, would you expect that he stands a reasonable chance of rehabilitating the shoulder to the point that he might be able to return to work?

1 Α Yes. 2 But in his current condition he would not Q 3 be able to perform full unrestricted duties; is that correct? 4 5 That is correct. MR. PINELLI: Thank you. That is all the 6 7 questions I have. 8 Counsel, do you have any questions? 9 CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Any questions for the doctor? 10 11 MR. MARCONI: I have no questions for the doctor. 12 13 MR. PINELLI: Do you rest? Do you have 14 any other evidence to present? 15 MR. MARCONI: I have no other evidence 16 and I rest. 17 MR. PINELLI: Mr. President, the record 18 is concluded and the evidence is completed on this 19 matter. 20 CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Thank you, Vince. 21 MEMBER MURPHY: I'd like to make a motion 22 to grant the benefit requested by Gabriel 23 Palominos. 24 MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Second.

1	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Motion by Trustee
2	Murphy seconded by Trustee Holt.
3	Trustee Annette Holt.
4	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
5	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee
6	Conyears-Ervin.
7	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
8	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
9	MEMBER SONI: Yes.
10	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
11	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
12	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Murphy.
13	MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
14	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
15	MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
16	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.
17	Motion carries.
18	MEMBER MURPHY: I would like to make a
19	motion for reexam consistent with the Board's
20	policy.
21	MEMBER SONI: Second.
22	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Motion for reexam by
23	Trustee Murphy seconded by Trustee Soni.
24	Trustee Annette Holt.

1	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
2	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee
3	Conyears-Ervin.
4	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
5	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
6	MEMBER SONI: Yes.
7	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
8	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
9	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Murphy.
10	MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
11	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
12	MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
13	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.
14	Motion carries.
15	MEMBER MURPHY: Counsel has previously
16	sent around proposed Findings of Fact and
17	Conclusions of Law in this matter. Having had a
18	chance to review them, I make a motion to adopt the
19	Findings of Fact and the Conclusions of Law in this
20	matter.
21	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Second.
22	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There's a motion by
23	Trustee Murphy seconded by Trustee
24	Conyears-Ervin.

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1	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Annette Holt.
2	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
3	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee
4	Conyears-Ervin.
5	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
6	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
7	MEMBER SONI: Yes.
8	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
9	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
10	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Murphy.
11	MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
12	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
13	MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
14	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.
15	Motion carries.
16	Mr. Palominos, based on the Findings of
17	Fact made by the Trustees, the Trustees have voted
18	to grant the benefit that you have requested. You
19	will be notified by mail of the Findings of Fact
20	and the Board's decision.
21	Thank you and good luck.
22	MR. PALOMINOS: Thank you, sir. Thank
23	you sirs and madams of the Board.
24	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Good luck.

1 MR. PINELLI: That concludes the 2 disability hearings. 3 MEMBER MURPHY: Mr. President, I would like to move on to Item 6 and turn it over Lorna to 4 5 walk us through the Investment agenda. MS. SCOTT: The first item is the 6 7 Investment Report. Let's start right away with performance and Marc can go to the next slide. 8 9 This slide shows performance monthto-date for November. November was a great month. 10 11 The slide shoes performance for a variety of asset classes that the Fund is invested in. Note that 12 13 everything is positive and very strongly positive. 14 You will note strong outperformance by 15 U.S. small cap up 18.4 percent, which outperforms 16 U.S. large cap, which was up 11.8 percent. 17 As you all know, the Fund is more heavily 18 invested in small cap than the benchmark. Whereas, this has hurt us all year long, it is nice to see 19 this reversal in November. 20 21 The next slide shows the performance of 22 the various asset classes for the year-to-date 23 period. You will note that not everything is

positive. The strong November performance wasn't

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enough to eliminate the investment being pretty
much dominated all year long and that is that
strong outperformance of U.S. growth which is up
31.8 percent versus U.S. value which is still down
and down 1.2 percent.

You will also note on the right side of the chart, Commodities and REITS remain in negative territory for the year-to-date. We do have allocations to Commodities and REITS but our active managers are going to help us a little bit there.

Let's move onto the Fund performance on the next slide. For the year, for November the Fund is up 9.1 percent. Let me just pause here. It is up 9.1 percent ahead of the benchmark. This again was a very, very strong month and that strong month performance was enough to pull the year-to-date return into positive territory. So year-to-date the Fund is up 7.1 percent.

