

**ARLINGTON COUNTY VIRGINIA
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

**Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2021**

The President of the Board, Mr. Jonathan Kinney, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

The meeting was held in person in Room 307 at 2100 Clarendon Boulevard and electronically via Microsoft Teams, consistent with the Virginia General Assembly and Arlington County rules allowing such electronic meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Voting Members Present: Mr. Jonathan Kinney, President
 Mr. Richard Alt, Vice President
 Ms. Michelle Cowan, Treasurer
 Ms. Michael-dharma Irwin, Secretary
 Mr. William Ross, Assistant Treasurer
 Ms. Barbara Donnellan
 Mr. Brian Lynch

Substitute Members Present: Mr. Shaun Lewis
 Mr. Carl Newby
 Ms. Emily Hughes

Others Present: Ms. Susie Ardeshir, Executive Director
 Ms. Rande Stenroos, Assistant Director
 Ms. Katrina Milne, Analyst
 Mr. Stephen Euell, Accountant
 Ms. Virginia Sadler, CAO
 Mr. Paxton LePage, Disability Appellant
 Mr. James E. Swiger, Counsel for Appellant

CONSENT LIST

Mr. Kinney called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. A motion to approve the consent list, consisting of the July 8, 2021 meeting minutes and an updated non-corporate resolution adding the new Executive Director, was offered by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Ross. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was offered by Ms. Irwin, seconded by Ms. Donnellan, and passed by a vote of 7-0 to enter into closed session for discussion or consideration of medical records excluded from this chapter pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3705.5. The disclosure statement from Mr. Lynch is provided as an addendum.

The closed session began at 9:05 AM.

The Board returned to open session at 11:30 AM. On a motion by Mr. Irwin, and carried by a vote of 7-0 the voting recorded as follows:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Mr. Kinney	Aye
Mr. Alt	Aye
Ms. Cowan	Aye
Ms. Donnellan	Aye
Mr. Barrett	Aye
Mr. Ross	Aye
Ms. Irwin	Aye

The Board certified that only public matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirement by Virginia law and identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

Upon returning to open session, Mr. Alt, seconded by Mr. Lynch, offered a motion that the Board obtain an independent medical opinion regarding Appellant FY21-01’s case from a qualified practitioner. The motion passed by a vote of 4 – 2 – 1, with Ms. Donnellan and Mr. Ross dissenting and Mr. Kinney abstaining.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Donnellan, seconded by Ms. Irwin, offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0, with Ms. Cowan not present. The meeting ended at 11:45 AM.

ADDENDUM

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"This is a service connected disability claim of a firefighter. Pursuant to VA Code § 2.2-3112.B.1 I am making this declaration prescribed in subsection F of § 2.2-3115. I am a firefighter and a member and a paid officer of Arlington Professional Firefighters and Paramedics Assoc.-IAFF Local 2800, which makes me a member of an occupation, business, profession and a group of three or more persons affected by the issue. The appellant is also a firefighter and a member of the same organization. The determination of service-connected disability claims are of significant economic importance to all firefighters and potentially one day to me. However, I am able to participate in the transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest, as I take my role as fiduciary seriously and it is not in my, the firefighting occupation's, the Association's or the public's interest that service connected disability claims be granted to those who should not receive them.

I would add that while the Association has assisted the appellant in this appeal as it customarily assists members with such appeals. However, at my direction, responsibility for the appeal was given to other officers of the Association instead of me."

Signed,



Brian P. Lynch
Trustee-Uniformed Service