



FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION INVESTMENT FUND

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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION INVESTMENT FUND
ELECTIONS PANEL
SEPTEMBER 17, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund of Illinois Elections Panel was held on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. at the FPIF Headquarters located at 1919 S. Highland Avenue – Building A, Suite 237, Lombard, Illinois 60148 and via videoconference in accordance with Public Act 101-0640, pursuant to notice.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Devaney called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

II. Taking of the Roll

Robina Amato took the roll. Chairman Pat Devaney, Panel Members Steve Shetsky and Patrick Hayes were all present, there were no absences.

Also present: Director Bill Atwood, COO Steve Zahn, FPIF Staff; Trustees Kevin Bramwell, Russ Hunt, Matthew Kink and George Schick, FPIF Board of Trustees; Robina Amato, Lauterbach & Amen, LLP (L&A)

III. Approval of September 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The Panel reviewed the September 8, 2020 regular meeting minutes. A motion was made by Panel Member Hayes and seconded by Panel Member Shetsky to approve the September 8, 2020 regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Panel Members Devaney, Shetsky and Hayes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

IV. Report on Candidate Nominating Petitions

Chairman Devaney requested that the Elections Panel Clerk Steve Zahn present the report on the Candidate Nominating Petitions that have been received by the FPIF Elections Panel. Mr. Zahn reminded all members the purpose of today's meeting is for the Elections Panel to determine the validity of all nominating petitions and notify candidates on or before September 21, 2020 whether or not their petitions have met the necessary requirements and any candidates filing conforming petitions will be added to the slate of candidates on the respective ballot.

Steve Zahn reported that the following candidates have submitted applications for the 4-year Term Participant Trustee Positions: Kevin Bramwell from the Bolingbrook Firefighters' Pension Fund with 501 nominating petitions, David Grajewski from the

Wilmette Firefighters' Pension Fund with 101 nominating petitions, Matthew Kink from the Springfield Firefighters' Pension Fund with 466 nominating petitions and Jason Skilondz with the Wheaton Firefighters' Pension Fund with 1 nominating petition.

The following candidate has submitted an application for the 2-year Term Participant Trustee Position: George Schick from the Orland FPD Firefighters' Pension Fund with 503 nominating petitions.

The following candidates have submitted applications for the 2-year Term Beneficiary Trustee Position: Russell Hunt from the Bolingbrook Firefighters' Pension Fund with 255 nominating petitions, Gregory Knoll from the Homewood Firefighters' Pension Fund with 223 nominating petitions and Mark Setzer from the East Dundee Countryside Firefighters' Pension Fund with 31 nominating petitions.

The following candidates have submitted applications for the 4-year Term Executive Trustee Position: City Treasurer Patrick Nichting from the City of Peoria with 30 nominating petitions, Treasurer John Perry from the Lisle Woodridge Fire Protection District with 26 nominating petitions and Mayor Herb Roach from City of O'Fallon with 31 nominating petitions.

Finally, the following candidates have submitted applications for the 2-year Term Executive Trustee Position: Fire Chief David Geary from the Wauconda Fire Protection District with 24 nominating petitions and Deputy Village Manager/CFO Jeff Rowitz from the Village of Northbrook with 30 nominating petitions.

V. Determination of the Slate of Candidates

Steve Zahn reviewed the nominating petition signature requirements for each Trustee Position as outlined in the adopted FPIF Election Rules being no fewer than 20 for the Executive Trustee positions, no fewer than 400 for the Participant Trustee positions and no fewer than 100 for the Beneficiary Trustee position.

Chairman Devaney noted that in accordance with section 5 of the Elections Rules adopted by the FPIF Board of Trustees, only candidates who have met the requisite number of nominating petitions in a timely manner will be considered as candidates on the ballot for the 2020 FPIF Trustee Elections.

Chairman Devaney noted that both Kevin Bramwell and Matthew Kink have met the minimum petition requirements for the 4-year Term Participant Trustee position. A motion was made by Panel Member Shetsky and seconded by Panel Member Hayes to consider Kevin Bramwell and Matthew Kink as candidates for the 4-year Term Participant Trustee position. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Panel Members Devaney, Shetsky and Hayes
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Chairman Devaney noted the remaining candidates for consideration:

- George Schick has met the minimum petition requirements for the 2-year Term Participant Trustee position
- Russell Hunt and Gregory Knoll have met the minimum petition requirements for the 2-year Term Beneficiary Trustee position
- Patrick Nichting, John Perry and Herb Roach have met the minimum petition requirements for the 4-year Term Executive Trustee position
- David Geary and Jeff Rowitz have met the minimum petition requirements for the 2-year Term Executive Trustee position

A motion was made by Panel Member Shetsky and seconded by Panel Member Hayes to consider the aforementioned candidates for their respective positions for the 2020 FPIF Trustee Election. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Panel Members Devaney, Shetsky and Hayes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Chairman Devaney noted for the record that the previous slate of candidates approved the by Elections Panel is a recommendation pending any petition challenges that may arise between September 22, 2020 and September 28, 2020 as outlined in the FPIF Elections Rules.

Chairman Devaney reviewed section 5 of the Election Rules determining that if a number of qualifying candidates does not exceed the number of positions available then the Elections Panel may certify those candidates as Trustees of the FPIF Board of Trustees by acclamation and no election for those positions shall be held. A motion was made by Trustee Shetsky and seconded by Trustee Hayes to deem the following candidates elected by acclamation to the FPIF Board of Trustees: Kevin Bramwell and Matthew Kink for the 4-year Term Participant Trustee positions and George Schick for the 2-year Participant Trustee position. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Panel Members Devaney, Shetsky and Hayes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Chairman Devaney made the following announcement regarding the petition challenge process and the final determination of the slate of candidates:

“Any individual may upon reasonable notice and during normal business hours on or after September 22, 2020 and until September 28, 2020 examine candidate nominating petitions at the FPIF office provided however, that in order to protect the signing participants and annuitant privacy and confidentiality, the examination shall be subject to certain limitations. A prospective candidate or eligible voter may challenge the petition validation process for a nominating petition or candidacy only in the class within which that prospective candidate or voter is eligible. A challenge shall be submitted in a written statement identifying the specific aspects of the petition validation process that is being challenged. All challenges shall be submitted to the

election panel no later than 4:30 p.m. on September 28, 2020. The Election Panel and FPIF staff ask that individuals wishing to examine nominating petitions contact the Elections Panel Clerk via email at sczahn@ifpif.org at least one business day in advance of the date the individual wishes to examine candidate nominating petitions. The Election Panel and FPIF staff are making this recommendation to ensure that proper social distancing can be maintained within the FPIF offices. The Election Panel will consider a written statement challenging the petition validation process for a nominating petition or candidacy and proceed to make a final determination on the challenge on or before October 2, 2020. The Election Panel shall send a written notice of the final determination to the challenger and all candidates. The Election Panel shall, if necessary, update the slate of candidates on the FPIF website. The election panel is scheduled to meet on October 1, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. to considered the final slate of candidates. The Election Panel Clerk shall provide candidates and eligible voters notice of the slate candidates approved today in a manner consistent with the 2020 Trustee Election Rules.”

VI. Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

VII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Panel Member Shetsky and seconded by Panel Member Hayes to adjourn the meeting at 3:48 p.m. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Panel Members Devaney, Shetsky and Hayes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None