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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 1925, in the
City of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois,
on Wednesday, July 9, 2020, commencing at the hour
of 9:30 a.m.

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APPEARANCES

BOARD MEMBERS:

JOHN BLAIR
DIAHANN GOODE
STEPHEN HUGHES
BILL KOURUKLIS
PATRICK MCFADDEN
JOSEPH NEVIUS
KEVIN OCHALLA
LAWRENCE WILSON

ATTORNEY FOR THE BOARD:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

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

GARY RYCYZYN, Timothy Walsh & Associates
NOUREEN HASHIM, Office of Commissioner Gainer
GAR CHUNG, Financial Investment News

1 CHAIRMAN WILSON: I hereby convene this
2 meeting of the Cook County and Forest Preserve
3 District Annuity and Benefit Fund Board of Trustees
4 for Thursday, July 9, 2020.

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

13 Because of the uncertainty surrounding
14 the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board is going to adhere
15 to the guidance provided by the Governor's June 26,
16 2020 Disaster Proclamation, the Governor's
17 Executive Order Number 42, as well as the
18 provisions of Public Act 101-0640 recently signed
19 into law.

20 Thus, for today's meeting, the public has
21 received notice allowing the public to participate
22 by video conference or to be physically present at
23 the meeting. In addition, the Fund is recording
24 this meeting and a transcript of the proceedings

1 will, after future approval by the Board, be made
2 available on the Fund's website.

3 Peggy, please call the roll.

4 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustees Blair.

5 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Here.

6 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Goode.

7 TRUSTEE GOODE: Here.

8 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Hughes.

9 TRUSTEE HUGHES: Present

10 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Kouruklis.

11 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Here.

12 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee McFadden.

13 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Here.

14 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Nevius.

15 TRUSTEE NEVIUS: Here.

16 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Ochalla.

17 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Here.

18 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Wilson.

19 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Here.

20 We have a quorum for today's meeting.

21 May I have motion pursuant to Section
22 7(a) of the Open Meetings Act to allow trustees not
23 able to be physically present to participate by
24 video and/or audio conference?

1 TRUSTEE GOODE: Motion.

2 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Any discussion?

4 All in favor say "Aye".

5 (Chorus of ayes.)

6 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Opposed say "Nay".

7 (No nays.)

8 CHAIRMAN WILSON: That motion passes.

9 Consistent with Public Act 91-0715 and
10 reasonable constraints determined by the Board of
11 Trustees, at each meeting of the Board, members of
12 the public may request a brief time to address the
13 Board on relevant matters within its jurisdiction.

14 Are there any requests for public comment
15 today? If any member of the public wants to speak,
16 please identify yourself for the record.

17 Hearing none, thank you.

18 I will now entertain a motion to approve
19 the minutes of the June 4, 2020 board meeting as
20 well as the June 4, 2020 open meeting transcript.

21 TRUSTEE HUGHES: Move approval.

22 TRUSTEE NEVIUS: Second.

23 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Any discussion?

24 All in favor say "Aye".

1 (Chorus of ayes.)

2 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Opposed say "Nay".

3 (No nays.)

4 CHAIRMAN WILSON: The minutes of the June
5 4, 2020 and the transcript for that same meeting
6 have been approved.

7 For the record, the June 4, 2020
8 transcript will be made available on the Fund's
9 website consistent with the provisions of the
10 Executive Orders entered by the Governor.

11 Next item is Review and Consideration of
12 Bills and Payroll Records. And, again, I would
13 like a motion to approve both those that have been
14 paid and those that are being presented for
15 approval.

16 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: I make a motion.

17 TRUSTEE GOODE: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Any discussion?

19 Roll call, please.

20 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Blair.

21 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Aye.

22 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Goode.

23 TRUSTEE GOODE: Aye.

24 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Hughes.

1 TRUSTEE HUGHES: Aye.

2 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: I am going to pass on
3 that. Unfortunately, I wasn't listening, unless
4 you want to repeat it.

5 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: It is the bills.

6 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: I will vote present.

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: Yes.

13 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Wilson.

14 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Aye.

15 Thank you. The bills and payroll records
16 have been approved.

17 May I have a motion to approve all
18 annuities, spouse and child annuities, and refunds?

19 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Move approval.

20 TRUSTEE GOODE: Trustee Goode seconds.

21 MS. TUCZAK: You will notice that in the
22 annuities, the third to last page, there is a
23 member identified by 141197 stated on here. This
24 is the third to the last page of this 2B section.

1 It is the minimum amount for this member.
2 We know that this amount is payable to the member.
3 There is something that we would like to discuss
4 later with respect to his benefits and the member's
5 time served.

6 This benefit reflects achieving a 29 plus
7 service versus a 30 year service credit. This
8 amount is definitely owed to him. I wanted to
9 bring that to your attention, but we would like to
10 discuss later in the meeting an issue that has
11 developed with respect to an additional service
12 credit for purchase of sick time.

13 It says Page 1 of 1 but it is the third
14 to the last page on 2B.

15 MS. BURNS: From a legal perspective, the
16 bottom line is you are approving this annuity for
17 this member but it really won't be final at this
18 time. It will be just get the member the lowest
19 benefit amount he would be entitled to, in case you
20 change your mind after hearing his request.

21 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: So he gets the 29?

22 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Pending followup.

23 MS. BURNS: Well said, exactly. We are
24 doing it because it is in the best interest of the

1 member.

2 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Any questions on that
3 motion or explanation?

4 May I have a roll call, please?

5 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Blair.

6 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Yes.

7 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Goode.

8 TRUSTEE GOODE: Yes.

9 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Hughes.

10 TRUSTEE HUGHES: Yes.

11 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Kouruklis.

12 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Yes.

13 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee McFadden.

14 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Yes.

15 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Nevius.

16 TRUSTEE NEVIUS: Yes.

17 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Ochalla.

18 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Yes.

19 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Wilson.

20 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Aye.

21 Thank you.

22 The annuities, spouse and child annuities
23 and refunds have been approved.

24 The next item is ordinary and duty

1 disabilities. May I have a motion to approve,
2 please?

3 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Move approval.

4 TRUSTEE GOODE: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN WILSON: It's been moved and
6 seconded. Is there any discussion on the motion?

7 Please call the roll, Peggy.

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 McFadden.

17 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Aye.

18 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Nevius.

19 TRUSTEE NEVIUS: Aye.

20 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Ochalla.

21 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Aye.

22 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Wilson.

23 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Aye.

24 Thank you.

1 The ordinary and duty disabilities have
2 been approved.

3 Next item is Review and Consideration of
4 Election Matters. I will ask Gina to present the
5 next two matters relating to the Board election
6 process for 2020. Gina.

7 MS. TUCZAK: Thank you. Behind Tab 3, I
8 have put together a presentation that summarizes
9 the issues and the options to be considered today.
10 So if you would follow along with me, and I realize
11 after I put this together, the page numbers on the
12 bottom are missing.

13 If you go to the first page behind the
14 cover, it says Election Format Past Years. So this
15 first page just provides a summary of how our
16 elections are conducted for those that may need a
17 refresher on that.

18 But in essence, we have had a process
19 where all members eligible to cast a vote receive a
20 Notice of Election and an application for a ballot.
21 If they complete the application for a ballot and
22 send it in, they return it and receive a ballot
23 that they can cast.

24 On the day of the election, in addition

1 to tabulating all of the written ballots that were
2 cast, we have allowed in-person voting, which has
3 taken place on the eighth floor of the County
4 Building. With various personnel from our election
5 consultant present to check people in, verify that
6 they did not already cast a ballot and then they go
7 to a voting booth and they mark their ballot and
8 those ballots are tabulated with all the mail in
9 ballots.

10 If you go to the next page, Election
11 Vendors. We have two vendors that have
12 traditionally helped us with the election. The
13 first is Tim Walsh and Associates. He's an
14 election consultant.

15 You can see on here all of the things he
16 does. He prints the forms, he mails the Cook
17 County or Forest Preserve agencies the Notice of
18 Election. He mails all the participants the
19 application for the ballot. He picks up the
20 applications. He picks up the ballots. He gives
21 us a daily reporting of the members that have
22 turned these in.

23 On the date of the election, he provides
24 all the equipment and the personnel for the

1 in person voting and then the tabulation of the
2 results, including the mail in ballots.

3 We have also have Mr. Joe Griseta, an
4 Independent Election Administrator. His
5 responsibilities are also summarized here.

6 He provides services in accordance with
7 the rules. He assures that the election is
8 performed in accordance with the rules. If there
9 are any disputes that develop during the process,
10 he resolves those disputes and then he reports back
11 to the Board the election results.

12 He is on-hand several times throughout
13 the process. For example, the day of the petition
14 drop off, the first day, he would be on hand to see
15 that process. He is on-hand during the in-person
16 voting, that is just a summary of what he has done
17 in past elections.

18 If we turn to the next page, that page
19 says Election Costs and Statistics. In case you
20 are wondering how much we pay these vendors, I just
21 picked the last three years to put on here and it
22 outlines how much has been paid to these vendors in
23 each of the last three years.

24 And then the next page, Election Costs

1 and Statistics, just to kind of give you a
2 prospective of what type of participation we have
3 had. So in the each of the last three years, we
4 had one Trustee position that had at least two
5 candidates. It happened to be a position for a
6 Cook County Active Employee Member position.

7 So you will see the participation of the
8 mail-in ballots where the member filled out the
9 application and then a ballot came back and they
10 completed the ballot versus those that actually
11 went to the eighth floor on election day to cast
12 their ballot in that manner.

13 Moving on to the 2020 election
14 consideration, which is the next slide. With the
15 current conditions, last month I discussed with
16 you, in my Executive Director Report, the
17 recommendation to eliminate the in-person voting
18 for the 2020 election. We had a little bit of
19 discussion about that, but the Trustees requested
20 that options be presented to the Trustees with some
21 written material so that there could be more of an
22 in-depth review of the options.

23 So per that request, staff held a series
24 of conference calls with the election vendors,

1 which is primarily Tim Walsh and Gary Rycyzyn who
2 works very closely with him. We had Joe Griseta
3 initially but as you know he resigned.

4 We put together four options for
5 consideration. The first option is that we don't
6 change anything. We continue the process that we
7 have in place. I will go into a little bit of
8 detail on that, on each of these.

9 The second option is that we vote. We
10 setup the election so that members vote by mail by
11 application. In other words, everything would be
12 the same as before but we eliminate the in-person
13 option.

14 The third option is that we vote by mail
15 but every member receives a ballot just from the
16 get-go. There is no application. They just mail
17 in the ballot.

18 The fourth option is voting by mail by
19 application. Meaning that we send the Notice of
20 Election and the application and if a member turns
21 that in they would receive a written ballot and an
22 internet telephonic credential that they can use to
23 vote via the internet or on the telephone.

24 If that is okay, I will proceed to the

1 options.

2 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Yes, please.

3 MS. TUCZAK: If we move to Option 1,
4 which is to continue the process without change.
5 In other words, we continue to mail everybody a
6 Notice of Election and an application and all
7 members eligible to vote would complete their
8 application and also have the in-person option on
9 day of election.

10 So there is a positive considerations.
11 There would be no change. Consistent with prior
12 year. Member communications would be the same.
13 And it provides an option for those members who
14 don't get the mail-in in a timely manner.

15 In other words, we always have calls a
16 few days before the election. I never got a
17 ballot. What can I do? There has always been this
18 option to go vote in-person.

19 As far as the negative considerations
20 associated with this option, we certainly have some
21 safety concerns with respect to the social
22 distancing and the current State of Illinois
23 guidelines.

24 So, for example, today, if this election

1 was today, if it was today and nothing has changed,
2 the elevator capacity in the County Building to the
3 eighth floor is limited to two people.

4 We would have to make sure that there
5 would be crowd control on the first floor waiting
6 to get members up in the elevator.

7 Those that are actually voting in-person,
8 the booth that they use would have to be sanitized.
9 Any other shared equipment would have to be
10 sanitized.

11 We would need the election workers and
12 all of those members that are arriving for this
13 procedure to wear masks.

14 Moving on to the next page, Option 1
15 continued, we probably need to buy extra materials.
16 We have to have plastic safety shields for the
17 voting check-in and sanitizing the materials and
18 any other I'll call it PPE for those that are
19 working the election and for those that are coming
20 in to cast their ballot.

