

ILLINOIS POLICE OFFICERS' PENSION INVESTMENT FUND

ELECTION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 26, 2022

A meeting of the Illinois Police Officers' Pension Investment Fund's Election Committee was held on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. through the Zoom Digital Platform in accordance with Executive Order 2022-01 issued by Governor Pritzker and Public Act 101-0640.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Mark Poulos
Shawn Curry
Michael Inman

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard White, Executive Director
Rick Reimer, General Counsel, Reimer Dobrovlny & LaBardi PC
Brad Cole, Board Trustee
John Westerhaus, Project Account Manager, Survey & Ballot Systems
Allie Rysell, Plan Administrator, Foster & Foster, Inc.
Members of the Public

CALL TO ORDER: Committee Chairperson Poulos called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL: As reflected above.

SPECIAL ORDERS: A memorandum dated January 26, 2022, regarding "Election Committee Meeting Items" was prepared by Executive Director White and included in the agenda packet for the Committee's review.

Introduction of New Committee Members: Executive Director White indicated that the Election Committee consisted of Trustees Michael Inman, Lee Catavu, and Daniel Hopkins for the calendar year ending 2021. At the January 14, 2022, meeting, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to appoint Trustees Mark Poulos, Shawn Curry, and Michael Inman to the Election Committee, with Trustee Poulos serving as the Election Committee's Chairperson.

Review Election Committee Policy (PP-2020-03): Committee Chairperson Poulos noted that the Election Committee Policy (PP-2020-03) was included in the agenda packet for review. Executive Director White reviewed the proposed amendments with the Committee.

Trustee Cole provided feedback on the proposed revisions to the Committee for consideration. He recommended language clarifications to Section J, Paragraphs 9, 13, and 16 regarding the procedures for approving candidates and the election process. He recommended a language amendment to Section K, Paragraph 16, regarding the administration of elections. Trustee Cole requested that the election

nomination process for the Municipal Trustee Election be issued in paper format versus an electronic method.

The Committee discussed having a web-based nomination process versus a paper nomination process for participant and beneficiary elections. Executive Director White referenced the November 17, 2021 meeting minutes and indicated that previous committee members shared concerns regarding web-based petitions and the potential for fraud, and stated that a paper nomination and paper ballot process would be their preference, which was subsequently voted on. Trustees Curry and Inman informed Committee Chairperson Poulos that it would be their preference to proceed with the paper nomination and paper ballot process for the upcoming election as recommended by the previous committee members. Future discussion regarding a web-based nomination process for participants and beneficiaries may be considered for the 2024 and 2026 elections.

The Committee discussed the proposed amendments to the Election Policy with Executive Director White and Attorney Reimer. A motion was made by Trustee Curry and seconded by Trustee Inman to recommend board approval of the amendments as presented. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Poulos, Curry, and Inman
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

MEETING MINUTES: *Review/Approve – November 17, 2021, Meeting Minutes:* The Committee reviewed the draft minutes from the November 17, 2021 meeting. Committee Chairperson Poulos indicated that he would be abstaining from the approval of the minutes since he was not a sitting committee member at the time this meeting was held. Trustee Inman informed the Committee that he would also need to abstain from voting since he was absent from the meeting. Attorney Reimer recommended that the draft meeting minutes be placed on the next meeting agenda of the Board of Trustees for action. A motion was made by Trustee Inman and seconded by Trustee Curry to bypass committee review and to send the draft meeting minutes to the Board for review. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote

AYES: Trustees Poulos, Curry, and Inman
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

ELECTION PLANNING DISCUSSION: Executive Director White summarized the election process and reviewed key dates of the election schedule. He reviewed trustee terms that are expiring at the end of December 2022. The following trustee seats will be up for election later this year:

- 1 Municipal Trustee Position (Incumbent: Phil Suess)
- 2 Participant Trustee Positions (Incumbents: Lee Catavu and Paul Swanlund); and
- 1 Beneficiary Trustee Position (Incumbent: Daniel Hopkins).

ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL MEETINGS: Executive Director White proposed that the next meeting of the Election Committee is held on Thursday, June 9th. The meeting time will be established in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Westerhaus thanked the Committee for their feedback on the electronic nomination process. He indicated that SBS's platform is being redeveloped to further prevent cyber-attacks and fraudulent signatures on petitions. He acknowledged the Committee's recommendation that the Board proceeds with the paper nomination and paper ballot process for the upcoming election. Mr. Westerhaus indicated that a web-based election platform is included in SBS's contract as an option for future trustee elections if desired. He encouraged the Committee to contact him with any questions.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Trustee Inman and seconded by Trustee Curry to adjourn the meeting at 3:49 p.m. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Poulos, Curry, and Inman
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved by:



Allie Rysell, Plan Administrator



Mark Poulos, Committee Chairperson

Date Approved by the Election Committee: September 1, 2022

The next meeting of the Illinois Police Officers' Pension Investment Fund's Election Committee will be held on Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. via the Zoom digital platform.