I would love to stop the investment report right here and just end with that, but we have a few other items to cover.

Again, just to relish this, we went from being negative year-to-date now being positive in one month is just feeling really, really good.

We are underperforming our benchmark which was up 8.8 percent. The next slide kind of delves into why. Here we try to explain how we are under or over performing the benchmark.

The thing is we will perform differently than the benchmark in two distinct ways. One through asset allocation, that is having different weights than the benchmark, being off that policy target will cause performance differences. The second way is the use of active management and that includes style back, that small cap bias.

So for the month the Fund outperformed the benchmark and this outperformance was primarily due to manager selection and that is more specifically is picking mid-cap value or mid-cap gross stock did really well for the month.

Under performance year-to-date, though, is coming equally from asset allocation. Again being off target and from managers style performance.

The next slide goes into more detail. So year-to-date the Fund is up 7.1 percent. We can see that in column three, versus the benchmark, which is in column four.

Let's actually focus on the last three columns. These columns show what is contributing to that Fund performance versus the benchmark.

First, the allocation. This is having different weights than the benchmark. Most of that you will notice is due to our allocation in cash.

And you will note that the Fund had an allocation of weight to cash whereas the policy benchmark does not.

Holding cash in a strong market against the benchmark that doesn't have any cash this causes underperformance. This is a cash drag having uninvested cash in a strong market.

Looking at selection, the biggest director to performance was the benchmark is coming from that liquid diversifying asset class. Most of that underperformance is due to BlackRock's portfolio, which is down 30 percent for the year.

If you look at the contributions for the other classes, strong November performance went a long way in closing the performance gap with the benchmark. That rebound in value and small cap helped in equities. In fixed income, the Loomis and Western portfolios are now both outperforming

1 their benchmark year-to-date.

Again, it was very nice to see that recovering in November. It is nice that we didn't have to sell assets throughout the year, that these accounts were able to rebound and recover.

I am really looking forward to being in a position where we are going to be cash flow positive and we won't have to sell, particularly when there is a lot of volatility in the market.

So the next slide is our allocation to diverse managers. This slide shows our current allocation.

You will note with the reduction of Globeflex, the international small cap portfolio, we were under target in our emerging MWDBE allocation. This is something Brady and I are looking at. Given that we really don't have distributions to invest and we're cash flow negative, this goal is going to be difficult to achieve, unless we have a reason to change any existing managers.

Otherwise, looking at the next section, our total MWDBE allocation, we have a goal of 24 percent. We have 18.7 percent allocated. So we

1 are achieving our goal within our total MWDBE
2 allocation.

The next couple of slides provide additional data for your reference. I am going to leave those for your review.

Let's move onto the next item on the agenda, the MWDBE broker utilization. So this first slide is our equity commissions. We have a goal of 22 percent and then year-to-date through September 30th equity managers spent 326,000 in commissions and 97,000 or 29.7 percent with MWDBE brokers. In total we are on track to meet our 22 percent.

You will notice some managers that are lagging. The one that bothers me the most is the Mellon U.S. large cap equity. I have had several conversations with this firm emphasizing the goal and it's importance to the Board and they say they are continuing to work for meeting our goal. Right now they are about \$3600 short to get to our 22 percent allocation goal.

Now they do understand our frustration and as a gesture of goodwill and acknowledgment of our longstanding partnership, which we have

invested with them since 1998, they have actually offered to rebate us \$15,000 in our next fee invoice. This is a generous, generous offer.

They know they still have to meet our utilization goals. They know they will continue to try and they will continue to build relationships with brokers to do that, but they did want the Board to know they really value our partnership.

MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Lorna, I wanted to say -- and thank you so much to you and Callan for what you all are doing just to make certain that we are intentional about these MWDBE goals. I appreciate your conversation with Mellon. I also appreciate Mellon acknowledging and wanting to discuss a rebate and offering the rebate. Of course, we accept, right.

I also want to be careful in that they understand as you mentioned that that does not offset what our expectation is.

So I appreciate the conversations but when I look at the total commission being the most, the largest, for the large cap, I would like to make a motion for the Board to just send a formal letter.