21 The next thing to consider is that if
22 everything stays the same, those are the procedures
23 that we know we would have to undertake.

24 If there is a change and that change is

1 not a favorable one. In other words, let's say
2 that the restrictions that we are living under in
3 Phase 4 are tightened and we are no longer allowed
4 to have public access to that building or the
5 number of people in a room is limited even more, we
6 would have to make an immediate change and notify
7 all of the members that the in-person voting is no
8 longer an option. Because those people that have
9 received the original notice and think, oh, I will
10 just wait until the day of the election and I will
11 go vote. Now they need to be notified they can't
12 do that.

13 A couple of last thoughts here is that
14 there have been, you have may have heard in the
15 media, some of the in-person elections that were
16 done mid-March did have some issues where workers
17 tested positive for the virus.

18 If we were to have that situation, we'd
19 have to consider whether all those members that
20 came in and cast their vote would be notified of
21 that matter.

22 And the last item is that currently,
23 again things could change for the better, but the
24 election consultant is not supporting onsite

1 voting. I have asked him when would that change
2 and he said it is really going to depend on the
3 state guidelines. So that kind of summarizes the
4 first option.

5 Moving on to the second option, Option 2,
6 vote by mail by application. Again, these
7 procedures would be identical to what we have done
8 in the past but just eliminating the in-person
9 voting.

10 A couple of positive considerations. It
11 is the fewest number of changes to the election
12 rules. When you require a mail-in application,
13 only those members that are truly interested in
14 participating are going to participate. They are
15 going to fill it out and send it back in. That
16 procedure is consistent with Cook County and other
17 local governments that require applications to
18 receive a ballot.

19 There is a cost savings of eliminating
20 the in-person voting of approximately \$9,000, that
21 was the quote from Tim Walsh.

22 There are a couple of negative
23 considerations. There is a possibility, of course,
24 that we would have an increase in ballot

1 applications, which some people would consider that
2 to be a good thing. You know, an increased
3 participation is a good thing. But we do have in
4 our contract with Tim Walsh, we have a
5 reimbursement for over 2,700. So if more than
6 2,700 ballots come back, there's an incremental
7 charge of \$3.50 that the Fund pays to Mr. Walsh and
8 Associates. And then there is the increased
9 possibility of postage with just more ballots
10 needing to be sent out because there is a greater
11 interest from the members to vote.

12 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: What is the unit cost
13 now for the 2,700? Over 2,700 is \$3.50 per, what
14 is the original number?

15 MS. TUCZAK: The way the contract is
16 written is that the flat fee of \$81,000 is included
17 up to 2,700.

18 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Okay. Thank you.

19 TRUSTEE BLAIR: And the 3.50 charge
20 doesn't include postage so we would have to add the
21 postage on to anything above the 2,700.

22 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: The postage to mail the
23 ballot back is the member's responsibility.

24 MS. TUCZAK: It would be the postage for

1 us, too. Once the application is received, we mail
2 the ballots back.

3 TRUSTEE BLAIR: The request for ballot we
4 have to send.

5 MS. TUCZAK: Should I move on to Option
6 3? Option 3 would be voting by mail with all
7 members receiving a ballot. In other words, rather
8 than members receiving a Notice of Election and an
9 application, they just from the get-go get a
10 ballot.

11 Of course, the positive consideration is
12 that provides more flexibility to the members.
13 They don't need to send the application in and then
14 send the ballot in subsequently.

15 It's possible there is a mailing cost
16 reduction because we're not sending out ballots, we
17 are just sending one mailing.

18 TRUSTEE BLAIR: We just send the ballot
19 and not the letter?

20 MS. TUCZAK: That's right.

21 There is some cost savings again with the
22 elimination of the in-person voting. If we were to
23 eliminate the in-person voting and we no longer
24 have the daily pickup of the ballots, there would

1 be a \$12,000 cost savings. If we want to continue
2 daily pickup and reporting of who sent the ballot
3 in, then we would save a total of \$7,000.

4 The negative considerations with this is
5 that you are sending 18,000, that is a rough
6 number, 18,000 ballots out there and there are
7 people that have no intention of participating. So
8 those ballots are just out there and that always
9 increases the risk for vote fraud. The more
10 ballots you have on the street, especially for
11 those that really are not interested in the
12 process, is a nightmare.

13 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: What is the rule on --
14 I know there is a verification process for
15 in-person voting, for your employee ID number or
16 the last four digits of your security number, which
17 also helps verify signatures. Is there a way to
18 incorporate that into the security of the ballot?
19 On the ballot, you have to supply the employee
20 identification number so that if there is a count
21 that needs to be challenged or authenticated?

22 MS. TUCZAK: Right now when you complete
23 the application, you have to provide some personal
24 information and then you sign the back of the

1 envelope. So if you were to just mail the ballots,
2 we could certainly keep the procedure the same
3 where you need to sign the back of the envelope
4 when you mail it in. What we have to explore is
5 what other security feature would be included, if
6 we were to go with this option.

7 TRUSTEE BLAIR: When the ballots are
8 mailed out -- the request for ballot form is
9 received. The ballots are barcoded when they are
10 sent out, right?

11 MS. TUCZAK: Yes.

12 TRUSTEE BLAIR: And then they are scanned
13 when they come back in?

14 MS. TUCZAK: That's right.

15 TRUSTEE BLAIR: With like some sort of
16 authentication, whether it be a signature or the
17 last four of the social or something like that as I
18 recall. Is that right?

19 MS. TUCZAK: That's correct. There is a
20 barcoding to insure that --

21 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: That's not a part of
22 the ballot?

23 MS. TUCZAK: Right. And also, because in
24 the past we had the in-person voting, so when they

1 got the mailed ballots, they use that barcode to
2 verify, well, you cannot then go and vote again and
3 vote in-person. It was like a cross check of that.

4 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: But the original, to
5 get into that process for in-person voting was,
6 you, just like for the State, had to sign your
7 name. What I am suggesting is some form of
8 verification that we can put in. Sign the back of
9 the envelope like you do with the application
10 process, but the barcode necessarily doesn't
11 register or doesn't show your employee number.

12 So if my next-door neighbor were to get
13 my ballot and say I am going to have some fun. I
14 am going to check off whoever, but puts down a
15 wrong number for my name, then that should kick
16 out, that should be a verification process. We
17 need to say the number here that we have registered
18 to employee Ochalla doesn't register with the
19 barcode on the ballot he is sending.

20 MS. TUCZAK: Part of the issue is that
21 the Code requires the ballot to be a secret ballot.
22 So when you submit the ballot back -- by having an
23 application, you already filled out in the
24 application, I will call it your private

1 information, and then that was used to then send
2 you a ballot.

3 So you get the ballot. The back of the
4 envelope has a barcode and you sign it. Once it is
5 received, the day of the election those envelopes
6 are cut open and that is separated from the ballots
7 so that there is no way to connect you to your
8 ballot.

9 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: That can't be true,
10 otherwise I can mail in a ballot and --

11 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: You get the ballot and
12 you go to mail it and you stick it in an envelope
13 and then that envelope is put into the envelope
14 that carries it to the post office and Downtown.
15 So there is two envelopes, if I am not mistaken.

16 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Right. So what we can
17 do, if that is the case then, basically you have
18 two different envelopes. Let's do it this way,
19 where we can still have the verification process so
20 that we have the outside envelope, for lack of a
21 better word, that has the verification of whose
22 ballot this is and then we have an employee number
23 and a signature for verification purposes and there
24 is a sealed ballot in the envelope. You verify the

1 first outside envelope and say this is coming from
2 an employee because the barcode matches the
3 employee number that they are given. The inside
4 envelope is tossed into a big bin as a lawful
5 submission. Then you count the ballots. It is a
6 secret ballot.

7 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: I think the envelope
8 that you stick the hard ballot into is the envelope
9 that is signed on the back.

10 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Right. What I am
11 saying --

12 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Not the envelope that
13 gets put in the mail.

14 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Here is the procedure
15 that I see as a possibility. We send out to every
16 single member -- we send out a verification sheet
17 and ballot. Okay. So on the verification sheet
18 you write down Kevin Ochalla, employee number blah,
19 blah, sign it, that goes in the outside envelope.
20 The ballot, I made my choice, that goes into a
21 separate envelope with no identifying feature
22 whatsoever. The ballot envelope goes into the
23 outside envelope. The outside envelope is signed
24 on the back, postage, sent off.

1 So when the counters get the ballot, they
2 get the outside envelope. The first thing they
3 open up, they open up and they see Kevin Ochalla's
4 identifying information number, barcode, scan,
5 check, whatever else is in that envelope then is
6 considered a valid ballot, that is put off to the
7 side to be counted later, opened and counted later.
8 Does that make sense? I have lost you.

9 TRUSTEE BLAIR: I get it. So the outside
10 envelope is the envelope that he is saying is going
11 to validate what is inside and then once it is
12 opened and separated, the ballot goes into a
13 separate bin. Now it is completely anonymous so we
14 don't even know who sent that ballot in but we have
15 matched Kevin Ochalla's submission against a record
16 that shows that it did go out using the barcode and
17 signature verification.

18 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Using the envelope
19 that comes down through the post office.

20 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Right. So what we are
21 doing is --

22 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Is there any
23 information on the envelope that contains the
24 ballot on the outside?

1 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: No, only the inside.

2 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: The way it is now, I
3 think.

4 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: What we are doing we
5 are combining the two processes we have. Because
6 right now in September I get a ballot -- I get a
7 letter that says if you want to vote in this
8 election, this is what you do. You put your name
9 down, your address, your employee identification
10 number, Social Security Number, you send it off to
11 us. We then send you a ballot in the mail. You
12 fill out the ballot according to the procedures and
13 we go ahead and we count the ballot once you send
14 it off.

15 What I am saying, combining those two
16 procedures into one mailing. So in that mailing
17 you are receiving a verification letter and you are
18 receiving a ballot. In that mailing, that first
19 mailing, you receive two envelopes.

20 So the secret portion of it you make your
21 choice on the ballot that you want to make. You
22 put that in the ballot envelope. You put that in
23 the outside envelope. You take the verification
24 paper, that is your name address and employee

1 number, you put that along with your ballot in the
2 sealed envelope inside the second envelope and you
3 mail it off to the Pension Fund.

4 When the Pension Fund gets it, they get
5 the envelope from my address and they open it up.
6 They take out the letter of verification process.
7 They can see that I made the proper verifications.
8 They take that sealed envelope that has no other
9 information on it, toss it into a bin where they
10 open all of them up and they count the votes.

11 They don't know that my envelope -- once
12 it goes into that bin, they have no idea where it
13 came from but they verified it before they put it
14 in there.

15 Are you talking about one mailing with
16 all this?

17 TRUSTEE BLAIR: The original, yes.

18 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: One mailing.

19 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: One mailing.

20 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Not a mailing where
21 they send back the request yet.

22 TRUSTEE BLAIR: We're still doing that.
23 We're not mailing 18,000 ballots. We're going to
24 do a request for a ballot, right?

1 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: I would say mailing
2 20,000 ballots.

3 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: I am not keen on that.
4 I think there should be a back and forth.

5 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: What I envision is that
6 we are reducing the back and forth to just one
7 mailing by giving them both a validation form and a
8 ballot. We are keeping the ballot separate
9 enclosed so that once the overall envelope that the
10 County election procedure gets, once the contents
11 of that envelope is validated, they don't know what
12 the ballot says. They don't know who sent it but
13 they know that the validation for that person means
14 that envelope and ballot is valid. They set it
15 aside. They get all the votes that they want to
16 get and the envelopes. They open up the second
17 envelope to determine what the result will be of
18 the votes.

19 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: So there is no
20 application as such.

21 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Yes, there would be no
22 application process.

23 TRUSTEE BLAIR: How do you verify their
24 signature if you are doing it in one mailing?

1 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Okay. So you would
2 verify -- it is kind of like -- I would say it is
3 kind of like getting a sign for a package from
4 FedEx. They get a little green card like for
5 certified mail that you have to sign to get that
6 package. They don't know what is in the package.
7 I am saying you have to sign in order to send it
8 off.

