



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RETIREMENT BOARD  
OF THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' AND OFFICERS' ANNUITY AND BENEFIT FUND  
OF COOK COUNTY AND EX OFFICIO FOR THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT EMPLOYEES'  
ANNUITY AND BENEFIT FUND OF COOK COUNTY**

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**Minutes for the November 14, 2019, Special Meeting of the Board**

The County Employees' and Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Cook County and the Forest Preserve District Employees' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Cook County are herein collectively referred to as the "Fund."

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

**Trustees Present:** Robert DeGraff, Jack Fitzgerald, Diahann Goode, Patrick McFadden, Joseph Nevius (via telephone), Kevin Ochalla, Lawrence Wilson

**Staff Present:** Regina Tuczak, Executive Director, Margaret Fahrenbach, Legal Advisor

**Others Present:** Mary Pat Burns, Burke Burns & Pinelli, Ltd.; John Blair, Cook County Employee; James O'Rourke, Cook County Annuitant (entered during Item 1)

**Public Comment**

The Executive Director stated that Trustee Nevius had requested that he be allowed to participate in the meeting by telephone. It was noted that a quorum of the Board was physically present at the meeting.

It was moved by Trustee McFadden and seconded by Trustee Goode pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/7, that Trustee Nevius be allowed to participate by telephone.

**Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED BY VOICE VOTE**

Trustee Wilson, President of the Board, then opened the meeting for public comment and no one having requested to address the Board, the next item of business on the Agenda was considered.

**1. Interview of Candidates for Forest Preserve Vacancy**

Regina Tuczak, Executive Director, reported that all the candidates who had expressed interest in serving as a Forest Preserve District Employee Member on the Board had been notified of the Special Meeting and would appear before the Board at specific times designated to them. One candidate had contacted the Executive Director that morning and stated that her appearance might be delayed due to transportation problems. The candidate asked if another date could be scheduled for her appearance, if necessary. The Board considered the

request and agreed that she could appear later in the meeting than at the time designated to her, but that they would not convene another meeting to accommodate the request.

It was moved by Trustee McFadden and seconded by Trustee Goode that the Board convene an Executive Session pursuant to Section 2(c)(3) of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3) to discuss the selection of a person to fill the vacancy of the Forest Preserve District Employee Member of the Board as directed by Section 9-187 of the Illinois Pension Code.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: DeGraff, Fitzgerald, Goode, McFadden, Nevius, Ochalla, Wilson  
NAYS: None

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED

It was moved by Trustee Fitzgerald and seconded by Trustee McFadden that the Board adjourn the Executive Session called pursuant to Section 2(c)(3) of the Open Meetings Act and return to open session.

2. Review and Possible Appointment of Candidate

After the return to open session, it was moved by Trustee McFadden and seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, pursuant to Section 9-187 of the Illinois Pension Code, that Stephen Hughes be appointed as the Forest Preserve District Employee Member on the Board to fill the vacancy created by the recent resignation and that he should serve in that position during the remainder of the unexpired term of the withdrawn member. Trustee Ochalla stated that the record should reflect that the proposed motion was different from the straw poll taken by the trustees during the Executive Session.

Vote Result: A voice vote having been called, five members having voted 'yea' and two members having voted 'nay';  
MOTION ADOPTED BY VOICE VOTE

The Executive Director was directed to notify all the candidates of the Board's decision as soon as might be practicable.

3. Old Business/New Business

There was no old business or new business discussed.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, it was moved by Trustee Fitzgerald and seconded by Trustee Goode that the meeting be adjourned.

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED BY VOICE VOTE