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     are having, but I would like to send a formal
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     is and what our expectations are.
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               CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Do you want to read
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               MS. BURNS: The Treasurer just made it,
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     the Treasurer to send a letter.
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               CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Motion by Trustee
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               MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Second by Trustee
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               MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: On the question, Dan.
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     it next month?
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               TRUSTEE CONYEARS-ERVIN: I would like to
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     make a motion now. We can certainly send a letter
     around for review, if the Trustees would like that,
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     it is absolutely okay.
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               MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: That would be great.
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1	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Certainly. I
2	would like to proceed with the motion and we are
3	open to sending the document around.
4	As you know, Trustees, this is not
5	unusual for us to make a motion and not seeing the
6	correspondence and yet the correspondence is sent
7	around and we can provide input.
8	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Let the motion reflect
9	that update. So there is as motion by Trustee
10	Conyears- Ervin seconded by Trustee Holt.
11	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Annette Holt.
12	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
13	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee
14	Conyears-Ervin.
15	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
16	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
17	MEMBER SONI: Yes.
18	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
19	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
20	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Murphy.
21	MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.
22	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.
23	MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.
24	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.

1 Motion carries. 2 MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Thank you, 3 Trustees. MS. SCOTT: The next page is our fixed 4 5 income trading. So here we have a goal of 12 percent of par to be traded with MWDBE brokers. 6 7 Year-to-date through September 30th 17 percent has been traded with MWDBE. We are on track to meet 8 9 this goal as well. 10 The next item on the agenda is Manager 11 Updates. I will turn it over to Brady. 12 MR. O'CONNELL: Thank you, Lorna. 13 We do have one formal recommendation to 14 the Board. So in the materials you saw a memorandum from Callan and it is our recommendation 15 16 that the Board terminate BlackRock's Style 17 Advantage Strategy. 18 There are really three drivers of concern when we think about this portfolio. First and 19 20 foremost, this is a new strategy. We added it in 21 the fourth quarter of 2019. 22 The underperformance that we experienced 23 in 2020 was concerning. We witnessed 24 underperformance both when the equity market was

going down and then also when equity markets, risky
assets, the global economy, recovered after the
first quarter.

Exacerbating underperformance is the second issue that concerns us, which is changes in the portfolio management team assigned to this account.

So as detailed on the next page of the letter, the CIO assigned to this strategy, one of the named portfolio managers, Ked Hogan. I believe he was the one that presented to the board about a year ago.

He is being moved to take more of a research focus strategy or research focused role within BlackRock.

And then, lastly, we have seen the assets that are undermanagement in this strategy decrease as performance has struggled. That really causes us concern about the amount of resources and support BlackRock will give this strategy within a big organization.

Those three strategies; performance, team and then assets undermanagement, really are leading us to recommend that we make a change here.

1	Terminate the Style Advantage Strategy and move the
2	assets into the William Blair Global Macro
3	Strategy. We are looking for a motion.
4	MS. BURNS: So the record reflects that
5	based on the recommendation of the Fund CIO and the
6	Fund's investment consultant, there is a motion to
7	approve the termination of the BlackRock's Style
8	Advantage Strategy at such time and in such manner
9	as determined by the CIO in her discretion.
10	MEMBER MURPHY: I'd like to make that
11	motion.
12	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: That motion is made by
13	Trustee Murphy. Is there a second?
14	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Second.
15	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Annette Holt.
16	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.
17	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee
18	Conyears-Ervin.
19	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.
20	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.
21	MEMBER SONI: Yes.
22	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.
23	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.
24	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Murphy.

1 MEMBER MURPHY: Yes. 2 CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens. 3 MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes. CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes. 4 5 Motion carries. MS. SCOTT: On to the next item is our 6 7 cash needs. I will turn this over to Jackie. 8 MS. VLAHOS: As you can see as of December 11th our current cash balance was 10.3 9 10 million dollars. We're still anticipating one more 11 salary contribution by the end of the month of 12 1 million 850,000. Bringing us to a current 13 available cash balance of a little over 12 million 14 dollars. 15 With our benefit checks for this month as 16 well as Death Benefits, Refunds or Office Payables, 17 our current expenditures for December is going to 18 be approximately 34,275 million dollars. Bringing us to a shortage where we are going -- and Lorna 19 will talk about it a little bit later -- we are 20 going to need a drawdown because it is leaving us 21 22 with a shortage of negative 22 million dollars 23 166,000.