9 TRUSTEE BLAIR: How are we verifying
10 that, though? They are signing and sending it out.
11 What are we matching it to is what I am saying?

12 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: We send everything we
13 are going to send off in one envelope. You sit
14 down at your kitchen table. You've got an outside
15 envelope that is addressed to the Pension Election
16 Fund. I have got another envelope that says
17 "Secret Ballot". I have a page that says
18 "Verification Form" and I have got a page that says
19 "Ballot".

20 So I go through, I fill out the
21 verification form with all the information that we
22 want. I check the ballot. All the ballot says is
23 A, B, C, or D, that is good to go. I put the
24 ballot into the ballot envelope. I take the ballot

1 envelope, I put that into the other envelope. I
2 put the verification letter into the other envelope
3 and I send it off.

4 So when we get it here at the Election
5 Board, what they open up first is they open that
6 up, they pull out the only form that they can read,
7 which is the verification form. They say, okay,
8 what is in this envelope is a verified ballot from
9 this employee because it has all the information we
10 asked for. They take the ballot envelope, they set
11 it aside. Whatever they are going to do. They
12 continue on their way with the rest of getting the
13 votes and then they have all the secret ballot
14 envelopes. They have no idea where they came from.
15 They open it up and they count it.

16 TRUSTEE BLAIR: I get that but your
17 neighbor just grabbed your mail.

18 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Right. My neighbor
19 doesn't have my employee identification number or
20 Social Security number that we would require on the
21 validation form.

22 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Got it.

23 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Is that overly hard or
24 simple or am I going out of bounds here? Is that

1 requiring steps or requiring what-his-name to do
2 too much work?

3 MS. TUCZAK: That definitely would be a
4 change so I'd have to talk to the election vendor.
5 We do have Gary Rycyzyn on if you guys would like
6 him to be involved in the discussion.

7 If I am hearing you right, what you are
8 saying is that they get a packet. In the packet
9 there's a ballot and there is two envelopes.

10 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Yes. The ballot, two
11 envelopes and a verification form.

12 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: We are talking about
13 number 2 or 3 here.

14 MS. TUCZAK: Yes, but a change, a change
15 to 3.

16 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: A modification.

17 MS. TUCZAK: A change to 3. It is not
18 the 3 here. It is a slightly different change.

19 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: I agree with Pat that
20 if we just mail out 18,000 ballots without some
21 sort of verification, then, yeah, my neighbor gets
22 my ballot and decides whatever he wants to do with
23 it and sends it off. There has to be some
24 authentication in there so that we know that this

1 secret ballot is a valid secret ballot from a
2 member.

3 MS. TUCZAK: What you are suggesting then
4 is that if they mailed it back, there would be -- I
5 am not sure if there would be two or three
6 envelopes. They mail it back. The outer envelope
7 would have a barcode and a signature. The
8 signature is not verified. Inside of that would be
9 another envelope where they put their credentials,
10 their Social Security numbers. They wouldn't put
11 their employee ID because most people don't know
12 what that is but you could use your Social Security
13 number.

14 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: One of the two, yes.

15 MS. TUCZAK: And then that would have to
16 be opened and in that would be the secret ballot
17 envelope.

18 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Think about it like
19 sending a package with a birthday card, okay. You
20 wrap the package so that your son or daughter
21 doesn't know what it is. You put a birthday card
22 in the package and then you ship it off. They open
23 it up. They see the birthday card. The birthday
24 card verifies that it is a birthday present. They

1 still don't know what the birthday present was but
2 it tells them who the birthday present was from
3 because it has the name on the card. They open it
4 up, that is your present.

5 You sit at your kitchen table. You have
6 four things in front of us. You have a ballot to
7 be sent. You have an envelope that will be sent to
8 the Pension Fund. You have an envelope that is
9 marked "Secret Ballot", you have a ballot form and
10 then the verification form.

11 You take the ballot. You make your
12 selection. You put the ballot in the secret
13 envelope. The secret envelope and the ballot. You
14 take that envelope and put it into the envelope
15 that comes from the County Fund. You then take the
16 verification form, fill it out with all the
17 verification that you need in order to say that
18 what is in the secret ballot is coming from an
19 employee. You put that verification form along
20 with the ballot envelope into the envelope that you
21 send back to the Pension Fund and you mail it.

22 We get it. Our election folks get it.
23 They open up the outer envelope. What do they get?
24 What do they see at that point in time when they

1 open it is a verification sheet that they can
2 verify to see if the envelope inside is coming from
3 the proper person. Then they take that secret
4 ballot. They don't open it there at that time.
5 They set it off to the side where they are going to
6 count the election votes and then they open all the
7 thousands of envelopes they get.

8 Once that envelope reaches the election
9 folks, they know that what is inside is a secret
10 ballot, they know it is from the employee and when
11 they are ready they open the envelope without any
12 identification marks of who it is from.

13 MS. TUCZAK: I am trying to think through
14 this as fast as I can. The one thing that comes to
15 mind off the bat is that -- and I think I
16 understand what you are saying. You are going to
17 be returning two pieces of paper in two different
18 envelopes.

19 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Yes.

20 MS. TUCZAK: The secret ballot just has
21 the ballot. You put that in another envelope that
22 has your credentials --

23 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Yes.

24 MS. TUCZAK: -- in the outer envelope

1 which is then mailed.

2 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Yes.

3 MS. TUCZAK: In a normal process, when
4 those credentials come back, we have somebody
5 sitting at the office that uses those credentials
6 to look it up and say, okay, yeah, this matches.
7 And then they say, okay, that is great, now we are
8 going to send the ballot out to them.

9 So if we were to do that procedure, this
10 is just off the top of my head, the time involved
11 on the actual election day when you are opening
12 those and verifying that and looking and checking
13 that they filled out the Social and it matches
14 would add time to the ballot opening process.

15 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: It could but you could
16 also say you could mail it out. You know. We have
17 the ballots that have to be postmarked by a certain
18 date, right?

19 MS. TUCZAK: They have to be received at
20 the post office by a certain time.

21 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: They have to be in the
22 mail by a certain time that is not election day.
23 That is a couple days previous, right?

24 MS. TUCZAK: We don't have a requirement

1 of when they have to be postmarked by for the
2 actual ballot. They can mail it whenever they want
3 for the ballot. It is at 11 a.m. on election day.
4 If it is in the post office box, it is counted. If
5 it is not, it is not.

6 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: So you send out the
7 ballots, I don't know, the first part of October,
8 end of September or 30 days out or 35 days out,
9 whatever it is that we normally do. Some people
10 are going to fill them out early, they will send
11 them back early. Those validations will be done as
12 they come in. You just now set the secret ballot
13 envelope off in whatever secure location. All we
14 are doing is combining two different mailing days
15 into one thing.

16 MS. TUCZAK: So the one issue with that
17 is that on election day we have typically waited to
18 open the ballots and all that verification was kind
19 of done ahead of time. So we allow the candidates
20 an opportunity to be present to see the envelopes
21 being opened. And so if we were to do that ahead
22 of time, the candidates would no longer have that
23 opportunity to see them being opened and the
24 separation.

1 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Then we would have the
2 counting all in one day. What I am saying is the
3 candidates aren't going to know -- the only thing
4 that the candidates will know is that the vote was
5 active because you have done the verification
6 process when you got the mail in -- when you got
7 the application in the mail, that is when you did
8 the verification process.

9 MS. TUCZAK: Right.

10 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: These guys can still go
11 through and know we verified these ballots as
12 proper. These ballots we did not verify as proper
13 and here is the validation sheet why they are not
14 proper. We did not include those votes.

15 If there is a situation where we have
16 something like that, you can keep the application
17 process or the verification with the secret ballot
18 so that if there is a challenge you can come and
19 say, okay, well, this Social Security number --
20 this looks like an eight and it should be a nine or
21 something like that trying to challenge the
22 validity of that to a candidate.

23 But if you want to keep the secret
24 ballots open on the same day, you can still have

1 that same process. They can all be opened in front
2 of the candidates that choose to be there to do it
3 as they open and count, you know, say 1,500
4 envelopes. You can still do that but you can do
5 the verification process as they come in because
6 that is what you are doing now. You have the
7 verification process before you send in the ballot.
8 All you are receiving back is the secret ballot.
9 You already verified without the candidate being
10 there.

11 MS. TUCZAK: I hear what you are saying.
12 The one thing that I see is just an issue is that
13 the verification, when you send in the application
14 with the ballot, that is done behind the scenes.
15 But when the ballot comes into the post office box,
16 on the day of the election they literally bring all
17 these ballots in a nice white envelope with
18 signatures on them and a barcode to the eighth
19 floor and the candidates can sit there and look and
20 say, oh, here's all these white ballots with a
21 barcode, a signature, and they can see all of that
22 and they can see it being opened and they can
23 visualize that.

24 If that whole process of kind of opening

1 that up and validating it is done behind the
2 scenes, all you get to look at as a candidate is
3 here is the green envelope with the ballot and you
4 never saw a signature on the outside. You never
5 saw the outer envelope.

6 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Have them sign the
7 secret ballot and put the barcode on the envelope
8 that corresponds with the verification.

9 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Brent, what do we have to
10 put on there? The last four of the Social, a GEE
11 number, a signature? What do we have to put on
12 there?

13 MR. LEWANDOWSKI: I think it would be
14 helpful to have some visual demonstration. Here is
15 the two mailings that we get. Everybody is mailed
16 this. It is a Notice of Election and the bottom
17 part you cut off, you put on here your name, your
18 address, city, state, zip, signature, date and last
19 four of your Social and your employee ID, that is
20 your application for a mail-in ballot.

21 Then this comes to you. What this is it
22 has a return address envelope and a secret ballot
23 envelope that you fill out -- and just a ballot.
24 You put in the secret ballot envelope, which you

1 put inside the bigger envelope and then you state
2 your name and you sign it.

3 If I am hearing Trustee Ochalla
4 correctly, what you are saying is the first mailing
5 would have this within it. Excuse me. Two
6 envelopes. Because you still keep the integrity of
7 the secret ballot but you don't -- what do you do
8 with the ballot if it is not accompanied by what we
9 call this -- this verification?

10 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: It is not a valid
11 ballot.

12 MS. TUCZAK: The credentials should be
13 there. If you open that outer ballot and the
14 verification is not in there, that ballot gets
15 tossed.

16 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: What I see you doing
17 here is you are matching this barcode with the
18 barcode on the envelope. Okay. So you're going to
19 have to verify this information so that this
20 barcode and this barcode actually mean something.
21 That is what I am saying, you can do this ahead of
22 them.

23 Okay. Say the Social Security number is
24 off. The employee ID number is off. This is a

1 flagged ballot. Now this with the ballot inside
2 gets tagged and set aside as a corrupt ballot
3 because this paper doesn't match this barcode and
4 this barcode matched but this information doesn't
5 match the employee that goes along with that
6 barcode.

7 So now if there is a challenge there, you
8 can say, okay, my election person sees this ID
9 number as a seven but the guy writes European
10 style. It should be a nine but that matches up
11 with the right employee number. There is a
12 challenge that will be presented on the issue to
13 determine if it is a proper ballot.

14 So what we are doing is we have to make
15 sure that this information is accurate before we
16 open up the ballot.

17 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: On election day,
18 you're opening up the envelope and you're looking
19 at the verification letter. It's been completed,
20 along with the envelope that it is in to see that
21 they match and one more leg. And then knowing
22 after 30 years how County employees operate, they
23 will send this in in a breath from being late.

24 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Okay.

1 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: If you are an election
2 judge, what are you looking at when the process is
3 happening? After an election, the election judges
4 are entitled to -- or the poll watchers, too, are
5 entitled to stand over the shoulder and watch what
6 is going on with paper, opening envelopes and
7 putting them through.

8 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: How I envision this
9 happening would be that nobody is going to
10 challenge a ballot. If it is a secret ballot, you
11 don't know on a verification process whether it is
12 through the State of Illinois or whatever else, you
13 know if you sign your name, you get your ballot at
14 the polling place, it is secret. They don't know
15 who you voted for, that is the whole point of the
16 secret ballot.

17 What we are doing is we are consolidating
18 the verification process, which is done behind the
19 scenes anyway without the candidates knowing
20 because the validation process is the request for a
21 ballot in the first place, that is the first
22 mailing.

