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COOK COUNTY/FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
ANNUITY AND BENEFIT FUND  
MEETING OF THE BOARD

STENOGRAPHIC REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had at  
the audio meeting of the above-entitled matter,  
held at 70 West Madison Street, Suite 230, in the  
City of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois,  
on Thursday, August 6, 2020, commencing at the hour  
of 9:30 a.m.

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APPEARANCES

TRUSTEES:

LAWRENCE L. WILSON, President  
PATRICK McFADDEN, Vice-President  
DIAHANN GOODE, Secretary  
JOHN BLAIR  
STEPHEN HUGHES  
BILL KOURUKLIS  
JOSEPH NEVIUS  
KEVIN OCHALLA

STAFF:

REGINA TUCZAK, Executive Director  
MARGARET FAHRENBACH, Legal Advisor  
CAROLINE VULLMAHN, Deputy Executive Director  
BRENT LEWANDOWSKI, Director of Member Services  
MICHAEL MARATEA, Director of Finance  
GARY LEDONNE, Director of Benefits Administration  
JANE HAWES, Director of Health Benefits  
FERNANDO VINZONS, Director of Investments

ATTORNEYS FOR THE BOARD:

BURKE, BURNS AND PINELLI, LTD.  
BY: MS. MARY PATRICIA BURNS  
MS. SARAH A. BOECKMAN

ALSO PRESENT:

TIMOTHY WALSH, Walsh & Associates  
GARY RYCYZN, Walsh & Associates  
MARTHA MERRILL, AFSCME Council 31  
JOHN JACKSON, Callan, LLC  
CATHRYN MARSICO, Cook County Bureau  
of Finance

1 MS. TUCZAK: This is the Regular Board  
2 Meeting on August 6, 2020.

3 PRESIDENT WILSON: I hereby convene this  
4 meeting of the Cook County and Forest Preserve  
5 District Annuity and Benefit Fund Board of Trustees  
6 for Thursday, August 6th, 2020.

7 For the record, this meeting is a regular  
8 meeting of the Board because, while safety  
9 precautions and social distancing guidelines are  
10 being maintained, we expect to have a quorum of  
11 Trustees physically present for the meeting. We  
12 further expect, consistent with the Open Meetings  
13 Act, that the Trustees who are present will soon  
14 vote to allow other Trustees not physically  
15 present, to participate by phone.

16 Because of the uncertainty surrounding  
17 the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board is going to adhere  
18 to the guidance provided by the Governor's July 24,  
19 2020 Disaster Proclamation, the Governor's  
20 Executive Order Number 42, as well as the  
21 provisions of Public Act 101-0640.

22 Thus, for today's meeting, the public has  
23 received notice allowing the public to participate  
24 by video conference or to be physically present at

1 the meeting. In addition, the Fund is recording  
2 this meeting and a transcript of the proceeding  
3 will, after future approval by the Board, be made  
4 available on the Fund's website.

5 Before we call the roll, those that are  
6 participating by video please mute. We're getting  
7 some feedback.

8 Please, call the roll.

9 MS. BURNS: For the record, this is Mary  
10 Pat Burns calling the roll.

11 Trustee Blair.

12 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Here.

13 MS. BURNS: Trustee Goode.

14 TRUSTEE GOODE: Here.

15 MS. BURNS: Trustee Kouruklis.

16 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Here.

17 MS. BURNS: Trustee McFadden.

18 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Here.

19 MS. BURNS: Trustee Nevius.

20 TRUSTEE NEVIUS: Here.

21 MS. BURNS: Trustee Ochalla.

22 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Here.

23 MS. BURNS: Trustee O'Rourke.

24 Trustee Hughes.

1 He is on mute.

2 With your permission, the record will  
3 reflect that he is present because he can be seen  
4 on the video even though he cannot hear us.

5 PRESIDENT WILSON: So noted.

6 MS. BURNS: Trustee Wilson.

7 PRESIDENT WILSON: Here.

8 MS. BURNS: You have a quorum and you are  
9 ready to proceed.

10 PRESIDENT WILSON: We have a quorum for  
11 today's meeting.

12 May I have a motion pursuant to Section  
13 7(a) of the Open Meetings Act to allow Trustees not  
14 able to be physically present to participate by  
15 video and/or audio conference.

16 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Move.

17 MS. BURNS: Is there a second?

18 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Second.

19 MS. BURNS: Any discussion?

20 All in favor?

21 (Chorus of ayes.)

22 PRESIDENT WILSON: Opposed?

23 (No nays.)

24 PRESIDENT WILSON: Hearing none, motion

1 carries.

2 Consistent with Public Act 91-0715 and  
3 reasonable constraints determined by the Board of  
4 Trustees, at each meeting of the Board, members of  
5 the public may request a brief time to address the  
6 Board on relevant matters within its jurisdiction.

7 Are there any requests for public comment  
8 today? If any member of the public wants to speak,  
9 please identify yourself for the record.

10 Can you introduce yourself and you have  
11 three minutes. You are the only one. I don't have  
12 a time clock but go ahead.

13 MS. MERRILL: Thank you for your time and  
14 the opportunity to address the Board this morning.

15 My name is Martha Merrill and I am the  
16 Director of Research and Employee Benefits AFSCME  
17 Council 31.

18 On July 24th AFSCME sent a letter to the  
19 Board raising concerns over the election rules  
20 adopted for the upcoming Trustee election this  
21 fall. In short we believe maintaining the current  
22 mail balloting procedure, which requires an active  
23 employee or annuitant to first request a ballot in  
24 order to vote, did not allow for a fair or

1 accessible election if this was the only means by  
2 which they could vote. We urged the Board to  
3 reconsider the rules and adopt a procedure to allow  
4 for a paper ballot to be mailed to all participants  
5 and annuitants that are eligible to vote.

6 In followup, AFSCME provided research on  
7 the voting procedures of other major pension  
8 systems in Illinois. There are currently two other  
9 pension systems that use mail balloting as the  
10 primary means of voting. The Illinois Municipal  
11 Retirement Fund and the State Employees Retirement  
12 System. Both have straightforward and easily  
13 replicable voting rules that serve as examples.  
14 Both pension systems mail all eligible voters a  
15 paper ballot along with a postage paid envelope at  
16 the beginning of the election period. There is a  
17 fixed deadline to return the ballot. If you lose  
18 or misplace your ballot you must first sign an  
19 affidavit to that affect before you are sent a new  
20 ballot. And the envelope serves in upholding the  
21 integrity of the process. One ballot per envelope  
22 and all ballots must be returned in the envelope  
23 that is provided by the Pension Fund. The IMRF  
24 requires a signature on the ballot as well. If the

1 rules aren't followed, then the ballot is spoiled.

2 Again, simple, straightforward, and  
3 accessible. Quickly replicable by the Cook County  
4 Pension Fund recognizing the time constraints of  
5 the upcoming fall election. And both funds report  
6 not having any issues with that voting procedure.

7 In closing I'd like to say AFSCME fully  
8 believes in the important role elected trustees  
9 play on pension fund boards. As current employees  
10 and retirees, Elected Trustees bring a prospective  
11 to their decision-making and administration of the  
12 Fund that is vital. Elected Trustees are in all  
13 senses of the word fully vested in the pension Fund  
14 system that they serve. They know how critically  
15 important the pension benefits are to the  
16 retirement security of those that dedicated a life  
17 to public service. And the governance of the Cook  
18 County Pension Fund, with the number of Elected  
19 Trustees that serve on this Board, is a prime  
20 example of governance which we think is so  
21 important, and that I believe, we share a common  
22 belief in preserving. Imperative to the role of  
23 the Elected Trustees is the role of participants  
24 voting to elect that representation. And to that



1 point having elections that maximize engagement and  
2 participation should be the goal. This is not the  
3 first time AFSCME has advocated for election rules  
4 that increase participation.

5 AFSCME asks for your consideration of  
6 adopting a process that simply replaces the ballot  
7 request form with the actual ballot and that you  
8 mail it with a return envelope to all active  
9 employees and annuitants eligible to vote in the  
10 upcoming 2020 fall election.

11 Thank you for your time.

12 MS. BURNS: Thank you.

13 PRESIDENT WILSON: Thank you for your  
14 comments.

15 I will entertain a motion to approve the  
16 minutes of the July 9, 2020 board meeting as well  
17 as the July 9, 2020 Open Meetings transcript.

18 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Move.

19 TRUSTEE GOODE: Motion.

20 PRESIDENT WILSON: I think I heard  
21 Trustee Blair first. Trustee Goode with a second.

22 Is there any discussion?

23 All in favor please say "Aye".

24 (Chorus of ayes.)

1 PRESIDENT WILSON: Opposed?

2 (No nays.)

3 PRESIDENT WILSON: Hearing none, motion  
4 carries.

5 The July 9, 2020 minutes and the  
6 transcript for that same meeting have been  
7 approved.

8 For the record, the July 9, 2020  
9 transcript will be made available on the Fund's  
10 website consistent with the provisions of the  
11 Executive Orders entered by the Governor.

12 Next is Review and Consideration of  
13 Bills, Payroll Records, Annuities, Spouse and Child  
14 Annuities and Refunds, Ordinary and Duty  
15 Disabilities. May I have a motion to approve the  
16 bills and payroll records.

17 TRUSTEE BLAIR: So moved.

18 TRUSTEE GOODE: Second.

19 PRESIDENT WILSON: Is there any  
20 discussion?

21 For the record, note that that motion has  
22 historically, and did not say it, includes those  
23 bills that have been paid as well as those that are  
24 submitted for approval, that is both included.

1 Mary Pat, please read call the roll.

2 MS. BURNS: Yes, sir.

3 Trustee Blair.

4 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Aye.

5 MS. BURNS: Trustee Goode.

6 TRUSTEE GOODE: Aye.

7 MS. BURNS: Trustee Hughes.

8 TRUSTEE HUGHES: Aye.

9 MS. BURNS: Trustee Kouruklis.

10 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Aye.

11 MS. BURNS: Trustee McFadden.

12 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Aye.

13 MS. BURNS: Trustee Nevius.

14 TRUSTEE NEVIUS: Aye.

15 MS. BURNS: Trustee Ochalla.

16 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Aye.

17 MS. BURNS: Trustee Wilson.

18 PRESIDENT WILSON: Aye.

19 The bills and payroll records have been  
20 approved.

21 May I have a motion to approve all  
22 Annuities, Spouse and Child Annuities and Refunds?

23 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Moved.

24 PRESIDENT WILSON: It has been moved by

1 Trustee McFadden. May I have a second?

2 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Second.

3 PRESIDENT WILSON: Seconded by Trustee  
4 Blair.

5 Is there any discussion?

6 Please, call the roll.

7 MS. BURNS: Trustee Blair.

8 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Aye.

9 MS. BURNS: Trustee Goode.

10 TRUSTEE GOODE: Aye.

11 MS. BURNS: Trustee Hughes.

12 TRUSTEE HUGHES: Aye.

13 MS. BURNS: Trustee Kouruklis.

14 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Aye.

15 MS. BURNS: Trustee McFadden.

16 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Aye.

17 MS. BURNS: Trustee Nevius.

18 TRUSTEE NEVIUS: Aye.

19 MS. BURNS: Trustee Ochalla.

20 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Aye.

21 MS. BURNS: Trustee Wilson.

22 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Aye.

23 The Annuities, Spouse and Child Annuities  
24 and Refunds have been approved.

1                   May I have a motion to approve all  
2 Ordinary and Duty Disabilities?

3                   TRUSTEE GOODE: Motion.

4                   PRESIDENT WILSON: It has been moved by  
5 Trustee Goode. Is there a second?

6                   TRUSTEE BLAIR: Second.

7                   PRESIDENT WILSON: Is there any  
8 discussion?

9                   Please, call the roll.

10                  MS. BURNS: Trustee Blair.

11                  TRUSTEE BLAIR: Aye.

12                  MS. BURNS: Trustee Goode.

13                  TRUSTEE GOODE: Aye.

14                  MS. BURNS: Trustee Hughes.

15                  TRUSTEE HUGHES: Aye.

16                  MS. BURNS: Trustee Kouruklis.

17                  TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Aye.

18                  MS. BURNS: Trustee McFadden.

19                  TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Aye.

20                  MS. BURNS: Trustee Nevius.

21                  TRUSTEE NEVIUS: Aye.

22                  MS. BURNS: Trustee Ochalla.

23                  TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Aye.

24                  MS. BURNS: President Wilson.

1           PRESIDENT WILSON:   Aye.

2           The next item on the agenda is Review and  
3 Consideration of the Election Matters and  
4 consideration and possible action in regard to the  
5 October, 2020 election process.

