

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF THE HEARING IN THE MICHAEL KING
DISABILITY MATTER BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF DES
PLAINES FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION FUND**

March 23, 2021

A deliberations hearing as to Michael King's disability pension claim before the City of Des Plaines Firefighters' Pension Board was held on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 beginning at 9:00 AM, at City Hall located at 1420 Miner Street, Des Plaines, Illinois pursuant to proper notice, to conduct formal business regarding the disability claim of Michael King.

CALL TO ORDER: President Rice called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: President William Rice, Secretary Jeff Vallee, Trustee Jeff Rozovics, Trustee Nick Chiaro.

ALSO PRESENT: Also present were Applicant Michael King, Attorney P. Ann O'Connell (counsel for Applicant), Attorney Andrew Fiske (counsel for the City of Des Plaines), and Attorney Laura J. Goodloe (counsel for the Des Plaines Firefighters' Pension Board).

ABSENT: Trustee Paul Birger (due to recusal).

WITNESS CALLED: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

REAPPOINTMENT OF HEARING OFFICER:

Trustee Chiaro made a motion to re-appoint Laura Goodloe as the hearing officer over the proceeding. Trustee Vallee seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: President William Rice, Secretary Jeff Vallee, Trustee Jeff Rozovics, and Trustee Nick Chiaro.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Trustee Paul Birger.

The hearing officer then proceeded to provide an opening statement detailing the course and manner of proceedings for this hearing.

REVIEW/PRESENTATION OF POST-HEARING BRIEFS AND NOTICE OF HEARING AS EXHIBITS:

The hearing officer formally proffered pension board exhibits numbered sixty-four (64) through sixty-six (66) for entry into the record of proceedings. The City of Des Plaines and Mr. King did not object to the entry of the additional exhibits into the record. Therefore, exhibits numbered sixty-four (64) through sixty-six (66) were entered into the record in this proceeding.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Rice made a motion to adjourn into executive session pursuant to 2(c)(4) of the Open Meetings Act to deliberate as to the evidence and testimony received in this matter. Trustee Vallee seconded the motion and the motion carried by roll call vote:

- AYES: President William Rice, Secretary Jeff Vallee, Trustee Jeff Rozovics, and Trustee Nick Chiaro.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSENT: Trustee Paul Birger.

The Board thereafter went out of open session at 9:05 AM.

At the culmination of closed session the Board reappeared in open session at 9:33 AM. Trustee Vallee made a motion to go back into open session and Trustee Chiaro seconded the motion. The motion carried by roll call vote:

- AYES: President William Rice, Secretary Jeff Vallee, Trustee Jeff Rozovics, and Trustee Nick Chiaro.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSENT: Trustee Paul Birger.

BOARD DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION:


The Board concluded it was prepared to make a final decision with respect to the disability claim before it. Trustee Vallee made a motion to grant Michael King's application for a line-of-duty disability pension pursuant to 40 ILCS 5/4-110. Trustee Rozovics seconded the motion. The motion carried by roll call vote:

- AYES: President William Rice, Secretary Jeff Vallee, Trustee Jeff Rozovics, and Trustee Nick Chiaro.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSENT: Trustee Paul Birger.

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Vallee made a motion to adjourn the administrative hearing in the King disability matter. Trustee Rozovics seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The hearing was adjourned at 9:36 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,


 William Rice
 President

 Date Approved

Open Session Minutes Prepared by Laura J. Goodloe, Esq.