23 The first mailing and the second mailing
24 are combined. It is still secret but now what we

1 are doing we are doing the verification process at
2 the same time we are receiving the ballot, not
3 counting it but receiving it.

4 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: I think part of the
5 reason it's done the way it is now is because the
6 verification is done onsite with everyone in the
7 room and the Fund and the Fund staff don't touch
8 anything.

9 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: But it is not, Pat, it
10 is not. They are not validated -- when you send in
11 your letter to get a ballot, the candidates aren't
12 watching that to see if it is verified. When do
13 you send out the ballots?

14 MS. TUCZAK: Late October. Late
15 September.

16 TRUSTEE BLAIR: After the request for a
17 ballot has been received there are barcodes across
18 the board. There's a step in that. I am not
19 comfortable sending out 18,000 ballots and making
20 this a one-step process. Because if you do a
21 two-step authentication, if that is what we are
22 going to call it, at least there is an extra step
23 that somebody takes to respond with that request
24 for a ballot for the application, that is two

1 steps. They have to receive it, open it, look at
2 it, fill it out and send it in and then get the
3 ballot, fill it out, complete it and send it back.
4 Two steps.

5 If we just do one, I think we're opening
6 up ourselves to what we are seeing nationally about
7 mail-in voting fraud and all this other stuff.

8 We do two steps, that is just my opinion,
9 and that is where I am going to stand on it.

10 TRUSTEE GOODE: What he's describing is
11 what, I don't know about his union, but my union
12 does it all the time. We do the verification
13 process and separate stuff on that day and
14 everybody can come out and look. It's done in a
15 one-step process. It's done a little bit different
16 with barcodes on the outside. I have an example,
17 but I don't have it with me. And anybody can come
18 out and watch the process, separating the ballots,
19 et cetera.

20 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Can I just make a
21 comment? Disturbing the routine, it is like
22 throwing a stone into the pond and then the ripples
23 go out and you can't keep track where they are
24 going and we might very well disturb something that

1 will put us in a pickle.

2 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: We are already
3 disturbing something. We are already disturbing
4 that we are not having in-person voting.

5 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Okay. I don't think
6 that the absence of in-person voting -- we have no
7 choice there. We are not electing to do that. You
8 can't physically walkthrough -- you can't do the --
9 at least we can't do the eighth floor. It is not
10 our space. The president would be more than
11 entitled to say, no, I don't want all these people
12 walking through here in my building.

13 So then we have to -- then you need an
14 alternate place. Then you have a time element and
15 you need an alternate place.

16 Coming in the building here, you have to
17 come in one door and go out another one. I went
18 past buildings like that.

19 If someone were to make a motion, I would
20 like to go with Number 2. Everything the same with
21 exception of the in-person voting.

22 TRUSTEE BLAIR: What if we considered --
23 these are County employees so we're not talking
24 about the general public. We have a limited pool

1 of voters. They all have County emails so they
2 include their County email. They are supposed to
3 check their County email once a day, that is by
4 policy.

5 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: You know the universe
6 of people we are talking about here.

7 TRUSTEE BLAIR: 18,000.

8 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: I am not talking about
9 the number, I am talking about the people on the
10 other side.

11 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Let me have a point of
12 clarification, were you asking for a motion or
13 making a motion?

14 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: I was making a motion.
15 I was making a motion that we decide to not disturb
16 anything else, with the exception, other than
17 in-person voting specific to this year so that we
18 have to revisit it next year. We are not
19 establishing a routine.

20 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Let me clarify is there
21 a motion for one of the options that has been
22 presented?

23 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Option 2.

24 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Option 2 just for

1 clarity.

2 TRUSTEE NEVIUS: I will second the
3 motion.

4 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Is has been moved and
5 seconded. Is there any discussion on the motion?

6 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Yes, there has been
7 discussion on the motion. We have a ripple. We
8 have a problem. We have a situation in where in --
9 and I will say in the last election, we had a
10 significant ratio of people in-voting versus
11 mail-in ballot.

12 CHAIRMAN WILSON: We have a motion and a
13 second on the table now so I want to go ahead and
14 hear your comment but --

15 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Vote in-person, that
16 was the whole point to increase voter
17 participation. And we have been steadily
18 consistent with the process we have been doing
19 where we have had a thousand people vote out of a
20 19,000, 20,000 person pool. That needs to increase
21 and one way to increase it is to increase the
22 availability and the ease of voting and that is
23 what the one-step process does.

24 I agree with you wholeheartedly that

1 mailing out a single ballot haphazardly, without
2 there being some sort of verification process, that
3 everybody is not voting.

4 There are states in this country that do
5 that anyway for their political elections. The
6 State of Oregon mailed out a ballot to every single
7 voter in the state. Oregon does it. Washington
8 does it. It is all by mail.

9 Here we are where we have a finite pool.
10 We have a verification process. We can easily do
11 that.

12 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Respectfully, let me
13 just get a point of order, respectfully you make
14 your comment and let others make comments and
15 either we vote it up or vote it down. But now we
16 have a motion and a second, unless it's going to be
17 rescinded.

18 TRUSTEE GOODE: My comment is also on two
19 sets of postage. You're sending out postage to get
20 an application and then you are sending out postage
21 to send the ballot back. So it could be a cost
22 effective method what Trustees Ochalla is talking
23 about.

24 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Any other comments on

1 the motion before we call for a roll call?

2 TRUSTEE NEVIUS: I seconded the motion
3 and the reason is that I don't think that we should
4 have thousands of ballots out there that are not
5 going to be used or could be used fraudulently and
6 just make a bigger problem for the counting of the
7 ballots and understanding it. So I feel an
8 application is appropriate to receive a ballot.

9 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Okay. Anyone else?

10 Roll call, Peggy.

11 Trustee Kouruklis, were you going to say
12 something?

13 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: This is a quick
14 question that I had regarding the electronic. Does
15 the law allow for electronic voting?

16 The reason I ask that, the Cook County
17 Clerk, when you file your Ethics Statement, does a
18 good job providing a number that is issued to that
19 one person. It only goes to the County employee
20 and that County employee has to file their Ethics
21 Statements electronically where it used to be
22 manually. That is my comment on that, if I can get
23 an answer to that question.

24 MS. BURNS: I am happy to answer that for

1 you, Trustee Kouruklis. The answer is, yes, this
2 fund could engage in electronic voting. The
3 statute says that the Board shall conduct an
4 election under rules adopted by it.

5 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: I am not sure anybody
6 else heard that.

7 MS. BURNS: The Pension Code allows this
8 Board to adopt any rules that it deems prudent for
9 conducting an election, including the use of
10 electronic.

11 The only requirement in the Code is that
12 you adopt rules and that the ballot be secret.

13 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: I see. Thank you.

14 Then the other comment I had was since we
15 are voting during COVID, and from my experience of
16 being in the office now for the past month or so,
17 the County is still struggling here. To try to
18 figure out how people -- I know we are talking
19 about current employees. You may want to check
20 with the president's office first before we vote on
21 how we are going to move forward with voting in
22 their building.

23 CHAIRMAN WILSON: I would just say we
24 have got a motion so thoughts or comments are

1 received and the electronic is an option.

2 I don't know the prep time but I also
3 question, that could work for active employees,
4 what would we do with the retiree voting? I don't
5 know if that would be --

6 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: We can't hear what
7 you are saying. The audio is not working.

8 CHAIRMAN WILSON: I question the ability
9 to implement the electronic for retiree voting. So
10 for active employees who all have email addresses,
11 that seems like something that is feasible, but I
12 don't know what happens for retiree voting or for a
13 retiree position.

14 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Food for thought on the
15 retirees, I just closed on a property and the bulk
16 of everything that I had to sign, those are all
17 legal documents, I had to download an app on my
18 phone and they sent me all these authentication
19 emails to my email and I had to authenticate that
20 with a signature and everything else. It would be
21 something we would have to talk about later but it
22 could be.

23 MS. BURNS: DocuSign.

24 CHAIRMAN WILSON: There are merits in

1 what I have heard from everyone so I think we have
2 options out there. We also have the objective of
3 increasing voting. Can we do it now? Can we do it
4 later? I will let the vote go out and see how we
5 proceed but I think I hear merits in all of the
6 issues that have been presented.

7 Roll call, Peggy, unless there is anybody
8 else.

9 MS. BURNS: Trustee Kouruklis, so you
10 understand the option is Option 2, which would
11 eliminate in-person voting and limit it just to
12 mail for this particular election in October.

13 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Just mail as past
14 practice.

15 MS. BURNS: Yes, past practice.

16 TRUSTEE HUGHES: This is Trustee Hughes.

17 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Go right ahead, Steve.

18 TRUSTEE HUGHES: I appreciate the fellow
19 trustees willingness to try and increase voter
20 participation. I think it is something we need to
21 work on. I am concerned about making a lot of
22 changes in the short-term with the motion.

23 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Understood. Anyone
24 else before we call for roll call?

1 Roll call, please.

2 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Blair.

3 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Aye.

4 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Goode.

5 TRUSTEE GOODE: No.

6 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Hughes.

7 TRUSTEE HUGHES: Aye.

8 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Kouruklis.

9 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Aye.

10 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee McFadden.

11 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Aye.

12 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Nevius.

13 TRUSTEE NEVIUS: Aye.

14 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Ochalla.

15 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: No.

16 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Wilson.

17 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Present.

18 We have the option has passed so Option 2
19 will be used.

20 Again, all of the comments that have been
21 made speak to spending more time on upgrading and
22 reviewing our process so I think that we need to
23 come back and revisit this and I presume the vote
24 reflects the concern that maybe we can't do all of

1 this in the time period but certainly this needs to
2 have some more conversation.

3 The next order of business is the
4 resignation of the Independent Election
5 Administrator and alternatives for the 2020
6 Election. Gina.

7 MS. TUCZAK: Thank you, President Wilson.

8 The last election matter for
9 consideration today is the very last slide that I
10 prepared. It says "Resignation of Independent
11 Election Administrator" and your options.

12 So as you all know from the email that I
13 sent you, Joe Griseta, who has been our Election
14 Administrator for a number of years, resigned in
15 June. And the letter was responded back to him
16 indicating that his resignation was accepted and
17 that the contract we had with him is no longer
18 going to be valid due to the termination clause of
19 the new contract.

20 We have before us an issue to consider
21 how do we want to go about the function that he
22 served as the Independent Election Administrator.

23 So I have sat down with fiduciary counsel
24 and staff; myself and Peggy and Brent, and we

1 talked about some options to present to you for
2 this matter. So we laid out three options here for
3 your consideration.

4 The first option is that we look to seek
5 a full replacement of the Independent Election
6 Administrator. Staff would work with fiduciary
7 counsel and we would try to identify some
8 alternatives for consideration at the August
9 meeting next month.

10 We do have a few references that have
11 been provided to us. Some of those references will
12 not work because, for example, one of them is a
13 current member so we have to explore this and try
14 to determine some other means.

15 The second option is that an Election
16 Committee be established and the Election Committee
17 would be an ad hoc committee of the Board, that
18 would make decisions that were formerly made by the
19 Independent Election Administrator.

20 The recommended size of the committee is
21 three to keep the committee small and the ability
22 to meet quickly and to make decisions as necessary.

23 To minimize costs, the staff would absorb
24 some of the procedural aspects of the Independent

1 Election Administrator role. For example, the
2 letter that is sent to the Board of the election
3 results, staff, for example, Peggy, internal
4 counsel, can write that for the Board. On the day
5 of the petition drop-off, we can have staff that
6 would be there -- they are always there but we
7 certainly could be there early to be in line with
8 those candidates wishing to drop-off petitions and
9 fiduciary counsel, of course, would also be
10 consulted along the way as necessary. In that
11 situation, the Independent Election Administrator
12 role will be eliminated.

13 The third option is kind of what I will
14 call it a hybrid of the two. We have an Election
15 Committee of the Board of Trustees, that again
16 would be the first body, governing body, that staff
17 would go to in the event that there is some type of
18 challenge or issue.

19 In the event that there is a challenging
20 issue or I will say a contentious issue and the
21 Election Committee does not wish to be the final
22 decision on that, then an independent third-party,
23 such as an election lawyer, would be consulted for
24 his or her decision. And, again, this situation,

1 staff would assume some of the roles of the
2 Independent Election Administrator as I articulated
3 earlier and fiduciary counsel, of course, would be
4 consulted along the way as matters develop.