6           First we will have the motion and then a  
7 second and then we will have discussion.

8           TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS:   I move to rescind the  
9 prior action of the Board.

10          TRUSTEE MCFADDEN:   Reconsider the prior  
11 action.   You want to keep talking about it.   The  
12 motion is to reconsider and a second means that it  
13 is back up for conversation.

14          MS. BURNS:   Correct.

15          PRESIDENT WILSON:   Let me get  
16 clarification from fiduciary counsel.   Counsel said  
17 the proper motion is to rescind.

18          MS. BURNS:   A motion to reconsider under  
19 Robert's Rules is the same day that the action is  
20 taken.   When the action is taken at a future  
21 meeting, it is a motion to rescind, which  
22 technically means the same thing as a motion to  
23 reconsider but it is a different meeting date.

24          Trustee Kouruklis, you were going to make

1 a motion.

2 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: I move to rescind the  
3 prior action of the Board at the July, 2020 meeting  
4 approving the application and ballot process for  
5 the October, 2020 election.

6 TRUSTEE GOODE: I will second.

7 PRESIDENT WILSON: It was moved by  
8 Trustee Kouruklis. Seconded by Trustee Goode. Any  
9 discussion?

10 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: I have a couple of  
11 comments I wanted to start off with.

12 I thought the letters we received from  
13 the unions were thought provoking. I think their  
14 points were spot on at the moment. We want to  
15 encourage voting throughout the participants and  
16 annuitants that are part of this Fund. We do not  
17 want any indication that the election process would  
18 be at any point lessened or hard to participate  
19 since we are looking at removing the in-person  
20 process that normally happens during non-covid  
21 years.

22 I want to thank the unions for bringing  
23 this to our attention after the Board's vote last  
24 month and the discussion I have had with many

1 members on this Board.

2 I also wanted to go through the process.  
3 Obviously, I talked to many people about the  
4 process from the Fund and people who work with the  
5 Fund. I think the item here is really regarding  
6 the two-step process that we currently have and  
7 reducing that down to a one-step process.

8 I'd like to hear from other trustees but  
9 first I really would want to hear from Gina on what  
10 the current process is, if you could, in a very  
11 short manner. What is the current process and then  
12 we can talk about the process.

13 MS. TUCZAK: Certainly. The current  
14 process, the two-step process, is for every Member  
15 that is eligible to participate in the election,  
16 based on the criteria of which trustee is up for  
17 election, is sent an application. And there's a  
18 time period in which they need to sign a  
19 verification statement, that indicates their name,  
20 their address and either their employee ID or their  
21 last four digits of their social security and then  
22 they have to sign their name.

23 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: And they sign their  
24 name where?



1 MS. TUCZAK: They send in the application  
2 and once the application is received the  
3 information on that verification, which the main  
4 thing is the last four digits of your social  
5 security or your employee ID, is verified with a  
6 list that we have provided. And if there is a  
7 match, that Member is then sent a ballot.

8 The ballot is in an envelope and when the  
9 Member receives the outer envelope they open it up.  
10 There is a secrecy envelope, that has no  
11 identifiers on it, and a ballot.

12 The Member puts the ballot in the secrecy  
13 envelope. They then enclose it in a larger  
14 envelope. The larger envelope has a barcode that  
15 is assigned to you as a member voting and you have  
16 to sign the back of the envelope and you have to  
17 sign a statement indicating that you hereby voted  
18 this ballot and that you signed your name under the  
19 penalty of perjury.

20 That outer envelope then goes to the  
21 PO Box. There is daily pickups of those envelopes.  
22 On the day of the election, all of those ballots  
23 are opened. There is a check for a signature and a  
24 verification that the barcode matches the system is

1 done.

2 The ballot envelopes are cut open. The  
3 secrecy ballot is separated, put into a different  
4 pile, and then all of the ballots are tallied.  
5 That is a summary version.

6 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: When somebody gets a  
7 ballot as requested, they get the ballot. They  
8 fill it out. They put it into an envelope. Then  
9 that envelope goes into the larger envelope. That  
10 larger envelope has a barcode that indicates that  
11 it is the person that is sending that ballot in.  
12 It has some unique identifier.

13 MS. TUCZAK: The barcode does, yes.

14 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Then they seal the  
15 envelope. They sign the back of the envelope?

16 MS. TUCZAK: You also sign the back of  
17 the envelope.

18 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Do you put anything  
19 else on the envelope?

20 MS. TUCZAK: You state your name and sign  
21 it. I do have examples.

22 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Is there verbiage that  
23 you are signing?

24 MS. TUCZAK: Would you like me to read

1 what it says?

2 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Sure.

3 MS. TUCZAK: "I", insert the name, "do  
4 hereby verify that I voted this ballot, signed my  
5 name to this envelope and mailed said envelope  
6 through the U.S. mail. I make this statement and  
7 sign my name under penalty of perjury". That is  
8 what you are signing to on the back of the  
9 envelope.

10 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: You are sending that  
11 to a PO Box?

12 MS. TUCZAK: Yes.

13 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: The PO Box is picked  
14 up by our election vendor?

15 MS. TUCZAK: Yes.

16 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: On a regular basis?

17 MS. TUCZAK: Daily basis.

18 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: The two and a half to  
19 three weeks that the voting process is open?

20 MS. TUCZAK: Yes.

21 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: And then they scan  
22 the barcode?

23 MS. TUCZAK: On a daily basis, they scan  
24 the barcode and do a count of the ballots that came

1 in.

2 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: The scanning of the  
3 barcode indicates that it is somebody that is part  
4 of the Fund?

5 MS. TUCZAK: Yes.

6 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: If for some reason  
7 there is no scan, it doesn't get opened and that  
8 gets put aside, what happens there?

9 MS. TUCZAK: If there is no scan or if  
10 there is no signature, they are still kept in an  
11 envelope with that days mail. On the day of the  
12 election when all of these envelopes are brought to  
13 the location of the counting, those ballots would  
14 be sequestered to the side.

15 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: If you do get a  
16 positive read on the barcode, the next step is to  
17 see if there already has been something that has  
18 been received from somebody who possibly had a  
19 duplicate ballot and did they vote and if that did  
20 not happen then they proceed with opening the  
21 envelope?

22 MS. TUCZAK: Right. Yes.

23 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: If they haven't  
24 previously voted a week ago or a couple of days

1     ago, because possibly they lost it and sent two in,  
2     whatever, let's say anything that could happen.  
3     The barcode that is being read is what I am trying  
4     to say, I want to make sure I am clear, would not  
5     allow for a duplicate opening process of opening  
6     that ballot. That barcode has an indicator that  
7     somebody has already voted or did not vote.

8             MS. TUCZAK: Correct.

9             TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: The barcode has to be  
10     connected with a warm body on our list.

11            MS. TUCZAK: Yes.

12            TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Then it is not just we  
13     haven't seen the paper before, it is that this  
14     specific person has already voted.

15            MS. TUCZAK: Right.

16            TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: From your other fund  
17     you were at, at the City of Chicago --

18            MS. TUCZAK: The Policemen's Fund for the  
19     City of Chicago.

20            TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Did they have a  
21     similar procedure?

22            MS. TUCZAK: They had a similar  
23     procedure. They did not have a signature and the  
24     statement of certification on the envelope.

1 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Did they have a  
2 request for a ballot?

3 MS. TUCZAK: No, they did not.

4 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: They have simply the  
5 process that we just talked about without the  
6 signature. The barcode, the envelope, without a  
7 signature.

8 MS. TUCZAK: Right.

9 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: We have that extra  
10 layer of signing under penalty of perjury.

11 MS. TUCZAK: Yes.

12 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Okay.

13 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: The ballots are not  
14 counted the day they come in. They are saved until  
15 the end so that if there is a challenge, the  
16 candidate can be involved and be there for the  
17 process.

18 MS. TUCZAK: That is correct. Each day  
19 as the ballots are picked up, the barcode is  
20 checked and the count is made on how many ballots  
21 came in. And, we, at the Fund get a register as  
22 the votes come in so we know who voted. It is all  
23 put in an envelope and sealed.

24 On the day of the election all of these

1 envelopes that are sealed then come to the location  
2 of the counting and then they are cut open on that  
3 day.

4 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: If there are two bags  
5 after you look at the mail that came in today,  
6 there is the one bag that will have a couple of  
7 envelopes in it that weren't signed and then there  
8 will be the other bag with all the rest that appear  
9 to be certified, signed on the back.

10 MS. TUCZAK: On the day of the election  
11 there would be the separating but each day the  
12 ballots are kept together in one bag.

13 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Okay.

14 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: One more question.  
15 We are talking about the signature. If I was a  
16 candidate running or any candidate was running for  
17 office and they decided that they weren't happy  
18 with the results and they wanted to see who voted  
19 for that person and they ask that they verify some  
20 of the ballots that the signatures were actually on  
21 the envelope.

22 It's my understanding that we keep an  
23 image of all the contents, including the outer part  
24 of the envelope that has the barcode and the

1 signature, imaged for our use or if anybody is  
2 looking to review a certain item to verify that  
3 that person actually signed it. So if I wanted to  
4 see an image of that envelope, I could get that?

5 MS. TUCZAK: I don't know about that. We  
6 have Tim Walsh on the call I believe if you want to  
7 ask that question of him.

8 We keep the hard copy envelopes for some  
9 period of time. I don't know what time that is.  
10 Whether there is a digital image of each, I don't  
11 think so.

12 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Can Mr. Walsh hear  
13 us?

14 MR. WALSH: Just to answer your question,  
15 the materials are kept for a full year. That  
16 includes in our current process all applications  
17 and all envelopes are saved for a full year in the  
18 event of any type of review after the fact.

19 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Okay. Tim, thank you  
20 for that.

21 How many other pension funds do you also  
22 have a contract with to handle their election  
23 administrative process?

24 MR. WALSH: In Chicago, currently, the



1 Chicago Municipal Fund has been done for the last  
2 ten years. The Chicago Police Pension. The  
3 Chicago Park District. Those are the main four and  
4 we provide the same service for quite a few labor  
5 funds as well, including the Fraternal Order of  
6 Police. Any number of the electricians, plumbers,  
7 ironworkers.

8 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: From the Pension  
9 Fund's perspective and the other Pension Funds that  
10 you manage the election process, in your opinion,  
11 from your expert opinion I guess because you're  
12 doing this year after year, are we unique? I was  
13 told earlier we were unique in the application  
14 process.

15 MR. WALSH: It is definitely somewhat  
16 unique in the handful of pension funds. Municipal  
17 Fund conducted an onsite election for a long time.  
18 They moved over to all by mail without an  
19 application and the Park District Fund does an all  
20 mail as well. Yes, there are a few other groups,  
21 labor organizations that I do work with, that do  
22 have an application as well but the majority vote  
23 by mail; it is a full mail ballot. The validation  
24 is based upon that barcode only and that is where

1 the efficiency comes in.

2 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: We are one of the few  
3 that has the signature and the barcode?

4 MR. WALSH: The signature component --  
5 they all have a barcode and a validation in the  
6 ballot packet that was mailed to the members as  
7 processed through the post office. Then coming  
8 back is validated off of that barcode is how all of  
9 the other vote by mail processes do.

10 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: So I know you said  
11 they all have the barcode but do they not have the  
12 signature or do they have the signature?

13 MR. WALSH: They do not have the  
14 signature.

15 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: We have an extra  
16 layer it sounds like that we have had for a long  
17 time.

18 MR. WALSH: Correct. As long as I have  
19 been involved, there's been a signature on the  
20 application as well as the ballot.

21 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Okay. Thank you.

22 TRUSTEE BLAIR: I have a question about  
23 the barcode process. Your technology gives or  
24 assigns a barcode because we have an identified

1 pool of voters?

2 MR. WALSH: Correct.

3 TRUSTEE BLAIR: So they would be assigned  
4 a unique identifier based on that barcode, right?

5 MR. WALSH: Correct.

6 TRUSTEE BLAIR: So they go through the  
7 mail process. They do all the envelopes. They  
8 certify with their signature on the back. They  
9 drop it in the mail. It comes back to you. Your  
10 technology scans that barcode coming back in,  
11 right?

12 MR. WALSH: Correct.

13 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Is there any way that  
14 somebody could duplicate a barcode or would your  
15 technology or your safety system, the safety net,  
16 flag that barcode saying we have already received a  
17 ballot for that individual?

18 MR. WALSH: That is exactly right. The  
19 barcode is nothing more than the voter ID for that  
20 individual. If there was a second ballot mailed or  
21 some sort of a fraudulent ballot, when that voter  
22 ID is entered in, either barcode scanned or key  
23 entered in, the barcode is visible on the envelope  
24 as well. It flags it and it indicates exactly

1 where it was, if it was previously scanned, and  
2 that was generally brought to the Independent  
3 Election Administrator for determination.