If we can go to the next page. The next

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page is our cash flow for December. I know we had anticipated -- we had about 7 million left to be received in tax receipts. I know currently from the last four meetings to the current meeting we received approximately 100,000. Leaving us where I think we had estimated a 19 million dollar draw. Where now we're going to need a 22.4 million dollar draw.

This is pretty common because normally we have a reconciling item that we get from the City to reconcile their account to see what is owed to each fund. We usually receive that additional money to make us whole usually about by the end of January or February at some point in time.

One thing that helped us a little bit is we did receive the retro amount. It was a little over 8 million dollars from the City. I believe it was in the beginning of December, which kind of helped a little bit to offset the cash receipts that we did not get from the employer contributions.

I think if Lorna wants to speak about where she's going to withdraw the money.

MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Did you say there was

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               MS. VLAHOS: The salaries for the
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     contract.
               MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Okay.
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     Thank you.
               MS. SCOTT: Looking at the rebalancing
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     template, Marc. So this first column shows our
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     allocation as of December 11th. At the bottom of
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     the first column, you can see that there is cash of
     1.5 million.
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               Jackie needs 22.4 million to replenish
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     the Chase account. Looking at the second column in
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     yellow, the very top, it shows you where we are
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     proposing taking cash.
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               At the top of the screen, you will see we
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     are proposing taking cash from the Fund's growth
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     managers. Basically, trimming our winners since
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     growth has done so well this year.
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     equities and 58 million from international
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1 for cash management purposes.

So we are raising cash from equities. Wе are also proposing closing the Credit Suisse account. It is a very, very small allocation. 5 million dollars. Actually, at this point it is unlikely to grow. Last year we spent a lot of time filling out this real asset bucket. We added TIPPS. We aided core real estate. We added REITS. We still have our commodities investment in PIMCO.

Eliminating Credit Suisse is really a consolidating move at this point. We do need the cash.

The last item in this column is the reinvestment of the BlackRock funds into the William Blair macro fund. I have a little bit of rounding going there. I don't know how much money I am going to get from the sale of BlackRock.

There is a little bit of cash so I will probably trim off of that as well.

Looking at that last column, the variance. This shows the difference between the actual fund allocation versus the policy after the cash withdrawal.

Looking at our asset allocation, we're

1 going to remain very close to target so that should 2 minimize any performance differences versus the 3 target. You will see that we're still slightly over allocated in U.S. equity, that is primarily in 4 5 small cap under allocation in private equity. 6 Generally on target everywhere else. 7 I am looking for a motion to raise up to 22 million as indicated on the rebalancing 8 9 template. 10 I won't really raise that much, the 11 number comes up to 23 million, but some of that is 12 just the reinvestment between BlackRock and William 13 Blair. I will tweak that but I won't go higher 14 than 23 million. 15 MS. BURNS: I think you would be looking 16 for a motion, based on the recommendation of the 17 Fund's CIO and the Fund investment consultant, to 18 liquidate up to \$23 million at such time and in such manner as the CIO determines is prudent. 19 MEMBER MURPHY: Based on that 20 21 recommendation, I would like to make that motion, Mr. President. 22 23 MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Second.

CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: There is a motion by

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1	Trustee Murphy seconded by Trustee Holt.						
2	Trustee Annette Holt.						
3	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.						
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12	MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.						
13	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.						
14	MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.						
15	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.						
16	Motion carries.						
17	MS. SCOTT: That concludes the Investment						
18	Report.						
19	MEMBER MURPHY: Moving on, Mr. President,						
20	I'd like to move to A, Distribution of Preliminary						
21	2021 Budget.						
22	MS. BURNS: I think that was already done						
23	by Steve.						
24	MEMBER MURPHY: Okay.						