5 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Thank you, Gina.

6 Anything else? Does any trustee want to
7 make a motion regarding one of the options
8 discussed?

9 TRUSTEE BLAIR: I would like to say I
10 think it is a really good idea that we start a
11 committee regarding the voting because maybe that
12 committee can work on moving towards an electronic
13 voting process and maybe they can hash out some of
14 those problems before it comes to the full board.

15 I think that is a really good idea, if we
16 are moving into the 21st century, you know what I
17 mean, and getting away from perhaps that in-person.
18 I think that is a really good idea.

19 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Can we send it to the
20 Legislative Committee, instead of starting another
21 committee?

22 And there was contention before whether
23 or not the Legislative -- before you guys, you and
24 Trustee O'Rourke came, whether or not Legislative

1 was Legislative or whether it is Legislative and
2 Rules.

3 My contention is that it was not Rules
4 but no one was agreeable to that. I would think it
5 belongs in Legislative.

6 Most of the reason is that I don't like
7 to start another committee.

8 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: The Legislative
9 Committee is Legislative.

10 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: You are mistaken,
11 that's not the way it operates. That is not the
12 way it had been done and it has not from the
13 get-go.

14 CHAIRMAN WILSON: It is a misnomer. The
15 Board decided that Rules were part of that scope
16 and in fact one of the projects that has been
17 deferred was updating Policies and Procedures,
18 which is a responsibility that the Board gave to
19 the Legislative Committee. But we did not rename
20 the committee but that was something that was
21 determined by a majority. It certainly can be
22 reconsidered but it does not fit anyplace else. We
23 don't have a Finance Committee or a General
24 Committee.

1 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: On the Option 2, even
2 better than the attorney that we hired, why not --
3 isn't Tim Walsh and Associates giving us a formal
4 letter of how the ballot count turned out?

5 So the Election Committee is established
6 to make decisions formerly made by the IEA. The
7 recommended size of such -- well, I don't know if
8 that is the intent here or not. But certainly we
9 are going to want a letter from someone to certify
10 the election, or whatever the legal word might be,
11 rather than the Board of Trustees themselves or any
12 committee.

13 TRUSTEE BLAIR: An independent.

14 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: An independent.

15 TRUSTEE BLAIR: So the hybrid, right?

16 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Absent having an
17 attorney do it and I don't know how that started,
18 that was before my time.

19 TRUSTEE BLAIR: So the hybrid?

20 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Which one is the
21 hybrid?

22 TRUSTEE BLAIR: The hybrid is calling in
23 an independent attorney to resolve any issues that
24 staff can't resolve.

1 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Rather than having a
2 special subcommittee of the Legislative of three
3 trustees that are willing to be on-call when
4 there's a question or if there is a question
5 regarding the election. And if it is not as clean
6 as night and day, then of course I think outside
7 fiduciary counsel would be in the room to begin
8 with, with the three trustees, but then deferred to
9 the outside counsel.

10 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Yes.

11 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: For example, I don't
12 know how this ended up, last election people pushed
13 back at giving their Social Security number, last
14 four characters, and didn't want to or weren't in a
15 position to provide their employee ID number and
16 then you're into their employee ID number is
17 different from the number that is assigned over
18 here.

19 TRUSTEE BLAIR: We just use the JDE now.
20 We don't even use employee IDs anymore.

21 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: What do you use?

22 TRUSTEE BLAIR: JDE number. I still have
23 my employee ID number. I remember it. I know it
24 by heart but now we just get a JDE number. I think

1 we're up to five and six digits.

2 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: What does JDE stand
3 for?

4 MR. LEDONNE: It is a part of the payroll
5 system. They got rid of the old employee ID
6 numbers. Everybody has to know their JDE number if
7 they want to get paid.

8 There is a problem with that because some
9 of the old timers when you ask them their employee
10 number, they don't know their new one. It is a
11 smaller and smaller population. I am talking about
12 the active employees.

13 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Let's come back to the
14 motion.

15 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: I would move 2.

16 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Is that the hybrid?

17 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: It is not headed that
18 way.

19 MS. TUCZAK: That is Option 3.

20 MS. BURNS: The only change between
21 Option 2 and Option 3 is really that you would pick
22 a person who is independent of this fund who has
23 expertise in election law to be available should a
24 question arise.

1 Unlike Mr. Griseta, where we paid him
2 \$25,000 every year, this person would only get paid
3 if and when there was a question that we pose to
4 the person and then they would answer it for you.

5 For instance, on your Social Security
6 question about people objecting to the use of the
7 four numbers, that one I believe the committee,
8 without outside counsel, could answer.

9 But a question with respect to whether or
10 not a ballot cast in Trustee Ochalla's election was
11 or was not valid because of some sort of allegation
12 of fraud, you might want to send it out to somebody
13 else because it involves a sitting trustee.

14 CHAIRMAN WILSON: I would not be
15 comfortable in making that decision.

16 MS. BURNS: It is good to have a person
17 there to help you.

18 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: The hybrid is having
19 three trustees, a subcommittee, plus you in the
20 room, and then if it gets difficult, then you would
21 say I think you should defer -- I think you ought
22 to give this to someone who knows what they are
23 talking about.

24 MS. BURNS: Who would put it in writing

1 to insulate the trustees in their fiduciary duties
2 so there would never be a question of conflict.

3 CHAIRMAN WILSON: That is Option 3.

4 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Can I make that
5 motion?

6 CHAIRMAN WILSON: You can. No one
7 seconded it. You can rescind it.

8 TRUSTEE NEVIUS: So it is Option 2, with
9 an option of getting an outside counsel, if we
10 wanted to.

11 CHAIRMAN WILSON: That is Option 3.

12 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Which is Option 3.

13 I misspoke. Option 2 is everything
14 internal. Option 3 is everything internal, with a
15 safety net of having independent counsel resolve
16 any issues that we feel that we can't or the
17 subcommittee can't.

18 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: And that our fiduciary
19 connection is too close and the decision should be
20 further removed.

21 MS. TUCZAK: Option 3 says in the second
22 sentence, "In the event of a challenging or
23 contentious matter, for example, involving a
24 current trustee, an election lawyer would be used".

1 So that is the second sentence of Option 3.

2 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: I would like to do
3 this but strike the word "election lawyer". Is
4 that --

5 MS. BURNS: Sure. Absolutely you can
6 strike that.

7 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Obviously, you are not
8 going to use someone that closes real estate deals
9 but someone who is familiar with it.

10 MS. BURNS: I am going to recommend
11 someone who you would have confidence in and who is
12 familiar with election matters. A hearing officer
13 or a retired judge, somebody like that. I will
14 come back to you with names.

15 CHAIRMAN WILSON: So it's been moved and
16 seconded. Is there any discussion on the motion?

17 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Do you want to go out
18 and find someone between now and our election that
19 is familiar with this stuff or would you rather
20 rely on the -- that is why we are doing this. So
21 if you want to go out and hire someone, then that
22 is the only reason we're going this way, isn't it?

23 MS. BURNS: You are saving money.

24 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Your motion would be only

1 to apply to this election and then we can revisit
2 that after the election and then we would have some
3 time to move on to other options.

4 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Correct.

5 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Two years ago I was
6 talking about increasing, you know, our ability to
7 increase participation and to resolve that. Two
8 years I have been talking about all this.

9 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Then you are going to
10 have to make the motion and obligate us to address
11 this issue.

12 TRUSTEE BLAIR: We wouldn't even be
13 having this conversation if we weren't in the
14 middle of this COVID-19 crisis, right?

15 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: That is the problem.

16 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Having said that, we have
17 60 days to get this thing online so we can hold an
18 election. This is July 9th. When is the election?

19 MS. TUCZAK: October 28th is the
20 scheduled date.

21 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Right around Halloween.

22 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: I have been raising
23 these issues for two years.

24 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Understood. But here we

1 are, we are all wearing masks in the meeting.

2 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Okay. Let's see, does
3 this require a roll call? I believe it does.

4 Roll call, please, for Option 3.

5 MS. FAHRENBACH: Would you please verify
6 for me who the second was on the motion to adopt?

7 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: I moved it and Trustee
8 Blair seconded it.

9 I'm sorry. The second sentence,
10 parentheses is if there is a challenging or
11 contentious matter, it is going to involve a
12 trustee.

13 MS. BURNS: Yes, I understand.

14 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: So that should be
15 struck.

16 MS. BURNS: The motion on the floor as I
17 understand it that you made was that a subcommittee
18 of the Legislative Committee be established to
19 handle the October, 2020 election working with
20 fiduciary counsel. Fiduciary counsel working with
21 the Executive Director is further directed to come
22 back to the Board with the name of an attorney who
23 would be available in the event of a conflict or a
24 contentious situation that is unable to be

1 addressed in an appropriate manner by the
2 subcommittee of the board and/or fiduciary counsel.

3 It really doesn't matter who it involves.
4 You will make your decision based on the issue
5 presented.

6 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: I am a little concerned
7 about the terms like resolved in an appropriate
8 manner.

9 MS. BURNS: Always prudent is what that
10 means. In other words, a decision with respect to
11 something that doesn't apply maybe directly to a
12 sitting trustee.

13 Trustee Ochalla, it would be very hard
14 for your fellow trustees to make a decision that
15 might cause you to lose an election because they
16 respect and cherish your time on this board.

17 In that situation, my advice would be
18 that rather than make a decision that could
19 determine your election and affect a member who ran
20 against you, they would refer that to an outside
21 party to make the decision in writing to the board.
22 That is very rare in my experience of representing
23 pension funds in elections. Most issues are issues
24 that are broader than a particular individual and

1 can be resolved by a subcommittee or a group of
2 trustees who are not running in an election because
3 most of the decisions are procedural.

4 Do we have to go to the post office 15
5 times a day to pickup the ballots? The
6 subcommittee could say, no, twice a day is
7 appropriate for that and that would not be
8 challenged as being a conflict of interest.

9 Can somebody use their nickname? I am
10 going to weigh in on that and say the rules do not
11 allow a nickname to be used and the subcommittee is
12 going to rely on me.

13 We don't need Joe Griseta or some lawyer
14 on the outside telling us that. But there are
15 situations, the hanging chad, for instance, where
16 it requires you to go to an independent impartial
17 person to help make that decision.

18 All we are doing, out of an abundance of
19 caution, is having that person available. Asking
20 that person to be familiar with our rules and then
21 telling him to stand back and we will only come to
22 them when we need them.

23 Before you were paying a lawyer to show
24 up at things where a lawyer wasn't needed. As

1 fiduciaries you are being prudent in that you are
2 defraying the reasonable expenses of this election
3 and only having your staff and utilizing outside
4 lawyer when needed.

5 Does that make sense? Does that answer
6 your question?

7 CHAIRMAN WILSON: We need an adjective
8 for the word "contentious". We do need some
9 adjective there.

10 MS. BURNS: That is all. It does not in
11 any way prejudice what issues would go to the
12 committee. You would make that decision.

13 Now your correction as I believe it to be
14 Option 3 was, we were thinking it would be an ad
15 hoc subcommittee entitled "Election Subcommittee".
16 It would come into existence when the chair
17 presented the members to you in August and it would
18 go out after the October election was certified.

19 What you're saying, Trustee McFadden,
20 which is an improvement on our option is that it
21 would be selected from the members of the currently
22 sitting Legislative Committee and all I would ask
23 is that the members be someone who is not running
24 in the election.

1 So, for instance, Trustee Ochalla, if you
2 are on the Legislative Committee, I would like you
3 not to serve on the election subcommittee.

4 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: That occurred to me
5 and certainly that would be logical.

6 MS. BURNS: I would just ask that out of
7 an abundance of caution.

8 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Any other questions on
9 the motion before we do roll call?

10 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: That motion includes
11 incorporation of the Legislative Committee of this
12 ad hoc committee?

13 MS. BURNS: I think that is what Trustee
14 McFadden asked for.

15 CHAIRMAN WILSON: It is not specified but
16 I can take that into consideration as I recommend,
17 if that is what you want to amend the motion to
18 include members of the Legislative Committee.