4 We have not over the years ever had a  
5 fraudulent packet, but we have had a ballot that a  
6 second one was requested and those were limited but  
7 the system validates that there is only one that  
8 comes in and a determination would be made by the  
9 Independent Election Administrator to whether they  
10 keep one or the other or none.

11 TRUSTEE BLAIR: That was my next  
12 question, if you identified some type of a  
13 fraudulent voting scheme with this scanning  
14 process.

15 MR. WALSH: No. No. No, we have not.  
16 The process of the packet validating on the back  
17 end, and cross-checking, they check for any  
18 duplicates. Every organization has its own rules.  
19 If a second ballot is allowed, it does check that  
20 it confirms and then is brought to the attention of  
21 the Independent Election Administrator. No, I have  
22 not encountered that where there's been any fraud  
23 attempted on that.

24 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Thank you.

1 TRUSTEE HUGHES: This is Trustee Hughes.  
2 I have a question. How do you verify that there is  
3 not some mixup? What internal controls do you have  
4 in place to insure the integrity of the ballot?

5 MR. WALSH: We validate the file that  
6 comes over with in this case the active member,  
7 which is just approximately just under 20,000  
8 individual records. A unique ID is sent, which  
9 ultimately results in that being their unique  
10 barcode as well. That file generally I will spot  
11 check and send back a copy to confirm that we  
12 received the file with 19,900, you know, records.  
13 Whatever that number might be. Just confirming  
14 that this is exactly what we had before it goes to  
15 the printer. It is essentially spot checking that  
16 we have an unique process on there.

17 We are also double checking against the  
18 original file. Once you are even touching the file  
19 to assign a voter ID, validating again to make sure  
20 there was no manipulation or change to the address  
21 itself. Just spot checking against the original  
22 file is also part of that validation before it goes  
23 to the printer.

24 TRUSTEE HUGHES: Who does that?

1 MR. WALSH: We do it internally. There  
2 is a couple of people that do it. The mailing  
3 house is a company that fulfills the actual mailing  
4 components. It is checked on my end before it goes  
5 out and then they are working with the data base on  
6 a daily basis when updates are made.

7 TRUSTEE HUGHES: Thank you.

8 MS. BURNS: We have a motion and a second  
9 to rescind the prior action of the Board.

10 PRESIDENT WILSON: Is there any more  
11 discussion on the motion?

12 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Before we do, yes, I have  
13 a question. If this goes to a vote and maybe this  
14 is a question more for Mr. Walsh. We are on the  
15 clock. We are right around the corner from trustee  
16 application or trustee application packets being  
17 available to County employees that want to run.

18 I was an elected trustee and I know the  
19 process. I had to do it. I came down here and sat  
20 and I received that packet and the instructions.

21 Do we have enough time from the minute we  
22 take this vote to the minute that the doors open in  
23 the Pension Fund on that Monday morning to have  
24 this process in place?

1                   And here's why I say that because they  
2                   have one week to get those signatures in, correct?  
3                   Is Brent on? Brent, is it three weeks to get the  
4                   signatures in?

5                   MR. LEWANDOWSKI: The petition packets  
6                   can begin to be picked up August 20th and the first  
7                   day to submit them is Tuesday September 1st, so 12  
8                   days.

9                   TRUSTEE BLAIR: So 12 days the packet has  
10                  to be complete. When is the last date?

11                  MR. LEWANDOWSKI: September 4th.

12                  TRUSTEE BLAIR: The packet has to be  
13                  consistent from the very first date it becomes  
14                  available.

15                  Will we be able to have the rules and the  
16                  process in place? This goes back to the July 6th  
17                  meeting. Look, I think we all agreed that the  
18                  process had to be improved. I mean, we  
19                  disenfranchised voting by having in-person voting  
20                  in the County Building, to be honest.

21                  I could put a voting booth by the county  
22                  jail between 26th Street and South Campus. We  
23                  probably could have had 3,000 walk-in votes as  
24                  opposed to 118 North Clark.

1                   We recognize that. We did. We all  
2 agreed that we needed to improve the process even  
3 prior to receiving the letters from our unions. So  
4 we as a board recognize that and we agree.

5                   Do we have enough time, if we vote today  
6 to change it, to have those packets available in 12  
7 days or the language that has to be in the packet?  
8 You know what I mean? It has to be the same.

9                   TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: I have a question.  
10 Trustee Blair talked about what we have to have in  
11 the packet. Is that something that is required by  
12 the Pension Code? I am confused on the -- if I am  
13 looking to get my petition, do I need to know if  
14 somebody is going to have a two-step process or  
15 one-step process in the ballot, in the voting  
16 process, why not when -- if you really want to know  
17 the process, when you are able to get your 100  
18 signatures, whatever the quantity is, then you get  
19 here's how people are going to vote for you.

20                   TRUSTEE BLAIR: Having run in an  
21 election, I want to know the rules from the very  
22 beginning. I want to know how I am going to  
23 operate as a candidate and I want to make sure that  
24 I am operating within those rules, right, because



1 that is what happens. I want to make sure we have  
2 enough time to get that done, that is my question.

3 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: The election process  
4 for somebody to go get petitions --

5 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Let's set the petition  
6 aside. The election is up on October 28th but our  
7 candidates have to know the process of election  
8 because everybody knows you can come down and vote  
9 in-person.

10 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: I guess what I am  
11 trying to say is why does -- the Pension Fund may  
12 be helpful because they already have a process in  
13 place for the last 10, 15 years. Now within this  
14 Covid era we have to make some changes. We have to  
15 provide a packet of the process for the people  
16 submitting their petitions when they submit their  
17 petitions.

18 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Because they are  
19 entitled to know everything from front to back.  
20 The day they pickup a petition they are entitled to  
21 know everything. If you don't know and the packet  
22 doesn't have everything in the world you ever want  
23 to know, then somebody is going to come up behind  
24 you after you picked up your petitions and

1 introduce something that is different.

2 TRUSTEE BLAIR: We all recognize there is  
3 an issue.

4 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: It is not two  
5 different processes. It is one. It is one  
6 election. You never ran, number one. Number two,  
7 when you decide to run, you come in, you get the  
8 packet. You're done. Everything on god's green  
9 earth that you want to know what is going on is  
10 right here in this packet. You don't come back  
11 with your petitions after you ran down 100 people  
12 and get the rules.

13 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: I get that. Let's be  
14 specific on which rules you're talking about.

15 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: All of them.  
16 Everything you wanted to know.

17 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Brent is here. So,  
18 Brent, on Day 1 the packet is available. What is  
19 in the packet that is available to a candidate that  
20 is going to run for office?

21 MR. LEWANDOWSKI: So we have members that  
22 come in that don't know exactly what being a  
23 trustee -- what the job entails. So we have our  
24 first portion of the packet is considering

1 candidacy and describes what the --

2 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Can I interrupt for a  
3 second?

4 PRESIDENT WILSON: Please, let him  
5 answer.

6 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: I want to ask a  
7 question.

8 PRESIDENT WILSON: You are out of order,  
9 Pat. You have talked. Let somebody else have a  
10 chance.

11 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Do you do anything --

12 PRESIDENT WILSON: Disregard this and  
13 finish answering the question.

14 TRUSTEE BLAIR: I just want to hear what  
15 is in the packet.

16 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: This is all he wants  
17 to know.

18 PRESIDENT WILSON: You don't have to talk  
19 over everybody. Let somebody have a chance and  
20 then you can talk.

21 MR. LEWANDOWSKI: It describes what the  
22 job is and a brief overview of what the election  
23 is. There is also a candidate's statement  
24 instructional sheet that after you submit the

1 petition it is your option to submit a candidate  
2 statement that will be posted on the website so  
3 voters can get to know the person that is running  
4 for the position. There is also a copy of the  
5 rules so they understand the rules of the election  
6 and there is also the petitions for the active  
7 employee. Four collection of papers in the packet

8 TRUSTEE BLAIR: To followup with that, we  
9 have talked about a timeline because it has to be  
10 available by the 20th. We have 12 days. That  
11 packet would have to be the same on that first day,  
12 that is all I am saying. Do we have enough time?

13 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Mr. Walsh, who  
14 administers the process, said that we have a  
15 barcode and a signature and I think what the next  
16 motion is going to be, I am not really 100 percent  
17 sure we don't have that yet, we are just rescinding  
18 right now, but the next motion would be the  
19 process.

20 If we eliminate the first process, which  
21 is the application, somebody correct me if I am  
22 wrong, the second process basically remains the  
23 same.

24 To answer your question, based on not

1 knowing the motion right now, but if the question  
2 is we have a two-step process, we eliminate the  
3 first process and the second process remains the  
4 same.

5 From Mr. Walsh's perspective, he would  
6 have to answer that question, but I would like to  
7 hear do we have enough time to do Step 2 without  
8 Step 1?

9 MR. WALSH: In my opinion, if everybody  
10 is getting a ballot but at the back end of the  
11 daily pickups remain the same and the validation of  
12 whether a signature is present as to qualify it to  
13 be eligible, if that process -- if that daily  
14 pickup on the back end does not change, we are  
15 still doing that and processing that, the only  
16 factor that changes there is the unknown of how  
17 much we are processing. But it can be managed on a  
18 day-to-day basis, if that is the decision that the  
19 back end doesn't change. We are still doing daily  
20 pickups. Scanning that into the system.  
21 Separating any that did not have that signature.

22 It is somewhat unique in my experience of  
23 running a vote by mail where it is just a barcode,  
24 but as far as a process to get entered into the

1 system that shouldn't directly impact it depending  
2 on what that turnout turns to be throughout the  
3 course of the two and a half, three weeks.

4 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: I think the setup and  
5 the process to implement that, and I get the back  
6 end part where you have to actually do it, but put  
7 it together. I think what Trustee Blair is trying  
8 to get to is we don't want any surprises. And I  
9 know there may be a slight change but we don't  
10 really know the motion because we're not there yet.

11 If we just stick to removing Step 1 and  
12 sticking to Step 2 is there something that you need  
13 to do, to make sure that you can do, so to Trustee  
14 Blair's point, you can include that in the  
15 instructional guide that the petitioners will  
16 receive on the 20th of August?

17 MR. WALSH: As far as the front end and  
18 doing the mailing, the ballot packet, as opposed to  
19 the notice and application, we can accomplish that  
20 as well as long as -- I think some of the comments  
21 here about the point of knowing exactly the rules  
22 as to what it is we are doing. Laying those rules  
23 out as to everybody getting a ballot, still a daily  
24 pickup and then the process of how that is

1 processed on election day itself, because of the  
2 potential for an increased turnout and where that  
3 is going to be and how much with Covid and  
4 separation how many support people we would need to  
5 do that. That is all factors we have to know in my  
6 opinion to determine whether I can comfortably say  
7 it is a go ahead to do it.

8           Operationally doing the mailing of the  
9 ballot, yes, there is enough time for that. And  
10 that is, like I said, it all ties in together. It  
11 ties into how we are processing during that three  
12 week period and the process and who is overseeing  
13 that as an IEA on the day of.

14           So there is definitely some questions.  
15 It is definitely doable but clarification on that  
16 is definitely necessary before committing to it.

17           MS. TUCZAK: If I may add one item in  
18 terms of what Tim Walsh does, it is obviously  
19 critical, but the election rules, which are as  
20 Brent said are distributed to the petitioners, that  
21 is something that the Board approves. Tim Walsh  
22 doesn't writeup the rules.

23           We have a marked up version of the rules  
24 to reflect there is no in-person voting this year.

1 But if there were to be a motion to change the  
2 two-step, the rules would have to go back and make  
3 some more changes. I want to make sure that is  
4 clear. The rules are the Board's document that the  
5 Board approves.

6 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: What I think Trustee  
7 McFadden and Trustee Blair wanted to know is if --  
8 I think we get the idea of putting the rules  
9 together. We don't want to agree to the rules,  
10 unless they are okay with changing the process.

11 TRUSTEE BLAIR: I think that was a key  
12 element that we didn't have on July 6th. We say,  
13 hey, this process can be done and we all agreed the  
14 process needs to be changed.

15 TRUSTEE HUGHES: This is Trustees Hughes,  
16 if I may make a comment. In July, we had a pretty  
17 thoughtful discussion and narrowed it down to the  
18 two options. I think one was I guess the two-step  
19 mail-in process and the other option was the one  
20 mail-in process. I do think the Board gave it a  
21 lot of consideration. When I got the letters from  
22 the unions, I don't think the letters reflected  
23 that properly. There was a thoughtful discussion.

