

**COUNTY EMPLOYEES' ANNUITY & BENEFIT FUND OF COOK COUNTY**  
**And Ex-Officio for the**  
**FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT ANNUITY & BENEFIT FUND**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**33 N. DEARBORN STREET-STE. 1000**  
**CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602**

**Minutes for July 12 2012 Meeting of the Board**

The County Fund and the Forest Preserve District Fund are herein collectively referred to as the "Fund".

Call to Order and Roll Call.

Trustees Present: John Fitzgerald, Clem Balanoff, Robert Benjamin, Alexis Herrera, Robert Janura, Brent Lewandowski, and Kurt Summers

Staff Present: Daniel R. Degnan, Executive Director; Nickol Hackett, Chief Investment Officer; Angela McMillin, Director of Health Benefits; Paul Rzeszutko, Director of Annuity Benefits; Michael Maratea, Director of Finance; Gary LeDonne, Senior Benefit Advisor; Fernando Vinzons, Investment Officer; Sharon Ryan, Office Manager

Others Present: Mary Pat Burns, Burke Burns & Pinelli, LTD; Katie Sabo, Office of Commissioner Bridget Gainer; Mark Sladek, Cook County Forest Preserve, David Brinn, Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago; Harry Bailey, Cheevers & Company; Theron Pickets, Cabrera Capital; Will Brown, Capital Management Group;

1. Review and Consideration of:

a. June 7, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes.

It was moved by Trustee Herrera and seconded by Trustee Lewandowski that the minutes of the June 7, 2012, Board Meeting be adopted.

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

b. April 23, 2012, Investment Committee Meeting Minutes.

It was moved by Trustee Herrera and seconded by Trustee Lewandowski that the minutes of the April 23, 2012, Investment Committee Meeting be adopted.

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

- c. Bills, Payroll Records, Annuities, Spouse & Child Annuities, Ordinary & Duty Disabilities and Refunds.

It was moved by Trustee Janura and seconded by Trustee Balanoff that the presented payroll, bills and recommendations for annuities, disabilities and refunds be approved.

At this time Trustee Summers entered the meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Balanoff, Benjamin, Herrera, Fitzgerald, Janura, Lewandowski

PRESENT: Summers

NAYS: None

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED

2. Other Benefit Matters

- a. Boens

It was moved by Trustee Balanoff and seconded by Trustee Lewandowski that Mr. Boens has demonstrated a reasonable cause for delay in filing his application for duty disability benefits. It is further moved that he has provided sufficient medical documentation to support is application and that he is eligible for the benefits requested.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Balanoff, Benjamin, Herrera, Fitzgerald, Janura, Lewandowski,  
Summers

NAYS: None

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED

- b. Ajuwon

It was moved by Trustee Balanoff and seconded by Trustee Lewandowski that Ms. Ajuwon has demonstrated a reasonable cause for delay in filing her application for duty disability benefits and that she is eligible for the benefits requested.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Balanoff, Benjamin, Herrera, Fitzgerald, Janura, Lewandowski,  
Summers

NAYS: None

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED

After discussion on the items it was moved by Trustee Herrera and seconded by Trustee Benjamin to reconsider items 2a and 2b and defer them to the next meeting.

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

The Board directed staff to review the process by which the members have received notice of the requirement to apply for duty disability and report back at the next meeting.

c. Sladek

It was moved by Trustee Janura and seconded by Trustee Balanoff that employment documents submitted with Mr. Sladek's application for duty disability benefits are sufficient and that he is eligible for the benefits requested.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Balanoff, Benjamin, Herrera, Fitzgerald, Janura, Lewandowski, Summers

NAYS: None

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED

d. Ratliff

It was moved by Trustee Janura and seconded by Trustee Summers that Retired Judge Michael C. Close be appointed to serve as the hearing officer in the administrative hearing requested by Mr. Ratliff.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Balanoff, Benjamin, Herrera, Fitzgerald, Janura, Lewandowski, Summers

NAYS: None

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED

3. External IT Support Services

It was moved by Trustee Janura and seconded by Trustee Benjamin that the Fund retain Skyview Technologies, Inc. to perform IT support services at a rate of \$100 per hour from the present through December 31, 2013, and it is further moved that the Funds' staff shall take all action reasonably necessary to effectuate the foregoing including subject to legal review and signoff, the execution and delivery of any related written agreement on the Funds' behalf by the Executive Director.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Balanoff, Benjamin, Herrera, Fitzgerald, Janura, Lewandowski, Summers

NAYS: None

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED

4. Cash Flow

It was moved by Trustee Herrera and seconded by Trustee Janura that the County Fund shall have authority to withdraw cash in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$45 million dollars to cover projected expenses through September 30, 2012, and it is further moved that the Fund's staff shall be authorized to take all action reasonably necessary to effectuate the foregoing.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Balanoff, Benjamin, Herrera, Fitzgerald, Janura, Lewandowski, Summers