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               MS. BURNS: He will be reaching out to
     all trustees on an individual basis to discuss that
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 3
     proposed budget.
               MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: I'm sorry, can you
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 5
     repeat that, Mary Pat?
               MS. BURNS: I think Steve indicated that
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 7
     he had already distributed to all of you a
8
     preliminary Budget and he will be reaching out to
 9
     each of you on an individual basis to answer any
10
     questions you might have. Is that correct, Steve?
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               MR. SWANSON: Yes, that's correct, Mary
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     Pat.
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               MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Dan, do you have a
14
     Budget Committee scheduled for this?
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               CHAIRMAN FORTUNA:
                                  I do not.
               MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Are we going to?
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               CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Who is the Budget
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     Chair?
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               MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: I don't know.
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               CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: I will put one on the
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     calendar.
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               MS. BURNS: What we will do, Trustee
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     McPhillips, we will circulate to the group who is
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     on the current Budget Committee. I think in
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     January the President will likely set the new
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     committee structure as he always does, but you can
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     schedule a meeting in December, if you would like,
     or January before the next meeting.
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               MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: I don't know if you
     want to use the old Budget assignments from 2020
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     and then have a meeting or setup new assignments
     for 2021.
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               MS. BURNS: That is what I was asking,
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     yes.
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               CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: I will get back to you
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     on that.
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               MS. BURNS: Okay.
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               MEMBER MURPHY: Moving on to legal. Mary
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     Pat, do we have an update on legal?
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               MS. BURNS: Yes, thank you. I only have
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     one issue for the trustees to consider. We
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     mentioned it last month. We have a young member, a
     child annuitant, who was living with his mother,
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     but the mother suffered a debilitating stroke. It
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     is a relatively young woman. Now her adult son is
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     taking care of the siblings, including our child
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     annuitant. The family's name is Rogers.
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Lori Lund and I have worked with the

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family and Matthew, who is 25 years old, he is

employed, he lives in the Chicago area, he's taking

care of his younger brother James who is our

annuitant. The child is 17. He will turn 18 in

February. He is enrolled in high school, doing

well and living with his brother.

At the last meeting I asked you and you allowed us to keep the monthly amount of \$851 approximately, which is his monthly child's annuity, to separate that out and no longer send it to his mother who is incapable of taking care of the son and instead directing it to the son Matthew.

You asked me in the ensuing month to reach out to Matthew for the details. Lori and I have done that. We're waiting for receipt of the paperwork, but we're very comfortable under the law and under the Pension Code asking you if you would approve a motion to approve the payment of the child's annuity benefit for Member 714544 to Matthew Rogers serving as the guardian of minor Member 714544, subject to counsel receiving executed paperwork, that would be my proposed legal motion. I ask you to consider that motion.

1	MEMBER MURPHY: I'd like to make that						
2	motion on advice of counsel.						
3	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Second.						
4	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Motion by Trustee						
5	Murphy seconded by Conyears-Ervin.						
6	Trustee Annette Holt.						
7	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.						
8	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee						
9	Conyears-Ervin.						
10	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.						
11	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.						
12	MEMBER SONI: Yes.						
13	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.						
14	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.						
15	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Murphy.						
16	MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.						
17	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.						
18	MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.						
19	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.						
20	Motion carries.						
21	MS. BURNS: That is it, sir.						
22	MEMBER MURPHY: I believe that covers our						
23	agenda for today.						
24	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Is there is a motion						

1	to adjourn?						
2	MEMBER MURPHY: Motion to adjourn.						
3	MEMBER SONI: Second.						
4	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Motion to adjourn by						
5	Trustee Murphy seconded by Trustee Soni.						
6	Trustee Annette Holt.						
7	MEMBER NANCE-HOLT: Yes.						
8	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee						
9	Conyears-Ervin.						
10	MEMBER CONYEARS-ERVIN: Yes.						
11	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Soni.						
12	MEMBER SONI: Yes.						
13	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee McPhillips.						
14	MEMBER MCPHILLIPS: Yes.						
15	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Murphy.						
16	MEMBER MURPHY: Yes.						
17	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: Trustee Tebbens.						
18	MEMBER TEBBENS: Yes.						
19	CHAIRMAN FORTUNA: And I am a yes.						
20	Motion carries.						
21							
22	(WHICH WERE ALL THE PROCEEDINGS						
23	IN THE ABOVE-ENTITLED MEETING						
24	AT THIS DATE AND TIME.)						

1	STATE OF ILLINOIS)
2) SS. COUNTY OF DU PAGE)
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8	doing business in the County of DuPage and State of
9	Illinois, that she reported in shorthand the
10	proceedings given at the taking of said cause and
11	that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript
12	of her shorthand notes so taken as aforesaid; and
13	contains all the proceedings given at said cause.
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