24 I think the trustees were concerned about



1       whether it can be done in time and fraud concerns.  
2       I am going to direct a question to the Executive  
3       Director. Do you feel those concerns would be  
4       alleviated based on further analysis of the  
5       different options that we have discussed?

6                 Gina, what do you feel with regard to the  
7       timeline?

8                 MS. TUCZAK: I think the timeline is  
9       fine. One of the elements of the two-step process  
10       that I thought was valid was the verification form  
11       that a Member has to complete. Where they have to  
12       write the last four digits of their social security  
13       and sign and then mail that in so that is  
14       eliminated. There was a little bit more fraud  
15       protection with that.

16                One idea that I had is that if you do a  
17       one-step, which is possible and I am hoping to go  
18       with that, we still have some type of verification  
19       card that is included in the one-step mailing.  
20       Where there is not just the ballot and the secrecy  
21       envelope but an actual verification card that a  
22       person would have to still write their name, the  
23       last four digits of their social security, sign it  
24       and enclose it with the second secrecy ballot.

1           Trustee Ochalla actually had kind of  
2 described something like that at the last meeting  
3 and I have to think about it.

4           But that would make me feel a little bit  
5 better with respect to the fraud element. But it  
6 would still be a one-step mailing, just that the  
7 Member would get a verification card, secrecy  
8 envelope and secrecy ballot.

9           TRUSTEE OCHALLA: How do you tie the  
10 barcode to the employee?

11           MR. WALSH: It's just a reference number  
12 to that individual's record. It is a reference to  
13 their record. So when it is pulled up, you pull up  
14 the full record of whatever is available; the first  
15 name, last name, address, any other fields that  
16 have been provided.

17           Just to clarify the difference, in terms  
18 of being able to process in a timely fashion, if we  
19 are talking about, as I previously mentioned that  
20 this is doable, if the second stage mimics what we  
21 currently do. The signature is on the outside of  
22 the envelope and when it comes from the PO Box, it  
23 is scanned in first and then the record is pulled  
24 up and it is validated. The signature has to be

1 there. It is not a signature check. We don't have  
2 a signature on file. That is done on a daily basis  
3 and then it is considered updated and in the bag  
4 secured.

5 If a signature card is used and that is  
6 inside the return envelope, we wouldn't be able to  
7 do that until election day and that becomes a total  
8 unknown of our capabilities of having enough staff  
9 in limited Covid setting, we are trying to  
10 eliminate as many people for support, that adds  
11 complication to it.

12 I understand the need for it but I would  
13 say having a signature on the envelope and being  
14 capable of doing it as it comes back in on a daily  
15 basis and then being able to process it  
16 immediately, could facilitate that, because of the  
17 unknown increased participation.

18 I do think that an internal signature  
19 card that we are referring to adds an element that  
20 I have never done and possibly delays the day of  
21 processing, that would overlap into a day --  
22 depending on what the return of 20,000 is, that is  
23 an unknown that I am not familiar with. So that  
24 component I am a little -- I understand the need

1 for the signature but that use of it does not --  
2 since I have never done that, right now I wouldn't  
3 be able to say for sure it could be done in a  
4 timely fashion by the end of a business day on  
5 election day, depending on that turnout, if that  
6 turns into validating each one as it's done on  
7 election day. So that is the thought I had on  
8 that.

9 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: How confident are you  
10 in the barcode system using only the past ten years  
11 that you have effectively with that system that we  
12 currently use, weeded out an type of duplicates or  
13 frauds or those types of ballots?

14 MR. WALSH: I am very confident in the  
15 barcode process. It's been adopted by all of my  
16 private labor unions and pension funds that do vote  
17 by mail.

18 Again, that component is your comfort  
19 level beyond that. I am very comfortable and the  
20 other organizations I have worked with have been  
21 comfortable and confident in the barcode component  
22 as the primary validation without the signature.

23 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: And we have secondary  
24 with the signature on the envelope and affiant

1 statement as well so we actually have two forms of  
2 verification. The signature in and of itself and  
3 there is an attestation to that it is an employee  
4 or annuitant ballot. We have earmarked coding  
5 system so really what we are talking about is a  
6 tertiary level with an internal card.

7 MR. WALSH: If that is added, that is an  
8 unknown and just operationally I do now know what  
9 that looks like and how long that would take to  
10 process.

11 As far as the question about the  
12 barcoding we have done and the comfort level I have  
13 with that and the other organizations that do use  
14 it as a primary, I have been very comfortable with  
15 it. It is obviously an unique decision of your  
16 group.

17 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Mr. Walsh, what data  
18 fields are in the barcode itself?

19 MR. WALSH: The barcode itself is just a  
20 five digit randomly generated voter ID for that  
21 member and uniquely assigned.

22 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Okay.

23 PRESIDENT WILSON: Is there any other  
24 discussion on the motion?

1                   Hearing none, Peggy, please call the  
2 roll.

3                   TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: The motion is to  
4 rescind the prior action of the Board at the July,  
5 2020 meeting.

6                   MS. BURNS: Which action approved a  
7 two-step process; the application and a ballot.

8                   MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Blair.

9                   TRUSTEE BLAIR: Aye.

10                  MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Goode.

11                  TRUSTEE GOODE: Aye.

12                  MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Hughes.

13                  TRUSTEE HUGHES: Aye.

14                  MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Kouruklis.

15                  TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Aye.

16                  MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Nevius.

17                  TRUSTEE NEVIUS: Aye.

18                  MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Ochalla.

19                  TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Aye.

20                  MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Wilson.

21                  PRESIDENT WILSON: Aye.

22                  Thank you. Is there any motion on this  
23 matter?

24                  TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: We need to make a

1 motion ON the process for the October, 2020  
2 election where the ballot and the envelope is sent  
3 to all eligible members of the Cook County Fund for  
4 again this next election in October.

5 PRESIDENT WILSON: Is there a second?

6 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Second.

7 TRUSTEE BLAIR: I would like to add one  
8 thing. I don't know if this is the place to do it  
9 but do we want to do this just for this election?  
10 Do we want to do it just for this election to  
11 insure that it is functional, it works, it works to  
12 the benefit of the trustee that is running or the  
13 candidates that are running, to make sure  
14 everything is smooth because we have never done  
15 that?

16 MS. BURNS: That was the motion, the  
17 motion was it is limited to the October, 2020  
18 election.

19 PRESIDENT WILSON: I had a second. Any  
20 discussion on this motion?

21 TRUSTEE HUGHES: I have a question with  
22 regard to how we're getting the postage. Are we  
23 putting postage on the mail-in ballot or is that  
24 still where the member has to provide postage?

1                   PRESIDENT WILSON:   Madam Executive  
2                   Director.

3                   MS. TUCZAK:    So the past practice has  
4                   been that the member affixes the postage to the  
5                   envelope to mail the ballot or other communication,  
6                   that has been the past practice.

7                   PRESIDENT WILSON:   Okay.   Thank you.  
8                   Any other questions or comments on the  
9                   motion?

10                  Peggy, please, call the roll.

11                  MS. FAHRENBACH:   Trustee Blair.

12                  TRUSTEE BLAIR:    Aye.

13                  MS. FAHRENBACH:   Trustee Goode.

14                  TRUSTEE GOODE:    Aye.

15                  MS. FAHRENBACH:   Trustee Hughes.

16                  TRUSTEE HUGHES:   Aye.

17                  MS. FAHRENBACH:   Trustee Kouruklis.

18                  TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS:   Aye.

19                  MS. FAHRENBACH:   Trustee McFadden.

20                  TRUSTEE MCFADDEN:   Aye.

21                  MS. FAHRENBACH:   Trustee Nevius.

22                  TRUSTEE NEVIUS:    Aye.

23                  MS. FAHRENBACH:   Trustee Ochalla.

24                  TRUSTEE OCHALLA:   Aye.



1 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Wilson.

2 PRESIDENT WILSON: Aye.

3 Thank you, very much. This is very  
4 important and thank you for your diligence in  
5 discussing this matter.

6 The next item is retention of an attorney  
7 regarding election matters. Gina, let me give that  
8 to you.

9 MS. TUCZAK: Thank you. At the last  
10 board meeting we put on the record that the  
11 Independent Election Administrator, Joe Griseta,  
12 resigned his position and the Board accepted that  
13 resignation and terminated his contract.

14 As part of that discussion, the Board had  
15 requested that an election attorney, I believe that  
16 is the right term, be considered as a replacement  
17 of some of the responsibilities of the Independent  
18 Election Administrator and fiduciary counsel had  
19 been charged with looking into some candidates for  
20 this vendor role.

21 So fiduciary counsel, behind Tab 3-B, has  
22 provided you a memo and some resumes of two  
23 candidates and with that I was going to turn it  
24 over to Mary Pat to discuss the work that she has

1 done on this.

2 MS. BURNS: Thank you, Gina.

3 Again, if you recall at the last meeting,  
4 you directed us to see if we could find someone who  
5 would work just for the October, 2020 election,  
6 because in this election we will not have an  
7 Independent Election Administrator, but rather an  
8 election committee that has previously been  
9 approved. This lawyer would work with the  
10 committee to resolve any disputes that the  
11 committee did not feel comfortable either handling  
12 itself or allowing fiduciary counsel to address.

13 As Gina indicated, we went out and asked  
14 for recommendations from the various election  
15 boards at the county, city and the state. We then  
16 came up with two names; Ms. Goodman and Mr. Welch.  
17 Both of these individuals have experience serving  
18 either as attorneys or as election hearing officers  
19 or election lawyers in both the county, state and  
20 city level in similar elections. Their resumes are  
21 attached.

22 Both of them, based on my conversations,  
23 seemed extremely competent and able to do the job.  
24 They agreed to serve for this particular election,

1       October, 2020, at the rate of \$200 per hour capped  
2       at \$30,000 unless we came back to the Board.

3                 Further, they both are interested in  
4       serving on an ongoing basis as the Election  
5       Administrator, if you decided to do that in the  
6       future, or just stay available as a retained  
7       attorney. So, to conclude, they are both  
8       interested in a long term relationship with this  
9       fund.

10                And, further, attached to the materials  
11       is the letter agreement, which is exactly the same  
12       agreement that Mr. Griseta signed, updated and  
13       limited to the October, 2020 election. This  
14       agreement is just limited to that one election and  
15       the agreement is attached. The suggestion, if the  
16       Board was comfortable, would be for the Board to  
17       identify one of the individuals and then allow us  
18       to have that letter agreement executed with that  
19       individual which would then make this person  
20       available to the Election Committee on a very short  
21       basis to assist in finalizing any of the matters  
22       that need to be finalized prior to August 20th  
23       petitions being mailed.

24                TRUSTEE GOODE: Are we paying this

1 attorney the same thing that we paid Mr. Griseta?

2 MS. BURNS: It is actually a little  
3 cheaper, Trustee Goode, because he was up a little  
4 higher. I rounded it down to \$200 because I think  
5 he was getting maybe 210, 215. Just so that you  
6 can get a chance to see what these people are like  
7 before you committed to a long-term relationship  
8 with them. But, yes, it is a little cheaper.

9 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: I am going to make one  
10 comment, that I don't want to be part of this  
11 discussion as obviously I am the one facing  
12 election. One of the attorneys did not want to be  
13 in-person. I think it would be good for the board  
14 to talk to Mr. Walsh about if there are things that  
15 would be hindered virtually.

16 MS. BURNS: Again, trustees need to speak  
17 up because we are recording this.

18 Trustee Ochalla is questioning the fact  
19 that one of the individuals who may be able to  
20 serve as the retained attorney indicated that she  
21 did not want to be physically present at the  
22 election due to the Covid situation. But I would  
23 remind the trustees that this person is serving in  
24 a very limited capacity for the October, 2020

1 election. They are there as a resource to the  
2 Election Committee to resolve disputes and that  
3 both staff and my office, which is in this  
4 building, would make themselves physically  
5 available to do some of the more physical things  
6 that Mr. Griseta did in the past. For instance, he  
7 would be at the office when the ballots got  
8 counted, stand behind the last person in line,  
9 those kind of things we think we could do so we  
10 want you to pick the candidate or individual that  
11 you are more comfortable with and we will workout  
12 the rest of the details.

13 Again, it is limited to the October, 2020  
14 election.

15 TRUSTEE GOODE: Another question. Please  
16 refresh my memory as to why we talked about having  
17 a committee and we haven't had one? If we're  
18 hiring this person to be the administrator and then  
19 we also have the other group, why do we need a  
20 committee again, if this attorney is going to do  
21 the same thing that Griseta did?

22 MS. BURNS: I don't know if I can speak  
23 to why the Board chose to do it.

24 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: I can say something.

