

## **Minutes of the Firefighter's Pension Board Meeting**

Chairman Ronald Glass called the meeting to order on Thursday, June 19, at 8:15 a.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Agenda Conference Room, City Hall at 400 S. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida. There was a quorum.

### **Members Present:**

Ronald Glass, Chairman  
John Miller, Vice-Chair  
Michael Droege, Secretary  
Mario A. Garcia, Trustee  
Rebecca W. Sutton, Trustee

### **Also Present:**

Donnie R. Jones, Executive Director  
Katrina Laudeman, Deputy Executive Director  
Amanda Green, Fire Department Advocate  
James B. Loper, Board Attorney  
Fire Chief James Reynolds  
Chris McCullion, Assistant Treasurer  
Katie Zuccarini, Employee Benefits  
Geoffrey Foster, Disability Applicant  
Rochelle L. Burlon, Pension Coordinator  
Michael Clelland, Attorney for Applicant

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2008 was made by R. Sutton and seconded by J. Miller; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **3. CONSENT AGENDA**

	<u>Retirement Date</u>
James P. Brown, III	June 1, 2008
\$4,985.29 monthly	

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA was made by R. Glass and seconded by J. Miller; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **5. NEW/GENERAL APPEARANCE**

### **a. ANNUAL LOST TIME/BUYBACK PROCEDURES**

K. Zuccarini advised the Board on the current procedures for lost time buybacks. Discussion ensued. It was determined that Employee Benefits will now send out an email to firefighters who need to buyback lost time with a return receipt. It will no longer be the responsibility of the trustees to notify these firefighters.

## **1. DISABILITY HEARING FOR GEOFFREY FOSTER**

Chairman R. Glass advised that this was the time set for the application for line of duty disability pension of Geoffrey Foster. Michael Clelland represented the applicant. J. Loper went over the guidelines of the disability hearing. R. Glass informed all present

that the hearing was being recorded and indicated that the applicant's package and the Board's IME would be accepted into evidence including all additions to the package and supplemental information filed. R. Glass recognized the Applicant G. Foster. G. Foster and Fire Chief James Reynolds were sworn in. M. Clelland gave his opening statement Amanda Green, Department Advocate waived her opening statement. G. Foster testified. A. Green and trustees asked questions of the applicant. R. Glass advised that the evidentiary phase of the hearing was closed. A. Green asked Chief Reynolds if there is a limited duty position without a reduction in pay or benefits within the Department. Chief Reynolds responded that there was no position available.

A MOTION THAT BASED UPON THE EVIDENCE AND TESTIMONY PROVIDED THAT A PERMANENT AND TOTAL DISABILITY, AS DEFINED BY THE FIRE PENSION PLAN, DOES EXIST, was made by M. Droege and seconded by J. Miller; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION THAT BASED UPON THE EVIDENCE AND TESTIMONY PROVIDED THAT THE DISABILITY INJURY OCCURRED IN THE LINE OF DUTY was made by M. Droege and seconded by R. Sutton; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION THAT G. FOSTER DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR COLA BENEFITS SINCE HE DOES NOT HAVE TWENTY OR MORE YEARS OF ACTUAL SERVICE AT THE TIME OF HIS DISABILITY RETIREMENT was made by J. Miller and seconded by M. Droege; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION THAT BASED UPON THE EVIDENCE AND TESTIMONY PROVIDED OF THE EXISTENCE OF A PERMANENT AND TOTAL DISABILITY THAT THE DISABILITY PENSION IS GRANTED TO GEOFFREY FOSTER AND BENEFITS WILL COMMENCE ON JULY 1, 2008, was made by R. Sutton and seconded by M. Droege; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Board took a ten minute break.

4. **PENDING**

a. **STATUS OF DISABILITY APPLICATIONS**

S. Burlon gave an update on the disability applicants:

Jason Ballard	IME appointment on June 24, 2008
Christine Collyer	IME appointment was scheduled for June 24, 2008 however, she will be having some type of surgery on June 23. IME to be rescheduled for July.
Joe Miranda	Deposition of IME physician scheduled for September 17, 2008.

Corby Rusk

IME appointment also on June 24, 2008.

Daniel Velez

IME appointment was on May 16, 2008.

b. **JOINT MEETING DATE WITH THE POLICE PENSION BOARD TO  
DISCUSS SELECTION COMMITTEE SEARCH RESULTS FOR AN  
INVESTMENT CONSULTANT**

A meeting will be scheduled with the two pension boards to discuss the selection committees search results for an Investment Consultant as soon as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rochelle L. Burlon*

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Pension Coordinator