NAYS: None

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED

It was moved by Trustee Herrera and seconded by trustee Janura that the Forest Preserve District Fund shall have authority to withdraw cash in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$2.1 million dollars to cover projected expenses through September 30, 2012, and it is further moved that the Fund's staff shall be authorized to take all action reasonably necessary to effectuate the foregoing.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Balanoff, Benjamin, Herrera, Fitzgerald, Janura, Lewandowski, Summers

NAYS: None

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED

5. 2013 Levy Cook County

It was moved by Trustee Herrera and seconded by Trustee Janura that the Resolution for the 2013 Tax Levy for the County Fund be approved and adopted.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Balanoff, Benjamin, Herrera, Fitzgerald, Janura, Lewandowski, Summers

NAYS: None

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED

6. 2013 Levy Forest Preserve District

It was moved by Trustee Herrera and seconded by Trustee Janura that the Resolution for the 2013 Tax Levy for the Forest Preserve District Fund be approved and adopted.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Balanoff, Benjamin, Herrera, Fitzgerald, Janura, Lewandowski, Summers

NAYS: None

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED

7. Mesirow Extension

It was moved by Trustee Summers and seconded by Trustee Janura that the Board agree to an extension of the County's Fund participation in the Mesirrow Capital Partners VIII fund for an additional one year through July 6, 2013, and it is further moved that the Fund's Investment staff be authorized to take all reasonable action necessary to communicate the same.

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

8. Executive Session Minutes

It was moved by Trustee Balanoff and seconded by Trustee Herrera, based upon the recommendation of Fund fiduciary counsel, that the executive session minutes of the Board meetings on April 5, 2012, May 3, 2012, and June 7, 2012 and the two executive sessions of the Investment Committee meeting on May 24, 2012, be approved as presented and that said minutes remain closed because they involve discussions of Fund employee and investment matters and the need for confidentiality continues.

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

It was moved by Trustee Balanoff and seconded by Trustee Herrera, based upon the recommendation of Fund fiduciary counsel, that the executive session minutes of the Board meeting on March 8, 2012, and the Investment Committee on February 21, 2102, be approved as presented and that said minutes be opened because the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

It was moved by Trustee Balanoff and seconded by Trustee Herrera, based upon the recommendation of Fund fiduciary counsel, that the executive session minutes of the Board meeting on May 7, 2010 and August 10, 2011, and that portion of the executive session of the Board meeting on November 4, 2010 in which discussions of litigation were conducted, remain closed as they all involved discussions of litigation matters and the need for confidentiality continues.

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

It was moved by Trustee Balanoff and seconded by Trustee Herrera, based upon the recommendation of Fund fiduciary counsel, that the executive session minutes of Board meeting on October 6, 2010 and the two executive sessions of the Board meeting on November 4, 2010, that did not involve discussion of litigation matters, be opened because the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

It was moved by Trustee Balanoff and seconded by Trustee Herrera, pursuant to Section 2.06(c) of the Open Meetings Act and upon the recommendation of Fund fiduciary counsel, that the verbatim recordings for the executive sessions of the

Investment Committee meetings on September 23, 2010, and October 26, 2010 and the Board meetings on August 4, 2010, September 2, 2010 and the three executive sessions of the Board meeting on November 4, 2010, be destroyed based upon the Board having approved the minutes of said executive sessions in accordance with Section 2.06(a) of the Open Meetings Act.

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

9. Iran Divestment Request

The Trustees engaged in a full discussion of the matter and sought input from legal counsel as well as Callan. It was moved by Trustee Balanoff and seconded by Trustee Summers to fully divest from the companies within the Fund who have exposure to Iran and block the future purchase of any further shares in the companies that would create exposure to Iran.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Balanoff, Summers

NAYS: Benjamin, Herrera, Fitzgerald, Janura, Lewandowski

Vote Result: MOTION DENIED

10. Executive Director Position

It was moved by Trustee Balanoff and seconded by Trustee Herrera that the Board convene an Executive Session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), to discuss the employment of specific employees.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Balanoff, Benjamin, Herrera, Fitzgerald, Janura, Lewandowski, Summers

NAYS: None

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED

At this time Trustee Lewandowski recused himself from the meeting.

It was moved by Trustee and seconded by that the Executive Session be adjourned and that the Board return to open session.

It was moved and seconded that the following Trustees be appointed members of the Personnel Sub-Committee, Trustees Herrera, Summers and Fitzgerald.

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

11. Old Business/New Business

## 12. Adjournment

After consideration of all other items of business, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

The Board's next regular meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2012.