1 I wish that last month we had a laundry list of  
2 what this Griseta fellow did. And I understand  
3 your question and I am wondering myself what the  
4 expectation is from these three trustees.

5 If someone comes in and for instance  
6 suggests I am having trouble collecting petitions  
7 and the people don't want to put the last four  
8 characters of their social on and they say can we  
9 get a waiver on this, because it is written in the  
10 rules, isn't it?

11 MS. BURNS: Yes.

12 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: If it is written in  
13 the rules, these three trustees can turn around and  
14 say, no, it is written in the rules. We can't  
15 waive that and that to my way of thinking would be  
16 the end of it.

17 If it is minor administrative issues that  
18 would come up, if it is something that is already  
19 reduced to writing, then that would be the response  
20 I would say. If it is not reduced to writing and  
21 somebody picks up on a quirky thing in the process,  
22 then it would have to go out.

23 TRUSTEE GOODE: The committee is  
24 basically working on the back end to resolve any

1 issues or challenges, if there is a challenge.

2 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: I would think the  
3 committee is working from the same day that people  
4 pickup petitions, if the people that pickup  
5 petitions and the package have a question then --

6 TRUSTEE BLAIR: The committee of three  
7 would address those administrative issues. If  
8 someone is challenging a signature on a petition, I  
9 would probably suspect we would let that  
10 independent auditor -- right, auditor?

11 MS. BURNS: Attorney.

12 TRUSTEE BLAIR: The attorney would review  
13 that claim. We would handle the administrative  
14 things.

15 PRESIDENT WILSON: Let me jump in. My  
16 understanding was there is some very  
17 straightforward administrative things that we could  
18 do ourselves and not incur a fee for, such as what  
19 Pat explained as the example he gave, and the  
20 committee could do that to fill that void in part.

21 I also thought that as we are going into  
22 a new process and there is conversation about the  
23 election because of the pandemic that we hadn't had  
24 before, that things that didn't require policy

1 decision, management could interact with the  
2 committee on and as long as it wasn't a substantial  
3 issue they could get guidance from that committee  
4 without convening the full board.

5 And so very straightforward items could  
6 be handled by the committee and save us money and  
7 having to convene a special board meeting.

8 Is that everyone else's understanding as  
9 well?

10 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: That is my  
11 understanding and I don't know -- I am reticent to  
12 think it is a good idea.

13 TRUSTEE GOODE: I just want to be  
14 reminded. The only other issue I had, because this  
15 is a whole entirely new section, those of you that  
16 have been on the Board with me before, I have  
17 raised this issue. Why is the committee only  
18 limited to the legislative members?

19 PRESIDENT WILSON: The thought was, as I  
20 recall, a matter related to legislation and that  
21 was the motion. However, the slate that I proposed  
22 includes one non-member which I was going to note  
23 when we got to that part of the agenda.

24 TRUSTEE GOODE: Okay.



1 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Can I talk?

2 PRESIDENT WILSON: You can.

3 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: I would like to move  
4 that we rescind that motion on the three person  
5 committee and not start over, but revisit it with  
6 the idea being that the President name three people  
7 to be in this limited committee for this specific  
8 election only and the committee doesn't exist after  
9 the election as such and that he appoint the three  
10 people. We leave it out of Finance Committee or  
11 Legislative Committee or any other committee.

12 I think we're putting three trustees in  
13 an awkward position. It is simple enough to say,  
14 yes, Social Security numbers are required. The  
15 last four anyways. Would there be a more effective  
16 way to do it? Would you hand the phone to him and  
17 say call our fiduciary counsel. Then that doesn't  
18 sound very workable either.

19 So that is why I made a motion to rescind  
20 that three person subcommittee of the Legislative  
21 Committee that was moved last meeting.

22 TRUSTEE GOODE: I second.

23 PRESIDENT WILSON: Okay. Any discussion?  
24 So my discussion is it sounded like were you saying

1 no subcommittee or you're saying just not of  
2 Legislation because I thought I heard you have  
3 three people and their tenure would expire after  
4 this election.

5 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Where I was going was  
6 not make it part of the Legislative Committee.

7 PRESIDENT WILSON: Right.

8 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: You appoint three  
9 people to do this for us.

10 PRESIDENT WILSON: Okay. That was going  
11 to be my motion.

12 MS. BURNS: You have a motion by Trustee  
13 McFadden, seconded by Goode, to rescind that  
14 portion of the action on July 9th that was to  
15 establish an Election Committee out of the  
16 Legislative Committee members.

17 PRESIDENT WILSON: Any more discussion?

18 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Yes, thank you, that  
19 is my motion.

20 PRESIDENT WILSON: Roll call, please,  
21 Peggy.

22 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Blair.

23 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Aye.

24 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Goode.

1 TRUSTEE GOODE: Aye.

2 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Hughes.

3 TRUSTEE HUGHES: Aye.

4 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Kouruklis.

5 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Aye.

6 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee McFadden.

7 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Aye.

8 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Nevius.

9 TRUSTEE NEVIUS: Aye.

10 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Ochalla.

11 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Present.

12 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Wilson.

13 PRESIDENT WILSON: Aye.

14 MS. BURNS: Now there has to be a motion.

15 PRESIDENT WILSON: We have something on

16 the floor. We kind of jumped around and didn't

17 resolve the attorney point but I would like a

18 motion that a subcommittee be established that

19 includes Trustee McFadden, Trustee Hughes and

20 Trustee Blair. Trustee McFadden, I'd like you to

21 be in charge of that and then get comfortable with

22 the scope of duties.

23 We went through a conversation about some

24 of the things that they would do last month. I

1 don't recall a definite list but I think that  
2 certainly it should be within the comfort  
3 parameters and not involve anything that is  
4 subjective and that exposes the Trustees or the  
5 Fund to exposure where you are making decisions  
6 that you commented on that are not explicit or  
7 could affect the election. Can we get a second? I  
8 needed a second before we get into discussion. I  
9 have a second.

10 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Who were the trustees?

11 PRESIDENT WILSON: Trustee McFadden,  
12 Trustee Hughes, Trustee Blair.

13 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: This would be the --

14 PRESIDENT WILSON: Ad hoc subcommittee  
15 for helping -- this is really busy work. This is  
16 not people going out making policy and directing  
17 how the election will be held. These are people  
18 that are volunteering to put time in to do some of  
19 the work because of the situation we have ourselves  
20 in with the voting process and losing a consultant.

21 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: So moved.

22 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: I would make a  
23 suggestion I would ask Diahann Goode if she were  
24 willing to that, if you would be on board with

1 this.

2 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Take me off and put  
3 Diahann.

4 PRESIDENT WILSON: I am not opposed to  
5 Trustee Goode but I will tell you how I made that  
6 decision. I made the decision on the availability  
7 of that person to be present to be able to respond  
8 on a timely basis and commit time.

9 There are a number of people that I know  
10 have a vested interest in this matter and I just  
11 personally did not think that they had the  
12 flexibility or the time to commit to what might be  
13 required.

14 So while I recognize that, that is why I  
15 passed Trustee Goode and others. But if you,  
16 Trustee Goode, can tell us that you have the  
17 flexibility to be available to return calls and to  
18 spend time as needed, that is fine. I did not  
19 appreciate the strategic considerations and  
20 representations but we really need somebody who has  
21 got time.

22 TRUSTEE GOODE: I have the time. My  
23 circumstances have changed.

24 PRESIDENT WILSON: So based on Trustee

1 McFadden's comment, I am comfortable substituting  
2 Trustee Goode for Trustee McFadden.

3 But now I would just tell you that others  
4 may feel that the Department of Corrections now is  
5 dominating so what you now have created is  
6 something that --

7 MS. BURNS: That is my concern.

8 PRESIDENT WILSON: I am not totally --  
9 after I said that outloud I am not sure that I am  
10 comfortable.

11 TRUSTEE GOODE: It is two different  
12 departments.

13 PRESIDENT WILSON: That may seem like  
14 that from your prospective, but does anybody else  
15 have concerns? I mean, I am getting concerns from  
16 fiduciary counsel so I should just stop there, that  
17 is enough.

18 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: My big question is if  
19 I was still in the bunch of three my first thing  
20 would be to look to staff to get a laundry list of  
21 what this fiduciary counsel was doing. The  
22 fiduciary counsel I think was present on the day  
23 after Labor Day when people submit their petitions.  
24 He would be the person to say, well, it is nine

1 o'clock. You're the first in line and someone  
2 comes in the door two minutes later and says, well,  
3 sorry, it is past nine o'clock and you were the  
4 first in line. He did that, right?

5 MS. BURNS: The Independent Election  
6 Administrator did that.

7 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: He would look at the  
8 pages to see if there is 100 signatures here at  
9 least.

10 MR. LEWANDOWSKI: He would submit a  
11 receipt to the member.

12 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: I am looking where he  
13 touched something that is going to be touchy. It  
14 is going to be sensitive or something. And on  
15 election day someone said that he stands behind the  
16 voter that is in line at seven o'clock. If someone  
17 comes around the corner at seven -- of course, we  
18 are not doing in-house. If someone came around at  
19 7:05, I'm sorry, you are late. The polls are  
20 closed. That kind of stuff.

21 I would think fiduciary counsel could do  
22 these things. The only thing that the three would  
23 be doing would be a sample with the Social  
24 Security.

1           PRESIDENT WILSON:  So, first of all, I  
2       would like to ask Trustee McFadden to rescind his  
3       change.  I would also like to ask Trustee Ochalla  
4       to be open minded or flexible on this.

5           I think that what you have seen from the  
6       discussion today from the change in the vote that  
7       this is a very open minded process that does not  
8       have any bipartisan position that is one way or the  
9       other.  You had unanimous support with additional  
10      information provided.  So I don't see a great deal  
11      of exposure to one group versus another.

12          TRUSTEE GOODE:  I have a solution.  Just  
13      keep it the way that you suggested it.  McFadden,  
14      Hughes and Blair and then allow other Trustees to  
15      sit in if they want to.

16          PRESIDENT WILSON:  Subject to our  
17      exposure on Open Meetings Act, and I am not sure  
18      what our limit is there, but you certainly can --  
19      what is our maximum that we can have in a meeting  
20      before we --

21          MS. BURNS:  It's just a majority of a  
22      quorum of any subcommittee.

23          This committee, to Trustee McFadden's  
24      point, likely would be consulted by phone.  Where I



1 would pick up the phone and talk to each individual  
2 trustee rather than ever get a meeting, which then  
3 would make it hard to accommodate Trustee Goode's  
4 request that she be included. In other words,  
5 these things that come up, mostly are issues that  
6 are going to be addressed by staff.

7 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: I will withdraw my  
8 recommendation. Please proceed with Trustees  
9 McFadden, Trustee Hughes and Trustee Blair.

10 PRESIDENT WILSON: McFadden, you're back  
11 on.

12 Roll call, please, Peggy.

13 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: I didn't step out of  
14 the room to reconsider on purpose.

15 TRUSTEE WILSON: The motion is to appoint  
16 Trustees Blair, McFadden and Hughes to the ad hoc  
17 subcommittee for the 2020 October election.

18 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Blair.

19 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Aye.

20 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Goode.

21 TRUSTEE GOODE: Aye.

22 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Hughes.

23 TRUSTEE HUGHES: Aye.

24 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Kouruklis.

1 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Aye.

2 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee McFadden.

3 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Aye.

4 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Nevius.

5 TRUSTEE NEVIUS: Aye.

6 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Ochalla.

7 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Present.

8 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Wilson.

9 PRESIDENT WILSON: Aye.

10 Thank you, that motion passes. Thank  
11 you, very much.

12 Let's go back to the attorney.

13 MS. BURNS: Again, this would be the  
14 person who would just supplement what staff,  
15 fiduciary counsel and the election subcommittee is  
16 doing.

17 TRUSTEE GOODE: I make a motion we choose  
18 Matthew M. Welch.

19 PRESIDENT WILSON: Is there a second?

20 TRUSTEE HUGHES: Trustee Hughes here. I  
21 apologize. I didn't hear Trustee Goode.

22 TRUSTEE GOODE: I make a motion that we  
23 choose Matthew M. Welch.

24 TRUSTEE HUGHES: Thank you.

1                   PRESIDENT WILSON: Is there a second?  
2                   TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: I will second it.  
3                   PRESIDENT WILSON: Discussion?  
4                   Hearing none, roll call, please.  
5                   MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Blair.  
6                   TRUSTEE BLAIR: Aye.  
7                   MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Goode.  
8                   TRUSTEE GOODE: Aye.  
9                   MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Hughes.  
10                  TRUSTEE HUGHES: Aye.  
11                  MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Kouruklis.  
12                  TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Aye.  
13                  MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee McFadden.  
14                  TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: No.  
15                  MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Nevius.  
16                  TRUSTEE NEVIUS: Aye.  
17                  MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Ochalla.  
18                  TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Present.  
19                  MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Wilson.  
20                  PRESIDENT WILSON: Aye.  
21                  Gina.  
22                  MS. TUCZAK: The next item on the agenda  
23                  is with respect to the contract for Tim Walsh.  
24                  What was done here was a revision. We

1 had a two-year contract with Mr. Walsh &  
2 Associates. We would be in the second year of the  
3 contract. However, with the elimination of the  
4 in-person voting, the contract needed to be  
5 changed. So the recommendation from fiduciary  
6 counsel was to just draft a new contract rather  
7 than try to amend something.