19 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: I'd like to amend the
20 motion to provide that an Election Committee be a
21 subcommittee of the Legislative and Rules
22 Committee, if that is what it is called, or at the
23 very least Legislative.

24 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Is there any longer term

1 discussion that we have to have because if we're
2 looking at improving the process, should it be in
3 place for more than four months? So then would
4 that fall under Rules and Legislative? Because if
5 we're looking to go perhaps to all electronic, it
6 needs to be in place more than four months because
7 there is a lot of conversation that would have to
8 be had and make sure we are in compliance with any
9 state or federal laws, right?

10 MS. BURNS: Yes.

11 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: I would think so. And
12 which leads me into a question I had. Why is this
13 part of the package? This is our Rules and Regs on
14 the election today. Has this been disturbed since
15 the last time we have seen it and approved it?

16 MS. TUCZAK: No, it has not been. No,
17 that has not been disturbed. This was my decision
18 to put it in for reference.

19 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: It concerned me that
20 it was here because it had been tweaked.

21 MS. TUCZAK: I put it in, in case anybody
22 had a question, we could look at it.

23 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Let me just do a point
24 of order. Excuse me for cutting you off, Pat,

1 because we are broadening and broadening. We have
2 a motion on the table for addressing the election.
3 When we come and talk about members, we can all be
4 very open to adding additional duties to what that
5 group might do and discussing that, but let's get
6 the motion on vote and give time for more thought
7 on what you may want to add to the list of to-do's
8 responsibilities.

9 Roll call, please.

10 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Blair.

11 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Aye.

12 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Goode.

13 TRUSTEE GOODE: Present.

14 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Hughes.

15 TRUSTEE HUGHES: Aye.

16 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Kouruklis.

17 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Aye.

18 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee McFadden.

19 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Aye.

20 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Nevius.

21 TRUSTEE NEVIUS: Aye.

22 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Ochalla.

23 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: As moved, no.

24 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Wilson.

1 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Aye.

2 Okay. It sounded like we had a majority.

3 I was waiting for you to give me the vote total.

4 What was the total on the vote?

5 MS. BURNS: Six yes, one no and one

6 present.

7 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Okay. The motion

8 passes. Thank you.

9 Let's move on to the next item on the

10 agenda Implementation of Court Orders and

11 Administrative Actions.

12 Gina, can you update the board on steps

13 that have been taken to implement the recent court

14 order in the retiree healthcare matter?

15 MS. TUCZAK: Yes. Thank you.

16 Behind tab 4, you have a short memo that

17 documents what has occurred since the last board

18 meeting.

19 So I will just summarize this quickly.

20 There is approximately 35 members that are in

21 calculations right now that retired from a

22 reciprocal system. They have all been sent health

23 enrollment materials and a waiver should they opt

24 not to enroll. Those have all been sent.

1 TRUSTEE NEVIUS: I'm sorry I drifted.
2 Could you start again? I apologize.

3 MS. TUCZAK: No problem. These are the
4 action steps that have been taken since the last
5 board meeting.

6 The first is that we have about 35
7 members that are in calculation. Meaning that they
8 have put in the documents to retire and as part of
9 their retirement package application calculations
10 we have sent them materials to either elect to
11 enroll in the health plan or to waive coverage.

12 So these members last retired from a
13 reciprocal system. Meaning that the Cook County or
14 the Forest Preserve was not their last employer.

15 We have now sent all of those members
16 that are in the, I call it the calculation queue,
17 those materials to make the decision whether they
18 want to be in the plan or not.

19 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: This is on the heels of
20 the Levin decision, right?

21 MS. BURNS: Yes, sir.

22 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: 35 people that have
23 applied for -- to be retired so that is the top
24 level that is on the top today.

1 MS. TUCZAK: You will see their names for
2 approval in the August meeting or September or
3 October, depending on when their paperwork is and
4 the timing.

5 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: So this will be
6 introduced as another piece of the packet for
7 retirees.

8 MS. TUCZAK: Yes.

9 TRUSTEE BLAIR: I know this came up with
10 Paul O'Grady, not Paul O'Grady. What was his name?
11 He has applied for disability benefits. I can't
12 remember. There was some discussion about whether
13 or not the Fund had sent out certain documents at
14 certain times because he missed the deadline.

15 MS. TUCZAK: I know who you are talking
16 about. I have forgotten the name.

17 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Paul Cox, that is it.
18 Are we tracking that we sent out those -- like on
19 this day we sent out those 35 packets to those 35?

20 MS. TUCZAK: Yes, I have been hovering
21 over this in a very meticulous manner. I have the
22 letter that was sent, the date it was sent and
23 actually looked at the packet myself to make sure
24 all the stuff was in there. We only have 35 but

1 for those 35 I have been very careful.

2 MS. TUCZAK: Should I move to the next
3 action step?

4 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Yes please.

5 MS. TUCZAK: All annuity applications
6 that are being made today, in other words if a
7 member calls today and says I am retiring July
8 31st. Send me out a packet. The packet now
9 includes the health enrollment form and the waiver
10 as it would for anybody retiring from Cook County
11 or the Forest Preserve.

12 It doesn't matter now if you say -- you
13 know, if you worked for Cook County in 1990 and
14 then from 1991 to 2020 you worked for Teachers
15 Retirement System, known as TRS, you're going to
16 get those materials. You are going to get the
17 enrollment form or a waiver.

18 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: That sounds right. Is
19 there any opportunity for them to revisit this two
20 years from now?

21 MS. TUCZAK: The way that the current
22 guidelines and policy is, is that if they waived it
23 and said I don't want coverage, they can come in at
24 an open enrollment period or if they have a

1 qualifying event in their life such as they had
2 coverage through their spouse and the spouse loses
3 their job and doesn't have coverage.

4 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Will they be on our
5 radar to advise them that we are having open
6 enrollment?

7 MS. TUCZAK: Right now -- Mary Pat and I
8 talked about this yesterday so we are going to have
9 to come back on some of this stuff.

10 No, if they waive coverage right now you
11 are only sent open enrollment material if you are
12 an active member in the retiree healthcare.

13 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: That should fulfill
14 our obligations, shouldn't it?

15 MS. BURNS: As long as they are treated
16 like everybody else.

17 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Okay.

18 MS. TUCZAK: After the Appellate Court
19 decision was made, the whole eligibility change was
20 put on hold and it hasn't been revisited at this
21 time. We are trying to initially make sure that
22 all the people that are in the calculation queue
23 and all new applicants are getting the materials.

24 Currently, without making a change,

1 anybody who opts out, that open enrollment period
2 for any reason, they have the ability to come back
3 in. That was a consideration, we kind of tightened
4 that but we didn't do that because of what was
5 going on with the Appellate Court and we continue
6 to operate as we have with anybody that is retired
7 that would like to enroll in that open enrollment
8 can do so.

9 The application form and the handbook.
10 We are working with fiduciary counsel. We are
11 making some updates to those to indicate that Cook
12 County or the Forest Preserve was not your last
13 employer. All those forms and handbook are being
14 updated as we speak.

15 And then, lastly, I want to let you know
16 that we provided the enrollment packet, a whole
17 packet, to Burke, Burns and Pinelli. Burke, Burns
18 and Pinelli provided the materials to the
19 plaintiff's attorney and that completed application
20 was submitted to the Fund and the Fund is
21 processing the applicant consistent with the Fund
22 policy.

23 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Okay.

24 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Are we going to try to

1 limit our exposure at this point? I mean at this
2 point in time are we going to try and fix it so
3 that we don't do a class action?

4 MS. BURNS: Yes. Maybe we can talk about
5 that more, since it is specific to the litigation,
6 when we get to closed session assuming you will
7 entertain a closed session today. Otherwise, I
8 will do it at the next meeting.

9 But, yes, we have met with plaintiff's
10 lawyer.

11 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Anything else on this
13 matter, Gina?

14 MS. TUCZAK: Nothing.

15 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Thank you.

16 The next item is an investment matter
17 Review and Consideration of Blackstone Alternative
18 Asset Management Request. Gina, please present
19 this matter.

20 MS. TUCZAK: Yes. Thank you.

21 So this is an investment matter. It is
22 time sensitive so I spoke to the chair at the
23 Investment Committee and he agreed that given that
24 the Investment Committee is a subcommittee of the

1 whole that we would bring it to the Board for
2 consideration.

3 In approximately mid June, the Fund
4 received notice that one of the investments in the
5 Burnham Harbor Fund, which is a hedge fund managed
6 by Blackstone, and there are quite a number of
7 underlying holdings that are in that fund on your
8 behalf.

9 One of the underlying holdings, which is
10 a company called Elliott International, Limited,
11 which is a hedge fund, was changing the share class
12 of which we are a holder.

13 So Share Class A was being converted to
14 Share Class B. And what that looks like with the
15 new shares is there is a lower management fee so
16 that is nice, but the redemption liquidity has
17 changed a little bit.

18 And what the new share looks like is you
19 can do a semiannual withdrawal, meaning every six
20 months, and you can do no more than 25 percent of
21 your position and that is what that new class looks
22 like.

23 So Blackstone came to us. This happened
24 July 1st. We didn't get to say whether or not we

1 wanted this to happen, just Elliott International
2 did that.

3 Blackstone came to us with an idea and
4 they said if you don't want to hold these shares
5 directly with this liquidity, you can take your
6 shares and put them into a wrapped product. Kind
7 of I will call it like a pool. Where Blackstone
8 takes all of their clients that have this holding
9 and they put it all into a pool.

10 And in that case Blackstone then holds
11 the shares directly, but we have the ability to do
12 a redemption at 100 percent. So we still have the
13 semiannual issue but because they are pooling all
14 of their investors together, if we wanted to
15 liquidate in a normal environment, it is important
16 to say that in a normal environment, Blackstone
17 would say okay. We're going to take the shares and
18 give them to other clients. You can have 100
19 percent out.

20 Now if there was something unusual that
21 happens, let's say Elliott International there was
22 something that was concerning and there was a rush
23 to liquidate the shares, Blackstone would be in the
24 same position that we would be in if we held the

1 shares directly. That whole pool of investors are
2 going to be subject to a 25 percent redemption
3 hurdle as well.

4 So we talked to Callan about this and
5 they have outlined the situation and they have
6 provided their recommendation. And Fernando and I
7 have also talked about this and we have also
8 provided our recommendation that we think that it
9 would makes the most sense to continue to hold
10 these Class B shares directly.

11 And the reasons that are articulated in
12 summary is with us having a direct holding, in the
13 event that we didn't want Blackstone to be the
14 manager of our hedge fund of funds, we own the
15 shares directly. We don't have to use Blackstone
16 to redeem them.

17 In addition, if you have the wrapped
18 product and there is some type of situation at
19 Elliott International or even at Blackstone, where
20 all the investors are no longer interested in
21 holding this, that whole pool, that wrapped
22 product, is going to be subject to the 25 percent.

23 Thirdly, on the last page of the memo,
24 the last page under Section 5, we had Blackstone

1 put together a liquidity analysis.

2 You have to remember that this
3 investment, which is about 29 million, is a piece
4 of a 500 million dollar investment.

5 So when you look at a change in the
6 liquidity by this one piece to semiannual, it
7 really doesn't change the makeup of the liquidity I
8 of that whole portfolio in totality.

9 So, in other words, based on this
10 analysis that Fernando put together, as much as 393
11 million could be redeemed in a year. Because you
12 have a whole bunch of different funds that we hold
13 in there and they have different liquidities so
14 this is just a piece of it and it doesn't have a
15 significant impact.

16 With that, the staff and Callan's
17 recommendation is that we continue to hold the
18 Class B shares and not opt into this wrapped
19 product that Blackstone presented.

20 TRUSTEE NEVIUS: I have a question, Gina.

21 It seems if we go with Class B there is
22 just a slight reduction in liquidity opportunities
23 for us, but it also seems like we would only have
24 those options at a slower rate.

1 MS. TUCZAK: Yes.

2 TRUSTEE NEVIUS: On a year to year basis,
3 we would have basically close to the same amount of
4 liquidity available to us.

5 MS. TUCZAK: Yes.

6 TRUSTEE NEVIUS: But at a slower rate
7 during the year because we would only have it every
8 six months as opposed to every quarter; is that
9 correct, and that is not a concern?