8 What we worked on with fiduciary counsel  
9 is a new contract with Mr. Walsh. However, what we  
10 prepared was based on the July 9th board meeting,  
11 which was a two-step process. So what we prepared  
12 here needs to be revised to reflect the motion from  
13 earlier today.

14 MS. BURNS: Given the time, Gina, does  
15 the Board need to take action on this matter today  
16 or can they do that at their September meeting?

17 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: My experience has  
18 always been a two-step. In other words, Gina would  
19 come in and say I want authorization from you  
20 people to enter into a contract with this guy. And  
21 then that contract would come back after it is  
22 reduced to writing and approved as to form by the  
23 outside counsel. And the contract should naturally  
24 reflect the scope of what the intent was that the

1 trustees are operating under.

2 So I think we can give authorization to  
3 enter into a contract with Walsh & Associates but  
4 Gina doesn't execute it on our behalf until it  
5 comes back and is approved, that is pretty clean.  
6 Can people live with that?

7 MS. BURNS: A question to Mr. Walsh would  
8 be whether Mr. Walsh could continue to work on good  
9 faith knowing that we just have to finalize the  
10 contract in September.

11 MR. WALSH: We are prepared to move  
12 forward in good faith, based upon my understanding  
13 of what this new all mail in will be. As soon as  
14 we clarified that aspect, just what we talked about  
15 earlier, processing on a daily basis and how we are  
16 conducting the day of, those are the only unknowns.  
17 But otherwise, we certainly will move forward with  
18 the steps to meet the timelines for petitions and  
19 everything else before that contract is ready.

20 MS. BURNS: That is great. We will  
21 continue to operate under the old contract and we  
22 will come back with the revised contract.

23 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Based on the one-step  
24 mailer, it sounds like to me we would have a cost

1 savings from not having the application sent out,  
2 processed, picked up at the post office, that  
3 beginning part, is probably not a very high dollar  
4 amount of savings but I think is that the end  
5 result of it?

6 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: I wouldn't assume  
7 anything until the people get in this room and see  
8 what is what.

9 TRUSTEE HUGHES: This is Trustee Hughes.  
10 The hurdle rates might change and the per ballot  
11 cost might change based upon the office's new plan.  
12 Gina can work with Mr. Walsh to come back after  
13 negotiations.

14 MR. WALSH: Yes, that is true. As long  
15 as we can work through the details of how that is  
16 flowing through it. But, yes, that hurdle is  
17 eliminated by all ballots being mailed on the front  
18 end. We will put that together.

19 PRESIDENT WILSON: Okay. In the meantime  
20 there was a draft, so, Trustees, if you have  
21 comments, please give those to Gina. If you have  
22 any feedback on what you have now, even though it  
23 is going to be changed.

24 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Was that a motion that

1 I did? Can we have a motion to direct the  
2 Executive Director to negotiate a contract with  
3 Walsh & Associates and before it comes back into us  
4 have it signed off as to form by the outside  
5 counsel with the anticipation that we accept it and  
6 execute it -- that it is executed after it is  
7 presented back to us, that is the motion.

8 PRESIDENT WILSON: Is there a second?

9 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: I will second it.

10 PRESIDENT WILSON: Is there any  
11 discussion?

12 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: For clarification, had  
13 Covid not happened, Mr. Walsh's contract would  
14 expire in 2021?

15 MS. TUCZAK: Yes.

16 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Is it over after the  
17 next election?

18 MS. TUCZAK: After this election, 2021.

19 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Okay. I just  
20 wondered.

21 PRESIDENT WILSON: Okay. Roll call,  
22 please, Peggy.

23 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Blair.

24 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Aye.

1 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Goode.

2 TRUSTEE GOODE: Aye.

3 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Hughes.

4 TRUSTEE HUGHES: Aye.

5 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Kouruklis.

6 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Aye.

7 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee McFadden.

8 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Aye.

9 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Nevius.

10 TRUSTEE NEVIUS: Aye.

11 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Ochalla.

12 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Aye.

13 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Wilson.

14 PRESIDENT WILSON: Aye.

15 Thank you, very much.

16 Again, Gina, Election Rules.

17 MS. TUCZAK: The next item, again this is  
18 based on the July 9th board meeting, we had taken  
19 the Election Rules and we had marked up the changes  
20 from the most recent version approved by the Board  
21 to reflect the elimination of the in-person voting  
22 and also to reflect the motion from the July  
23 meeting to have an Election Committee.

24 Given what has happened today, with the



1 two rescinded motions and changes, this draft that  
2 we provided for you does not reflect those new  
3 motions so we would have to make some revisions to  
4 this.

5 One comment I would like to make, and  
6 this is really reflective of what Trustee Blair had  
7 said, was that if we were to have the full packet  
8 available to people picking up their petitions that  
9 would mean that the Board approved rules would need  
10 to be ready on August 20th.

11 So if we make the changes to the rules as  
12 has been approved by the Board, with the motions  
13 that were approved, then the September 3rd meeting  
14 would be after the beginning of that date so I just  
15 want to make sure that I laid that out.

16 TRUSTEE GOODE: I make a motion that we  
17 accept the Rules with today's motions and changes  
18 and that those changes would be sent out by email  
19 to us for review.

20 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Does that motion  
21 require to share with us for review or share it  
22 with us because you are not going to have an  
23 opportunity to approve it?

24 TRUSTEE GOODE: I am trying to make it

1 easy.

2 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: I don't think there is  
3 an easy way.

4 TRUSTEE GOODE: Changes with the comments  
5 and prepare for people to come pickup their packets  
6 to make it easier.

7 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Personally, if I was  
8 them, I would feel okay if you charge Gina with the  
9 responsibility of incorporating these changes with  
10 the assistance of the outside counsel.

11 Otherwise, you are disturbing the  
12 document with emails back and forth. If you are  
13 going to prepare a document, one person has to be  
14 responsible for it. This might sound like a good  
15 idea but this person already anticipated it so you  
16 shouldn't disturb it because you are going to foul  
17 it up, that is my experience.

18 TRUSTEE HUGHES: This is Trustee Hughes.  
19 Could the changes be reviewed by the subcommittee  
20 that was just appointed and approved by the  
21 subcommittee? Would that be acceptable by the  
22 other board members?

23 TRUSTEE GOODE: As long as there are no  
24 substantial changes.

1 TRUSTEE HUGHES: The changes we approved  
2 today.

3 MS. TUCZAK: There are changes in Trustee  
4 McFadden's comments earlier on the scope of what  
5 the IDA did. There are reassignment of many IDA's  
6 responsibilities.

7 I know on the original rules when we did  
8 a search on Independent Election Administrator, we  
9 got quite a few hits.

10 So there are some things in here that  
11 have been assigned to what was the Election  
12 Committee so there are some significant things.

13 That being said, Trustee Hughes, as you  
14 recommend, the subcommittee review might be a good  
15 one after staff has worked with fiduciary counsel  
16 to reflect all the references to correct the rules,  
17 based on the motions made today. I do think it is  
18 a valuable step that there be some input from the  
19 subcommittee, the ad hoc committee, on these  
20 changes because this is fairly significant.

21 PRESIDENT WILSON: Okay.

22 TRUSTEE GOODE: I withdraw my motion.

23 MS. BURNS: If I may, the motion would be  
24 to direct the process of revising the Election

1 Rules for the October, 2020 election to staff and  
2 fiduciary counsel with approval of the Election  
3 Committee so that the rules can be included in the  
4 packet picked up by potential candidates for  
5 office.

6 TRUSTEE BLAIR: I will move that.

7 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: I will second.

8 PRESIDENT WILSON: Moved and seconded.

9 Does anyone need to hear that again?

10 Roll call, please.

11 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Blair.

12 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Aye.

13 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Goode.

14 TRUSTEE GOODE: No.

15 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Hughes.

16 TRUSTEE HUGHES: Aye.

17 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Kouruklis.

18 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Aye.

19 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee McFadden.

20 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Aye.

21 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Nevius.

22 TRUSTEE NEVIUS: Aye.

23 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Ochalla.

24 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Present.

1 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Wilson.

2 PRESIDENT WILSON: Aye.

3 Thank you.

4 Gina, anything else on election that you  
5 want to share with us at this point?

6 MS. TUCZAK: That is it from my  
7 perspective. Thank you.

8 PRESIDENT WILSON: Okay. Let us go on to  
9 the benefit matter. Gina.

10 MS. TUCZAK: Yes. Behind Tab 4, there's  
11 a very brief memo about a member that was discussed  
12 at the last board meeting.

13 This member had applied for retirement  
14 and as you may recall that the member had over 29  
15 years of service. The member wanted to utilize the  
16 deferred compensation to purchase some sick time,  
17 that would make that service credit over 30 years.  
18 The Board discussed a few issues with this. The  
19 Board also requested that Fund staff go back to  
20 Nationwide and determine a few things on timing and  
21 the nature of the item that took ten days for the  
22 member to respond to. We did that and then that is  
23 documented in here.

24 I will let you know that yesterday I got

1 a letter from a Mr. Marconi, who is an attorney,  
2 and he actually wrote a letter to me sent via email  
3 and he indicated that they, Mr. Marconi and the  
4 member, are working to see if there is some success  
5 to move the member's separation date to May 9th,  
6 which would then qualify the payment that was  
7 received to be within 30 days.

8 So I wanted to let the Board know that we  
9 had done what was requested. This letter came in  
10 yesterday and I have talked to fiduciary counsel.  
11 Given that there is some possibility that they are  
12 working on the separation date, perhaps the matter  
13 should be deferred rather than making a final  
14 decision. If the Board makes a final decision  
15 today, then this member would only have 35 days  
16 from the date that the award letter is sent to file  
17 anything in Administrative Review and work through  
18 the legal system to challenge the benefit.

19 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: I move that it be  
20 deferred.

21 MS. BURNS: As to Trustee McFadden's  
22 motion, it is deferred at the request of an  
23 attorney who has identified himself as acting on  
24 behalf of the member.

1 TRUSTEE GOODE: The attorney is asking us  
2 to defer?

3 MS. BURNS: He didn't use those words,  
4 ma'am. What he did was he said that he wanted to  
5 have some time to be able to see if he can change  
6 this member's retirement date. My guess is this  
7 will be back to you in September.

8 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: I will second it.

9 PRESIDENT WILSON: Any discussion?

10 TRUSTEE BLAIR: I was out of the room.  
11 Is this in regard to --

12 MS. BURNS: Member 141197.

13 PRESIDENT WILSON: Okay. All in favor  
14 say "Aye".

15 (Chorus of ayes.)

16 PRESIDENT WILSON: Any opposed say "Nay".

17 (No nays.)

18 PRESIDENT WILSON: This matter is  
19 deferred. Thank you, very much.

20 Finance matters. Gina.

21 MS. TUCZAK: At the end of our audits of  
22 the Financial Statements of the Cook County Fund  
23 and the Forest Preserve Fund, the auditor has  
24 traditionally prepared some reporting that goes to

1 the employer.

2 The reporting, and I don't want to bore  
3 everybody with the accounting terms, there is some  
4 government accounting standards that require the  
5 employer to put some of the liabilities associated  
6 with the pension and healthcare obligations on the  
7 employer's Financial Statements.

8 So the auditors, Legacy, our auditors,  
9 prepared some reporting and that is provided to the  
10 County and the Forest Preserve to assist them in  
11 their financial reporting matters that they must  
12 complete.

13 So there are four reports. There is one  
14 for the Cook County pension obligations. There is  
15 one for the Cook County healthcare obligations.  
16 There is one for the Forest Preserve pension  
17 obligations and one for the Forest Preserve  
18 healthcare obligations.

19 The opinion letters are addressed to the  
20 Board of Trustees. The numbers in here either tie  
21 out to the actuary reports that we received or  
22 analysis that has been done by Legacy which is  
23 consistent with prior analysis and ultimately ties  
24 out to the numbers.