10 MS. TUCZAK: It is not a concern because
11 it is a small piece of that whole hedge fund
12 portfolio and this is just a 29 million dollar
13 investment.

14 So it is unlikely that we would need to
15 liquidate such a large portfolio given other things
16 that we have in our whole portfolio that have a
17 higher liquidity.

18 TRUSTEE NEVIUS: In other words, the six
19 month timing isn't a problem for us?

20 MS. TUCZAK: With the materiality of this
21 investment, it shouldn't be.

22 TRUSTEE NEVIUS: We do have a reduction
23 in terms of management fees slightly, too?

24 MS. TUCZAK: We do. We get a slight

1 reduction.

2 TRUSTEE NEVIUS: Thank you.

3 MS. TUCZAK: Just to be clear, this Class
4 B happened. We don't have the option to say we
5 don't want Class B. Elliott International moved it
6 to Class B.

7 The only thing on the table is whether we
8 continue to hold those shares directly or we are
9 part of Blackstone's customer pool that allows us
10 to liquidate with Blackstone. Basically taking our
11 shares and selling them to somebody else in their
12 customer base.

13 To get back to Trustee Nevius' point, it
14 is never a great thing to change liquidity but
15 because it is not a significant holding to the fund
16 portfolio as a whole, it kind of waters down the
17 impact in the event that the fund needs to raise
18 cash to pay benefits.

19 TRUSTEE NEVIUS: I will make a motion to
20 approve Callan's recommendation to accept the
21 Elliott Class B.

22 TRUSTEE HUGHES: Second.

23 CHAIRMAN WILSON: It has been moved and
24 seconded. Any discussion on the motion?

1 Roll call, please.

2 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Blair.

3 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Aye.

4 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Goode.

5 TRUSTEE GOODE: Aye.

6 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Hughes.

7 TRUSTEE HUGHES: Aye.

8 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Kouruklis.

9 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Aye.

10 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee McFadden.

11 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Aye.

12 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Nevius.

13 TRUSTEE NEVIUS: Aye.

14 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Ochalla.

15 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Clarification of the
16 motion. Is this the Callan recommendation?

17 MS. TUCZAK: Yes.

18 CHAIRMAN WILSON: It is Callan's
19 recommendation and their memo is in your board
20 package.

21 MS. BURNS: Gina got it in writing.

22 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Aye.

23 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Wilson.

24 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Aye.

1 Thank you, that passes.

2 The next items are two administrative
3 items. The first concerns the Health Benefits
4 Committee and the second will be the Executive
5 Director's Report.

6 Gina, please present these items.

7 MS. TUCZAK: 6-A is just a very brief
8 informational item is that a Health Benefits
9 meeting is scheduled for August 18th at 9:30 a.m.

10 The primary purpose of the meeting will
11 be to establish and recommend to the Board of
12 Trustees the 2021 health insurance premium rates
13 for participating members. We will also have a
14 representative from Segal that will be present for
15 an informational discussion and analysis. That is
16 informational, there is actually no board motion
17 needed there.

18 I will move to my Executive Director
19 Report. There are quite a few things on here.

20 6.B. The first is the management of the
21 operations during the Covid situation. So with
22 respect to Fund operations, the procedures that we
23 have discussed at the June 4th meeting continue
24 with respect to staff.

1 I divided staff into three groups and the
2 first group comes to the office for Week 1. The
3 other two groups are remote. At the end of Week 1,
4 the first group goes home. Week 2 the second group
5 comes in, the other two groups are home. At the
6 end of Week 2, group three comes in and groups one
7 and two are at home.

8 This seems to be working well. The staff
9 that are in the office are of course performing
10 their own responsibilities and assisting with any
11 needs of those that are remote.

12 There are about five of us, including
13 myself, that are always here and have always been
14 here through the whole pandemic. When you take the
15 five of us and then you add a group, we're at about
16 45 percent of staff on-site on a day-to-day basis.

17 I think that this has worked out well and
18 given that we're in Phase 4 and there are still
19 unknowns out there and in the interest of
20 continuing to service members well and of course
21 safety, I would like to continue this.

22 We are in the second rotation of this.
23 Continue the second rotation and do a third one
24 which takes us to August 15th.

1 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Has anybody gone out with
2 a positive test for COVID-19 since you started this
3 process? Nobody has tested positive?

4 MS. TUCZAK: I have not had a staff
5 member that has been onsite within a two week
6 period of testing positive.

7 TRUSTEE BLAIR: That is great.

8 MS. TUCZAK: We continue to service
9 members remotely. The process has been effective.
10 Most members are happy to speak to us on the phone.
11 We had some members that walk through with a
12 counselor line by line on their annuity application
13 but that continues to go well.

14 We do have some members that really feel
15 a lot more comfortable if they could just bring in
16 an application onsite. In those situations, we do
17 have somebody that goes down to the lobby, grabs it
18 and brings it back up.

19 We will continue that procedure and I
20 will advise you at the next Board meeting or sooner
21 if necessary if that changes.

22 Onto the next item, the intergovernmental
23 agreement with Cook County Government. I want to
24 let you know that we did receive the 25 million

1 dollar payment from Cook County Government for June
2 on schedule.

3 I also want to let you know that, as we
4 mentioned at the June 4th meeting, the IGA
5 agreement between the Fund and Cook County requires
6 that a whole slew of information was to be provided
7 by June 15th. That was all provided, with the
8 exception of the Cook County Financials, which were
9 not available. They were made available four days
10 later and they were sent immediately when they were
11 available, that was all sent electronically. I
12 have an acknowledged receipt from the County CFO.

13 One of the things that was submitted was
14 I will call it the IGA letter, which is the letter
15 that is drafted by Cavanaugh Macdonald, and
16 articulates the estimated contribution under the
17 IGA for 2021.

18 If you recall from the last meeting, I
19 know it was a really long meeting, but when that
20 letter was presented there was a concern from the
21 Trustees that there be some language in that letter
22 that discusses the fact that a long-term solution
23 is needed and that this is not legislated so there
24 is a need for something that is more long-term so

1 there was a request to amend the letter so that
2 amendment was made to the letter. I reviewed it
3 and I forwarded that change to the Trustees that
4 had discussed that.

5 When I read the transcript, which was not
6 available when I sent all this in, I realized that
7 I was to have distributed all that wording to all
8 of the Trustees prior to submission so that is my
9 error.

10 I do have the letter in here and it is
11 Exhibit A. It is on Page 2 of Exhibit A and it is
12 the third paragraph on Page 2 that discusses the
13 matter that was brought by the Trustees at the last
14 meeting so I wanted to provide that to you.

15 I met the IGA deadline of June 15th but
16 when I read the transcript I realized I should have
17 sent it to all of the Trustees so it was provided
18 here.

19 On to the next item, the completion of
20 the Financial Statement's Audit and the related
21 communications. The audits were completed. The
22 Financial Statements were issued. There were not
23 any significant changes from those that were
24 presented to you. But upon delivery of the

1 Financial Statements Legacy provided to you, what I
2 call them back to my days of being an auditor at
3 Arthur Anderson and Deloitte, the communication to
4 those charged with governments.

5 So Exhibit B and Exhibit C in here, there
6 is a letter from Legacy to you and there are, I
7 don't know, maybe 10 to 15 items they are required
8 to document and communicate to you.

9 There's nothing concerning in here. It
10 is all pretty well organized and says that we have
11 done what we are supposed to do.

12 You will find that there are two audit
13 past adjustments. Those were actually discussed on
14 the call in June but documented here so you can see
15 the numbers and it is in the packet. Those are
16 provided to you as Exhibit B and Exhibit C as it
17 should be.

18 The next item is the Pension Committee of
19 the Cook County Board of Commissioners. I received
20 an email on Tuesday, two days ago, on behalf of
21 Commissioner Gainer, that she invites me and the
22 Board to the next Pension Committee, which is
23 Thursday, July 30th, and would like the materials
24 submitted to her about a week in advance.

1 So I will begin working on those
2 materials. My intention is that we display the
3 2019 financial results and the financial condition
4 of the Fund in those slides and I will provide them
5 to you before I submit them.

6 Once I know if that committee meeting is
7 going to be in-person or virtual, I will also let
8 you know in the event any Trustees would like to
9 attend.

10 TRUSTEE NEVIUS: Gina, I assume that you
11 will probably be talking about the IGA with the
12 County during that presentation at some point. I
13 just ask that you would continue to mention every
14 time we have an opportunity to the Commissioners
15 that there is no IGA with the Forest Preserve so
16 that they understand or maybe sublimely will get
17 the message that we need one. Thank you.

18 TRUSTEE HUGHES: This is Trustee Hughes.
19 Just to let you know, we have been briefing the
20 Commissioners and we have made it very well known
21 to them that there is currently no IGA with the
22 Forest Preserve.

23 In addition, there is an advisory council
24 that was created and they just authored a letter to

1 the Board President and to the Commissioners also
2 pointing that out to them that they would like the
3 County's support if the Forest Preserve could be
4 included in an IGA.

5 The Board President was given a draft of
6 that letter in June and then the official letter
7 went out a day or two ago I believe. It certainly
8 is going to go out this week if it didn't go out
9 already.

10 MS. TUCZAK: Thank you, Trustee Hughes,
11 for the update, that is great.

12 Moving on to Item 5. You might recall
13 that on March 4, 2020 Mr. Amar Rizki, the CFO of
14 Cook County Government, sent a letter to the
15 Trustees via email. It is included in here, in
16 case you forgot, Exhibit D.

17 Basically what he asked is that he wanted
18 to attend your April board meeting and introduce
19 himself to the Trustees and also to discuss
20 legislation.

21 So at the March meeting the Trustees said
22 okay. Sure. Go ahead and have him come to the
23 meeting and present what he would like to present
24 and we scheduled that and then lo and behold within

1 a week or two the pandemic hit. The board meetings
2 since that time have all been via audio conference
3 and they were limited to matters that were
4 considered essential so given that dynamic it did
5 not make sense to have him present.

6 This is our first in-person meeting.
7 Hopefully, you all are liking that. But I talked
8 to him and I said given that it is our first
9 in-person meeting and we are kind of playing with
10 the technology, I don't think it made any sense for
11 him to be here today. But he did ask if he could
12 come to the August board meeting assuming we have a
13 similar venue and present at that time.

14 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Okay.

15 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: This is Trustee
16 Kouruklis. I just want to make a comment. If we
17 are going to be discussing legislation, we should
18 provide our legislation to Amar for his review as
19 well so both pieces of legislation is discussed and
20 of course what already is in Springfield would be
21 discussed as well since we voted on passing ours as
22 we do every year, that is it.

23 MS. TUCZAK: Thank you, Trustee
24 Kouruklis, that is a great point. Before that was

1 submitted to Springfield, the Board's legislation
2 was sent to him and all the Commissioners.

3 I will make sure that when he presents
4 that the legislation that you all passed is
5 included in the materials and I can resend to him
6 what was sent. I think it was back in February
7 when this was originally sent.

8 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Maybe you can reach out
9 to Mr. McCabe and see if we can get some sort of
10 idea to the Board about the deal in Springfield
11 right now for funding pension matters outside of
12 what they normally would do, based upon the
13 pandemic, that would be a good idea. See what kind
14 of environment we're talking about down there.

15 MS. TUCZAK: No problem. I will see if
16 we can draft something given that request. I don't
17 know what his schedule is like.

18 Moving on to the investment RFP. I just
19 wanted to let you know that the staff will be
20 having due diligence interviews with the
21 semifinalist candidates that we discussed at the
22 last meeting in closed session. Those are
23 scheduled next week.

24 We are exploring the idea of conducting

1 these meetings in-person, but because various firms
2 have different travel instructions, not only long
3 distance travel but there is also some that have
4 local travel restrictions going to different places
5 other than their own office and remote.

6 In discussion amongst ourselves and we
7 also discussed with the Chair of the Investment
8 Committee, it seemed that the best approach was to
9 make the platform the same for all of the semi-
10 finalists so those are going to be conducted via
11 video conference, which will be hosted by the firm
12 that is we are interviewing, that is just a FYI.

13 The next item is the custodial RFP. We
14 continue to work on the RFP. You may recall from
15 the February meeting that Callan was approved to
16 assist us with a custodial RFP and we have been
17 working with them on that.