1           This is for your information and again  
2 since these are addressed to the Board of Trustees  
3 this is a receive and file type of matter.

4           PRESIDENT WILSON: So we don't need to go  
5 through these. We have talked about many of these  
6 before. Carry on.

7           MS. TUCZAK: If the Board is desirous of  
8 such a motion to receive and file so that they can  
9 be issued.

10          TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: I make the motion.

11          TRUSTEE BLAIR: Second.

12          MS. BURNS: Motion by McFadden. Seconded  
13 by Blair.

14          PRESIDENT WILSON: All in favor please  
15 say "aye".

16                   (Chorus of ayes.)

17          PRESIDENT WILSON: Any opposed?

18                   (No nays.)

19          PRESIDENT WILSON: The reports are  
20 received.

21          MS. TUCZAK: Thank you.

22                   The next item on the agenda is the bound  
23 Financial Statements and the bound actuary reports.

24                   You may recall from the June meeting,

1       which I know was a long one, the audio conference,  
2       I had a request -- I know Trustee Nevius asked if  
3       we were going to get bound copies so we have those  
4       for you and they are on the back ledge there. The  
5       Financial Statements for Cook County and the Forest  
6       Preserve and various actuary reports.

7                Help yourselves to them. I wanted to  
8       make sure that you know they are available for you  
9       now.

10               PRESIDENT WILSON: Thank you.

11               The Administrative Matters. Stimulus.

12               MS. TUCZAK: Thank you. I will start and  
13       then I am going to turn it over to Burke, Burns and  
14       Pinelli.

15               There has been some interest from some of  
16       the Trustees whether or not the Fund would qualify  
17       to apply for some Federal stimulus funds under the  
18       Payroll Protection Program.

19               I had requested that fiduciary counsel  
20       assist with this evaluation and they have done a  
21       lot of hard work on this matter and I wanted to  
22       turn that over to them so they can discuss all  
23       their efforts to assist with this process.

24               MS. BOECKMAN: Thank you, Gina.

1           As Gina mentioned, Gina reached out to us  
2 last week to review whether or not the Fund was  
3 eligible to receive a loan under the PPP program.

4           We reviewed the CARES Act. We reviewed  
5 interim rules filed with the Federal Register by  
6 the SBA. We also contacted the SBA on numerous  
7 occasions. We unfortunately were unable to get  
8 anyone there to provide a definitive answer.

9           But what we did, we reviewed everything  
10 that the SBA has promulgated relating to this  
11 program and we made a good faith determination the  
12 Fund could qualify or could be eligible for this  
13 PPP loan.

14           Again, it is a "good faith determination"  
15 and there are various factors that they ask you to  
16 look at.

17           There are also factors on the other side  
18 as to why we would not potentially qualify for this  
19 loan program.

20           Yesterday, we had a phone call with  
21 Wintrust, which is the lender that the Fund  
22 identified that we would go through to apply for  
23 this loan. We spoke with counsel for Wintrust who  
24 has concerns about our eligibility to apply for the

1 loan. He understood our determination and he  
2 recognized and admitted on the phone that it was a  
3 good faith basis and we had a good faith  
4 determination for proceeding. But Wintrust was  
5 uncomfortable frankly due to the fact that they  
6 thought there was potentially too much of control  
7 from a government entity and government entities  
8 are prohibited for applying for this loan. And  
9 then they also had a concern you have to make a  
10 representation that the Fund would be unable to  
11 continue its operations without the support of this  
12 loan. And Wintrust had a concern about whether or  
13 not the Fund would be able to meet that standard.

14 Again, they agreed that the Fund had a  
15 good faith basis, a good faith determination, but  
16 they were unwilling at the end of the day to  
17 process the loan for the Fund.

18 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Do other pension  
19 funds -- do you know if they qualified and received  
20 funding?

21 MS. BOECKMAN: Good question. So we  
22 looked into that. There are other defined benefit  
23 pension funds who have received funding under this  
24 program, no public plans, however. That is

1 something that Wintrust noted in our phone call  
2 yesterday. They recognize there were these other  
3 plans that are frequently associated with church  
4 organizations. So we were able to find a couple of  
5 those that did get loans.

6 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Did we make application  
7 for this?

8 MS. BOECKMAN: We did not, no. That was  
9 on the agenda today.

10 MS. BURNS: What the law allows and the  
11 way the program is setup is for small businesses  
12 with less than 500 employees or tax exempt  
13 organizations.

14 Those tax exempt organizations can be  
15 501(c)3, veterans organizations, I think a tribal  
16 council or tribal organization, or "any other" tax  
17 exempt organization.

18 We kind of fit within that "any other"  
19 business exemption. We thought maybe we could fit  
20 into that bucket but the bank was uncomfortable  
21 because we have a governmental connection that is  
22 stronger than the Catholic churches connections or  
23 any churches connection to a governmental body.

24 We are at the point where we tried to

1 obtain the loan. You, as fiduciaries, as you know  
2 have to try to secure funding, and you and your  
3 staff certainly have tried. Your staff did  
4 everything they could. Caroline worked very hard.  
5 The Executive Director got the application ready.  
6 They provided all the information to the bank.  
7 They had us look at it as lawyers to give you  
8 comfort.

9           Ultimately, Wintrust, which is very  
10 active in this market, looked at it and said we  
11 won't process your application.

12           There is not much more the Fund can do.  
13 The deadline I believe is August 8th so we just  
14 wanted to report back to you we are putting a memo  
15 into the Fund's files that outlines everything we  
16 did, the basis of our good faith determination at  
17 staff's direction to look into this, and that  
18 ultimately the bank made the decision not to  
19 process the application.

20           Unless you had questions, we just wanted  
21 to update you on this matter. We didn't learn from  
22 the bank until last night at 7:30 or so, and that  
23 is why the matter is still on the agenda. Gina  
24 wanted to be prepared to file if the bank would be

1 willing to process the application.

2 I don't know how much we were looking  
3 for. Maybe about half a million.

4 MS. TUCZAK: Based on the calculations  
5 573 thousand.

6 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: If one of our members  
7 approached me on the street and says, you know, I  
8 see that the Catholic church got 5 million. What  
9 are you guys doing? I will tell them that we have  
10 investigated it and it wasn't going to workout.

11 MS. BURNS: Yes, sir.

12 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Otherwise you would be  
13 accused of leaving \$500,000 on the table, without  
14 even entertaining whether or not you are entitled  
15 to it.

16 MS. BURNS: We did get it in writing from  
17 the bank that they would not process our  
18 application. The banker was kind enough to put  
19 that in writing. To Trustee McFadden's point, you  
20 are well-documented.

21 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Is there another bank  
22 that could process it?

23 MS. TUCZAK: I had reached out to another  
24 one of our banks Amalgamated. They had indicated,

1 this was awhile back, because we're not a 501(c)3  
2 -- they asked are we a 501(c)3 and we are not.

3 Wintrust I had heard good things in terms  
4 of their processing of these. Certainly their  
5 support of Chicago enterprises. They were not the  
6 only ones. I also reached out to your custodian,  
7 BNY Mellon, and they said we don't process these.

8 PRESIDENT WILSON: Okay. Any other  
9 discussion?

10 Thank you for the efforts and attempt.

11 Carry on.

12 MS. TUCZAK: On to 6.B, this is a  
13 contract matter.

14 As you may recall at the May meeting, I  
15 talked to the Trustees about the disaster recovery  
16 services and managed backup that has been provided  
17 with an agreement with CDW-G. I had indicated at  
18 the time that they have a business partner, All  
19 Information Services, that really does all the  
20 work, that they basically outsource to AIS.

21 I had asked for approval for a one year  
22 renewal of the arrangement. The Board did provide  
23 that. As we were finalizing all of the  
24 information, it became clear to us that CDW-G is



1 not interested in being involved in the arrangement  
2 anymore and they have indicated that AIS, All  
3 Information Services, should just negotiate this  
4 directly with us.

5 I wanted to report that back to you  
6 because the motion at the time was to allow this  
7 extension agreement with CDW-G and now I know that  
8 that's not possible. The agreement needs to be  
9 with AIS. AIS has been providing these services  
10 through May and they continue to do so. The fees  
11 are identical to what was already discussed.  
12 Fiduciary counsel has been looking at the  
13 arrangement but I just wanted to get the approval  
14 to have this agreement done with AIS.

15 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Has AIS executed an  
16 offer for you?

17 MS. TUCZAK: Yes.

18 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Move approval.

19 MS. TUCZAK: They have provided an offer.  
20 They haven't signed it.

21 MS. BURNS: I have a few comments I want  
22 to make. They have given Gina a Change Order but  
23 they reference some block billing concept that I  
24 don't like for public pension funds so I am going

1 to suggest we reword that provision. Same result  
2 but I don't like the idea that they could charge  
3 you a hour and 50 when they only work a hour.

4 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Having been in the  
5 procurement business, when I said a few minutes ago  
6 the two-step where the Board would authorize Gina  
7 to enter in an arrangement with Walsh, and then  
8 bring us back what essentially is their written  
9 offer signed and sealed, the only thing left to do  
10 is for us to accept it. That gets rid of the  
11 hiccups of someone between now and then saying, gee  
12 whiz, I am not going to agree to this.

13 Now in this case, it is kind of two-step.  
14 She is changing horses but still isn't finished  
15 with it until they come to some agreement, which  
16 possibly could never happen.

17 So I would think you would want to come  
18 back to us and say I want authorization to execute  
19 this contract on behalf of the Fund. That is  
20 another level of bureaucracy, but we have gotten  
21 stuck in between on occasions and it certainly  
22 hurts your ability to negotiate with someone. So  
23 that is for what it is worth.

24 PRESIDENT WILSON: Are you looking for an

1 action? You need to negotiate more based on input  
2 from fiduciary counsel? What would you like at  
3 this point?

4 MS. TUCZAK: What I originally wanted was  
5 the Board's approval to go ahead and complete this  
6 arrangement subject to fiduciary counsel's review  
7 and sign-off but if the Board would prefer that --

8 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Stop. Are you okay  
9 with that?

10 MS. BURNS: I'm okay with this action  
11 because the term is set, the price is set, and the  
12 scope of services are set so I think this Board can  
13 approve it consistent with its fiduciary duties.  
14 We are advising you that there are some  
15 non-substantive language problems.

16 What Gina wants is a motion authorizing  
17 the Fund to engage AIS to perform these services  
18 from May 4, 2020 to May 4, 2021, for a one-year  
19 term in other words, at a monthly cost not to  
20 exceed \$3,095 per month, subject to such further  
21 changes non-substantive that I make to the  
22 document.

23 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: The dollar amounts  
24 are the same to what we were paying before, am I

1 correct?

2 MS. BURNS: Yes.

3 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Move approval.

4 TRUSTEE GOODE: I will second it.

5 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: When she came into us  
6 in May or June, she wanted to extend the contract  
7 with CDW and then the paperwork turns up and CDW  
8 doesn't want any longer to have us funnel in the  
9 money to them to go to this service so that kind of  
10 throws everything out of whack.

11 PRESIDENT WILSON: Roll call, please.

12 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Blair.

13 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Aye.

14 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Goode.

15 TRUSTEE GOODE: Aye.

16 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Hughes.

17 TRUSTEE HUGHES: Aye.

18 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Kouruklis.

19 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Aye.

20 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee McFadden.

21 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Aye.

22 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Nevius.

23 TRUSTEE NEVIUS: Aye.

24 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Ochalla.

1 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Aye.

2 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Wilson.

3 PRESIDENT WILSON: Aye.

4 Thank you.

5 Executive Director's Report.

6 MS. TUCZAK: A couple of things on this.

7 With respect to the Covid situation, we continue to  
8 operate as articulated at the July meeting with  
9 staff divided into three groups. With one group  
10 being in the office and two groups staying remote  
11 and then the rotation the next week with a new  
12 group coming in and two groups remote. We continue  
13 to have about five management employees, including  
14 myself, that are here every day every week. That  
15 has worked well, I would like to continue that  
16 until Labor Day.

17 If it is safe to do so and if there is an  
18 increase in member requests, what I am considering  
19 would be to go to two groups. Where you have half  
20 on, half off.

21 I think we can continue this plan until  
22 Labor Day, which would take me to the next board  
23 meeting. If circumstances change and there is a  
24 need to have more staff present to handle increased

1 volume, then I would change it to two groups, which  
2 is what I am looking to do after Labor Day but if  
3 necessary we would have that occur earlier.

4 PRESIDENT WILSON: Okay.

5 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: I have a question.  
6 The in-person, obviously, you don't have people  
7 coming in on a regular basis to meet the staff.

8 MS. TUCZAK: That's correct.

9 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Did you have staff  
10 dedicated just for that purpose prior to Covid?  
11 If you did, what are they doing today?

12 MS. TUCZAK: We did not have staff whose  
13 only job was to meet with members. They had other  
14 responsibilities associated with processing their  
15 request.

16 The member communication does continue  
17 via phone where members call in and the staff  
18 whether they are in the office or remote calls the  
19 member back and continues that communication in  
20 that manner.

21 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Thank you.

22 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: I have heard a lot of  
23 the people say don't plan on coming back to work  
24 until January. Another firm that said don't plan

1 on coming back to work until there is a vaccine.

2 So, obviously, on your way home, these  
3 kind of things occur to you and you don't want to  
4 have them come back here until something feels  
5 right.

6 MS. TUCZAK: Yes. I certainly want to  
7 insure the safety of the staff, which is why I  
8 adopted this program. But because so many of our  
9 procedures, and frankly the member preference,  
10 still require documents that are being mailed in,  
11 faxed in. It is amazing how many FedEx packages we  
12 get. It is critical that there be some staff at  
13 the office to receive these documents and process  
14 them in an expeditious manner.

15 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: There is like two  
16 coffee rooms like up there it seems like. Could  
17 you dedicate a room to some kind of an infrared  
18 blue light to do the mail on its way in, that is  
19 just off the top of my head. But I think like  
20 planes are doing and that is a thought. Sorry.

21 MS. TUCZAK: I'd have to see what that  
22 would entail.

23 It's also very helpful to actually be  
24 able to call members back from the phone in the

1 office where they see the Cook County number.

2 We do have some staff, mostly the  
3 directors, that have Fund issued cellphones but  
4 those numbers aren't recognized so there is a  
5 benefit to having staff in the office returning  
6 calls.

7 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: I don't know if this is  
8 under new business. I will bring it up now. We  
9 had in the past at this time of the year started  
10 holding sessions about when to retire. We had  
11 conferences on that where staff was available  
12 in-person. Could we look at possibly doing that  
13 remotely through virtual seminars?

14 MS. TUCZAK: I can look into that. I  
15 think the concern with that is that somebody who is  
16 really considering needs to actually call and we  
17 can walk through very specifically with a counselor  
18 how many years of service you have, what are you  
19 looking at in terms of this date or this date.  
20 Having a virtual platform people are kind of tuned  
21 in but not really tuned in and not paying attention  
22 like they should be.

23 But I can look into that. It's just the  
24 regulation of that and the information that is



1 said, how it is presented once it is recorded and  
2 available. You have to be careful with that. All  
3 that would have to be considered.

4 Should I continue?

5 PRESIDENT WILSON: Yes, please.

6 MS. TUCZAK: This is just to report the  
7 25 million from Cook County for July was received  
8 on time, which is great.

9 The next item is the Pension Committee of  
10 the Cook Pension Fund and the Forest Preserve  
11 Pension Fund, that meeting with the Cook County  
12 Commissioners was held last Tuesday, July 28th.  
13 The 2019 financial results were presented to the  
14 Committee, which now includes not just Cook, but  
15 also Forest.

16 The meeting was conducted virtually so I  
17 was on Teams and all the commissioners were on like  
18 that. There were a couple of questions from  
19 Commissioner Gainor and a few other commissioners  
20 with respect to alternative plans for the  
21 investment portfolio, requests of the details of  
22 the private equity portfolio, breakdown of the  
23 minority ownership of some of the managers and then  
24 some requests on further revisions to the

1 investment results.

2 Callan is working on a responsive memo or  
3 letter that we were going to provide at the August  
4 Investment Committee meeting for that committee to  
5 take a look at the proposed responses.

6 PRESIDENT WILSON: Okay. Keep going.

7 MS. TUCZAK: I just wanted to thank --  
8 there were a couple of trustees that were available  
9 and willing to be on this. Trustee Blair was on  
10 that call and Trustee Kouruklis was listening in  
11 and Trustee Wilson was as well and I just  
12 appreciated that support.

13 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: I thought you did a  
14 good job. I thought some of the questions that  
15 came through were somewhat repetitive and it is a  
16 learning process I think for everyone because  
17 everybody just wants to know the facts.

18 You can't put everything into one  
19 document and I understand that. But from that  
20 group, which seems to be obviously more engaged in  
21 knowing how this Fund works, the budgetary items  
22 surrounding our Fund, the revenue that comes in, I  
23 should say really goes out, payments that go out,  
24 our investment side. I would like to have a report

1 that encompasses a lot of what was discussed at the  
2 last meeting with the County's Pension Committee  
3 and make it a standard report. I don't know if you  
4 can do it quarterly. This way anyone who meets  
5 with the Pension Fund or with you doesn't have to  
6 go through the process of learning what our  
7 investment return was last year or what is our plan  
8 for the next ten years or are we in for the long  
9 haul or what is Callan doing.

10 Some of the highlights that we kind of go  
11 over and some of the highlights we have available  
12 to us in putting together a report, especially for  
13 the County.

14 I think you're doing a great job, I  
15 really do. I know a lot of people here feel the  
16 same way. You have a great staff to support you  
17 and, of course, our consultants that help us.

18 We have so much available at our  
19 fingertips in putting all this together. I know it  
20 would be difficult the first time but once you have  
21 it then it would be just updating and updating.

22 I take this from a lot of what we do at  
23 the Treasurer's office. I think I bring this up a  
24 lot on different matters. We have what is called a

1 State of the Office Report. It is really a  
2 standard report we do every year available on the  
3 website. We also provide hard copies to all  
4 commissioners. We promote that a lot. We update  
5 that a lot. I know we do a yearly report but  
6 because we have --

7 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Can you share one of  
8 those with us?

9 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Absolutely. I will  
10 bring it.

11 When Gina first started here, we sat  
12 through the report itself. I was trying to provide  
13 some recommendations as to how to present things.

14 And, again, I thought the questions were  
15 great and important that you were getting. I think  
16 you were prepared for most of them but I would like  
17 to be as a whole even more prepared with the  
18 answers immediately especially when it comes to the  
19 investment side. And I know you called on Fernando  
20 once, which was helpful, but that is it. The  
21 document really helps support that. It is a  
22 quarterly report that happens, if the Fund agrees.  
23 I am not trying to put more work on the group but  
24 once you do it it's just the updating. Thank you.

1 PRESIDENT WILSON: Okay.

2 TRUSTEE HUGHES: This is Trustee Hughes.  
3 I wanted to mention I also listened in on the call.  
4 I thought Gina did a great job. I had to get off  
5 at one o'clock because I had a conflict at that  
6 time.

7 I just wanted to mention that the Forest  
8 Preserve did have a member of our advisory council  
9 also address the Pension Committee pointing out  
10 that the Forest Preserve does not currently  
11 participate in the IGA that the County has with the  
12 Pension Fund and requesting financial assistance  
13 from the County.

14 I am not sure how well that went over to  
15 the Commissioners but we did have one of our  
16 advocates address the Board at that meeting. I  
17 thought it important I mention this with the  
18 Trustees here.

19 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Trustee Hughes, that  
20 is a good point. That is another item that I think  
21 not all County Commissioners knew that we had  
22 legislation that included the Forest Preserve and  
23 there are actions being taken to try to get things  
24 improved. And, obviously, this group feels

1 strongly about that issue and whenever there are  
2 questions it is nice to see in a report the actions  
3 that we are and have taken and continue to take to  
4 fund the Fund and improve technology and report on  
5 your investments, et cetera.

6 MS. TUCZAK: Thank you, Trustee Hughes, I  
7 neglected to mention him as another trustee on the  
8 call. I appreciate his support. Thank you to all  
9 of you.

10 The next item is with respect to Mr.  
11 Rizki's presentation to the Pension Fund. As we  
12 talked about in the July meeting, Mr. Rizki sent a  
13 letter to the Board in March. He asked to attend a  
14 board meeting and present some information and  
15 introduce himself to the Trustees. The Board  
16 agreed to do that.

17 Then the pandemic hit and all the  
18 meetings were audio, with essential matters only.  
19 Now that we are back in person, the Board offered  
20 an invitation to him to come to this meeting and I  
21 extended that to him. He again came back to me and  
22 he was working on some revenue information and he  
23 needed a little bit more time. He didn't want to  
24 come here and not have a complete presentation and

1 then have to come back. He asked if he could  
2 attend the September meeting and make his  
3 introduction and presentation.

4 PRESIDENT WILSON: Okay.

5 MS. TUCZAK: The next item on my report  
6 is just that we have two committee meetings this  
7 month. We have a Health Benefits Committee meeting  
8 on August 18th and then we have an Investment  
9 Committee meeting on August 26th.

10 The meetings are not on the same day.  
11 They are both scheduled to be potentially longer  
12 meetings. The Health Benefits Committee will be  
13 setting rates for next year and the Investment  
14 Committee will have a significant component of the  
15 meeting being the interviews of the finalists for  
16 the investment consultants. So I wanted to get  
17 that on your calendars and let you know that.

18 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: The same three names  
19 we heard before?

20 MS. TUCZAK: We can talk about that in  
21 executive session, if that is okay.

22 PRESIDENT WILSON: It is a proposal so we  
23 need to talk about that in executive session.

24 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Okay. Sorry.

1 MS. TUCZAK: No problem.

2 That concludes my Executive Director  
3 report.

4 PRESIDENT WILSON: Thank you. Next  
5 order.

6 MS. TUCZAK: There was a request at the  
7 last board meeting that something be done with  
8 respect to the passing of Mr. Molaro.

9 A resolution that you see before you, Tab  
10 7d, has been prepared and I do have an original  
11 signature, if the Trustees are so inclined.

12 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Motion.

13 MS. BURNS: Motion by Ochalla to adopt  
14 the resolution.

15 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Second.

16 PRESIDENT WILSON: Okay. Roll call,  
17 please.

18 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Blair.

19 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Aye.

20 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Goode.

21 TRUSTEE GOODE: Aye.

22 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Hughes.

23 TRUSTEE HUGHES: Aye.

24 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Kouruklis.



1 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Aye.

2 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee McFadden.

3 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Aye.

4 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Nevius.

5 TRUSTEE NEVIUS: Aye.

6 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Ochalla.

7 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Aye.

8 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Wilson.

9 PRESIDENT WILSON: Aye.

10 Thank you, very much.

11 Next item Review and Consideration and  
12 Request for Proposal for emerging international  
13 equity manager.

14 MS. TUCZAK: So if the Board is willing,  
15 I recommend that we go into an executive session to  
16 discuss this matter as it involves the purchase and  
17 sale of securities.

18 PRESIDENT WILSON: May I have a motion to  
19 go into closed session pursuant to Section 2(c)7 of  
20 the Open Meetings Act to discuss an investment  
21 contract?

22 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Moved.

23 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Second.

24 PRESIDENT WILSON: Roll call, please.

1 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Blair.  
2 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Aye.  
3 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Goode.  
4 TRUSTEE GOODE: Aye.  
5 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Hughes.  
6 TRUSTEE HUGHES: Aye.  
7 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Kouruklis.  
8 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Aye.  
9 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee McFadden.  
10 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Aye.  
11 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Nevius.  
12 TRUSTEE NEVIUS: Aye.  
13 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Ochalla.  
14 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Aye.  
15 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Wilson.  
16 PRESIDENT WILSON: Aye.  
17 Thank you.  
18 MS. TUCZAK: We will now be going into  
19 executive session.  
20 (Whereupon, the Board went into  
21 executive session off the record.  
22 No action was taken in Executive  
23 Session.)  
24 Back in open session.

1 MS. BURNS: Just so the record is clear,  
2 Trustee Goode is in the chair and she will  
3 entertain a motion.

4 TRUSTEE GOODE: Can I have a motion to  
5 authorize the recommendations from Callan  
6 Associates, the Fund investment consultant, and the  
7 Fund's staff request for a proposal to search for  
8 an emerging international equity manager.

9 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: I so move.

10 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Second.

11 TRUSTEE GOODE: Roll call, please.

12 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Blair.

13 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Aye.

14 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Goode.

15 TRUSTEE GOODE: Aye.

16 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Hughes.

17 TRUSTEE HUGHES: Aye.

18 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Kouruklis.

19 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Aye.

20 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Ochalla.

21 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Aye.

22 TRUSTEE GOODE: Thank you. Motion  
23 passes.

24 Any old business? Any new business?

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Can I have a motion to adjourn?

TRUSTEE BLAIR: Motion to adjourn.

TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Second.

TRUSTEE GOODE: All in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

TRUSTEE GOODE: Motion passes. Thank  
you, everybody.

MS. TUCZAK: That concludes the meeting  
of August 6, 2020.

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