18 We have had some delays. For one the
19 Callan representative that is kind of leading this
20 is located in California so originally he was going
21 to come onsite and provide some educational
22 sessions to staff to help determine the needs that
23 we want to put in the RFP. That was delayed due to
24 the pandemic and then we also had all hands-on deck

1 on the financial reporting side trying to make sure
2 the audit was completed to meet all the IGA
3 requirements.

4 With that in mind, I made a very informal
5 call to BNY/Mellon to ask if we were to request a
6 one-year extension of our contract with them, if
7 they could keep the same terms and fees. They came
8 back to me and they said they would be willing to
9 do so. This is just exploratory, it is not a
10 binding matter.

11 If the Trustees are interested in this, I
12 would recommend that I work on that and come back
13 to you with something more formal next month, which
14 would include a RFP schedule.

15 I still think that we have time to have a
16 very robust RFP put out there and completed in the
17 next six months. I want to make sure that the
18 Trustees have adequate time to take a look at the
19 respondents because this is a big change and that
20 whoever is selected there is adequate time for
21 contract negotiation and implementation. This is a
22 very large portfolio and it would be very important
23 that nothing is rushed.

24 I can tell you having been in the office

1 every day during this whole thing, I have learned
2 firsthand that we need to get a benefit pay agent
3 involved and it has really made it all the more
4 crucial that the RFP is done. Myself and a couple
5 of staff on-hand were printing checks. I
6 personally drove checks to the bulk mail site at
7 Harrison. I mean, we got it done. Members were
8 paid but I think we need to move this into a
9 different century.

10 The monthly annuity checks. There is
11 about 1,000 members that still like the actual
12 check. All disability recipients get paid a check,
13 too. In total it is about a thousand, about 800
14 monthly annuity and 200 disability.

15 So if the trustees are amenable to that,
16 I will bring something a little bit more concrete
17 at the next board meeting.

18 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Okay.

19 MS. TUCZAK: The next item I wanted to
20 let you know about is an update from the January
21 meeting. In November of 2019, this is Item Number
22 8, the Board approved a recommendation of a Health
23 Benefits Committee, that the Fund participate in
24 the CVS Transform Diabetes Program effective

1 April 1.

2 At the January board meeting, I advised
3 you, in my Executive Director's Report, that we
4 continue to have contract negotiations with CVS for
5 both our Medicare and our non-Medicare programs and
6 until that was completed we can't get this Livongo
7 program in place.

8 We recently learned that CVS has actually
9 severed their relationship with Livongo so that
10 program will not be included in the final contract
11 that we are working on with CVS and the contract
12 amendment with CVS on the Medicare side. We didn't
13 start the program so member participation hasn't
14 commenced.

15 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: When was that
16 relationship severed?

17 MS. TUCZAK: We learned about it I
18 believe sometime in June, after the June board
19 meeting.

20 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Was it severed with
21 United Healthcare?

22 MS. TUCZAK: No. CVS had, I will call
23 it, a partnership with Livongo. CVS severed the
24 relationship with Livongo for this program.

1 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: I don't know if that is
2 necessarily true for Blue Cross and Blue Shield.
3 Active members have been receiving this program.

4 TRUSTEE GOODE: That is where the idea
5 came from.

6 MS. TUCZAK: That's very possible but the
7 way that this was brought to the Health Benefits
8 Committee and approved by the Board was that it
9 would be CVS. It was called CVS Transform Diabetes
10 Care with Livongo, that is the way the program was
11 brought to the Health Benefits Committee and the
12 Board through CVS.

13 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Several of my members
14 just received the Livongo signup through CVS. I am
15 wondering if it is United Healthcare.

16 MS. TUCZAK: It is CVS. Blue Cross may
17 have it. I am not as familiar with the County
18 program. I do know that there are some County
19 members that are impacted and there is kind of like
20 a runoff program for those members that are going
21 to be in Livongo through CVS. They are not just
22 going to -- if you are already an existing
23 customer, they are not going to just stop you that
24 minute. There is going to be a run out program.

1 CVS and Livongo will no longer have that
2 relationship.

3 TRUSTEE GOODE: Could we get something in
4 writing from CVS?

5 MS. TUCZAK: I had asked for something in
6 writing. I haven't received it yet. Until I get
7 something in writing, I don't want to speculate.

8 TRUSTEE GOODE: The reason I brought this
9 program here was because I got tired of the
10 feedback from active members. And it is hard to
11 get people to take care of their health when you
12 have members especially -- I shouldn't say that.
13 But members that are excited about something that
14 is so prevalent in this population, I think it's
15 important to insure that we have all the details.

16 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: I got the same
17 response. I think it was presented last summer. A
18 couple of people approached me on it.

19 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Did you say you
20 brought it to the Board?

21 TRUSTEE GOODE: Yes, I got a lot of calls
22 on it over a year ago.

23 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: When did you bring it?

24 TRUSTEE GOODE: I talked to Jane about it

1 first.

2 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Jane came in and gave
3 us a presentation cold, never heard the idea, and
4 expected us to approve it that day.

5 TRUSTEE GOODE: We did. Yes, we did.

6 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: With the caveat that
7 the documents be approved by the attorneys and they
8 never came to terms.

9 TRUSTEE GOODE: I don't know about that
10 part of it but what I am saying is --

11 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: The next time you have
12 an idea for the Board, you should have brought it
13 to Jack when he was here.

14 TRUSTEE GOODE: I did talk to Jack. This
15 is over a year ago, maybe two. This is something
16 that the active members liked and I would have
17 liked to have seen moving forward.

18 We have problems with people managing
19 their health and if we have continuation from
20 actives to retirees and something that benefits the
21 Fund -- you are not letting me finish -- then I
22 think we should explore.

23 Not only did Jane present it, we agreed
24 on it. We had them come out and also agreed to

1 explore it and have some money that was given back
2 from the healthcare people to fund it so I don't
3 know what is happening outside this board, when we
4 meet, and the discussions that are happening, but I
5 am getting upset when stuff just pops up and we
6 don't have none of the documentation showing what
7 happened.

8 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: I remember we had a
9 rep from Livongo come in.

10 TRUSTEE GOODE: Yes.

11 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: It was a very fruitful,
12 about a half hour, discussion on that. What the
13 transition would be. How it would save money going
14 from actives to retirees. We definitely would save
15 I agree.

16 MS. TUCZAK: I made the request.

17 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: We are going to be
18 spending more on things that are preventive on our
19 members. This is a program that was active in the
20 County that could transition over to retirees.

21 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: What occurs to me is
22 that it came up in the Health Committee and it was
23 presented and we were spending money and it was a
24 new idea and no one was familiar with it and no one

1 to my knowledge did any diligence to see who is out
2 there. Is Livongo the only company?

3 TRUSTEE GOODE: We had the rep come in.

4 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: We don't know the
5 players, what the arrangement is between Livongo
6 and CVS. We don't have an arrangement reduced to
7 writing. We don't have a contract. And then as
8 the months went by, they weren't interested in the
9 -- there was never a contract agreed to, an
10 arrangement reduced to writing.

11 No one in the world is going to suggest
12 that it is not good for our members, but on
13 November 7th we couldn't sit there and say it was
14 good for our members based upon the presentation we
15 got.

16 TRUSTEE GOODE: I want to see that. We
17 talked about money. We talked about where the
18 money was going to come from and how long we were
19 going to do this program.

20 So now all of a sudden stuff happens and
21 it is coming out of the blue along with contract
22 stuff. That should have been done after -- we
23 talked about money. We talked about where the
24 money was going to come from. Staff should have

1 followed up after that about contracts and
2 everything else.

3 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: They did. Really,
4 what the staff should have done was have the
5 arrangement reduced to writing in a contractual
6 form before it was presented to us.

7 CHAIRMAN WILSON: So we have an upcoming
8 Healthcare Committee meeting. Can we put this on
9 the Agenda, Gina?

10 MS. TUCZAK: Absolutely.

11 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Okay.

12 TRUSTEE GOODE: I am requesting all
13 correspondence and documentation and all minutes in
14 regards to this.

15 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: I had no idea that you
16 had a real interest in this and that idea came from
17 you.

18 TRUSTEE GOODE: I sat at the meeting. I
19 even offered to have one of the active members,
20 call them on the phone, and explain to you all why
21 it was important. Because it was an issue on the
22 floor about the little strips and how much it costs
23 and where you can get it and all this other stuff
24 and I was going to have them explain it to you,

1 somebody who uses it, why it is important.

2 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: We should elect to
3 enter into a contract based upon your active coming
4 in and giving a presentation?

5 TRUSTEE GOODE: It is not about a
6 contract. We were talking about strips.

7 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Okay.

8 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Okay. Gina, carry on.

9 MS. TUCZAK: I was taken by surprise by
10 this. I have asked CVS for written documentation
11 severing the relationship. I have asked for that.

12 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Diahann, what do you
13 want her to do?

14 TRUSTEE GOODE: Send a certified letter.

15 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Being the Chairman of
16 Health Committee, I can ask Gina to send that out
17 today.

18 MS. TUCZAK: I will work with fiduciary
19 counsel on that.

20 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Okay.

21 MS. TUCZAK: The last item is an update
22 on the Communication Survey. At the February
23 meeting, we have talked about a Communication
24 Survey. Samples were provided. We did receive

1 positive feedback. My intention was that the
2 survey was going to be sent out with the newsletter
3 sometime in late March. With the pandemic upon us,
4 unfortunately, I wanted to make everybody aware the
5 newsletter and survey have not yet gone out.

6 I am trying to get that redeployed to
7 send a newsletter and Communication Survey to the
8 members. It's just an update.

9 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Okay. Anything else
10 that you want to tell us? Does that conclude
11 you're your report?

12 MS. TUCZAK: The only thing that I didn't
13 put in there is for those of you that haven't filed
14 a Statement of Economic Interest the deadline is
15 coming up for that.

16 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Trustees, anyone else
17 have any questions of Gina?

18 Is there a request for a closed session
19 for potential legal matters to get an update?

20 TRUSTEE GOODE: Motion to go into closed
21 session.

22 MS. BURNS: Pursuant to Section 2(c)11,
23 Trustee Goode.

24 TRUSTEE GOODE: Yes, ma'am.

1 CHAIRMAN WILSON: There a second?

2 TRUSTEE BLAIR: I will second.

3 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Roll call.

4 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Blair.

5 TRUSTEE BLAIR: Aye.

6 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Goode.

7 TRUSTEE GOODE: Aye.

8 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Hughes.

9 TRUSTEE HUGHES: Aye.

10 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Kouruklis.

11 TRUSTEE KOURUKLIS: Aye.

12 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee McFadden.

13 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: Aye.

14 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Nevius.

15 TRUSTEE NEVIUS: Aye.

16 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Ochalla.

17 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Aye.

18 MS. FAHRENBACH: Trustee Wilson.

19 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Aye.

20 Thank you. We are now going to proceed

21 to closed session to consider a potential

22 litigation matter and as a result we will return to

23 the video conference in open line in approximately

24 15 minutes. The time may be longer, could be

1 shorter, but we will return to open session.

2 You are welcome to remain on the line.

3 When we return to open session, we do not
4 anticipate taking any action other than to adjourn.

5 (Whereupon, the Board went into
6 executive session off the record.

7 No action was taken in Executive
8 Session.)

9 CHAIRMAN WILSON: We are out of the
10 closed session. We are back in open session. For
11 the record, no formal action was taken while the
12 Board was in closed session.

13 Is there any new business?

14 Is there any old business?

15 Is there a motion to adjourn today's
16 meeting?

17 TRUSTEE MCFADDEN: So moved.

18 TRUSTEE OCHALLA: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Any discussion?

20 All in favor?

21 (Chorus of ayes.)

22 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Any opposed?

23 (No nays.)

24 CHAIRMAN WILSON: Thank you for your

1 participation today.

2 The July 9, 2020 board meeting of
3 Trustees is adjourned.

4 The Board's next regularly scheduled
5 meeting is August 6, 2020.

6 Thank you. Stay safe.

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8 (WHICH WERE ALL THE PROCEEDINGS

9 IN THE ABOVE-ENTITLED MEETING

10 AT THIS DATE AND TIME.)

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