

January 26, 2023

OPEN SESSION MINUTES: SPECIAL MEETING
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF ST. LOUIS

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Police Retirement System of St. Louis was held on Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. via in-person and electronic formats.

Trustees and staff members were invited to participate either in person or via a Zoom video meeting and the following were marked present:

Det. Wallace K. Leopold, Chairman
Ms. Beverly Fitzsimmons, Deputy Comptroller (via Zoom)
Det. Leo G. Rice (via Zoom)
Sgt. Michael A. Frederick, Retired
Det. Samuel G. Zouglas, Retired
Lt. Sean M. Reape
Lt. Col. Gerald J. Leyshock, Retired
Sgt. John L. McLaughlin, Retired

The terms of office for Mayoral Appointees Ann M. Hunter and Richard L. Kismer as Trustees and members of this Board expired on September 30, 2022. As of this date, Mayor Tishaura O. Jones has appointed one seat that fills the two Mayoral appointed members whose terms would have commenced on October 1, 2022, and the Board is an eight-member Board until the additional Mayoral Appointment is made.

Others present were:

Mr. Mark Lawson, Executive Director
Mr. Brian Underwood, Hearing Officer
Ms. Sara Masuga, Court Reporter
Mr. Zachary McMichael, Capes Sokol
Mr. Michael Noble, Cheiron
Mr. Patrick Nelson, Cheiron

1. Call to Order – With a quorum of the Board present, Chairman Leopold called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M.

Emergency Item added by Chairman, Board of Trustee

Presentation of Credentials – Retired Sergeant John L. McLaughlin who was appointed Trustee to the Board of Trustees for the expired term ending September 30, 2022, presented his credentials. A copy of the letter dated December 8, 2022 from Mayor Tishaura O. Jones and Oath of Office were included in the agenda documents on the secure portal.

MOTION

Chairman Leopold moved that the Board accept the credentials of Retired Sergeant John L. McLaughlin.

Motion was seconded by Trustee Reape; and upon vote, the following was recorded:

Yes – 7 No – 0 Motion passed 7 to 0.

- 2. Roll Call Vote to temporarily adjourn open session to hold a closed meeting.

MOTION

Chairman Leopold moved for a Roll Call Vote in Open Session to hold a Closed Meeting in order to:

- a. Have confidential communications with legal counsel concerning legal causes of action or attorney work product pursuant to Section 610.021, subsection 1 of the Missouri Revised Statutes;

Motion was seconded by Trustee Rice.

Chairman Leopold called for a Roll Call Vote, and upon vote, the following was recorded:

Yes No Yes – 8 No – 0
Ms. Fitzsimmons
Sgt. Frederick
Chairman Leopold
Lt. Col. Leyshock
Sgt. McLaughlin
Lt. Reape
Det. Rice
Det. Zouglas Motion passed 8 to 0.

Chairman Leopold temporarily adjourned Open Session at 10:05 A.M.

Executive Session Agenda Items 1-2 are confidential and are recorded separately.

Open Session resumed at 10:10 A.M.

Chairman Leopold moved it Item 1 at this time.

- 1. In re Andre’ White – Formal Administrative Hearing - Chairman Leopold noted that the purpose of this meeting was to conduct the Formal Hearing for Police Officer Andre’ White. Officer Andre’ White and his legal counsel, Mr. Larry Fields, joined the meeting. Chairman Leopold turned the meeting over to Mr. Brian Underwood who presided over the Formal Hearing.

Hearing Officer Underwood began the Hearing at 10:14 A.M.

Hearing Officer Underwood went off the record at 10:42 A.M.

Hearing Officer Underwood went back on record at 10:43 A.M.

Hearing Officer Underwood called for a break at 11:07 A.M.

Hearing resumed at 11:17 A.M.

Hearing Officer Underwood closed the Hearing at 11:48 A.M.

Hearing Officer Underwood addressed Mr. McMichael and Mr. Fields regarding the time frame for submitting simultaneous briefs to Executive Director Lawson.

Chairman Leopold moved to Item 3 at this time.

3. Adjournment of Meeting

MOTION

Chairman Leopold moved to adjourn the Meeting.

Motion was seconded by Trustee Zouglas, and upon vote, the following recorded:

Yes - 8

No - 0

Meeting adjourned at 11:51 A.M.

Submitted to the Board of Trustees by Mark Lawson, Executive Director.

Minutes prepared by Kelly Briley and Mark Lawson.

BOARD APPROVED: 03/29/23

ATTEST:



Wallace K. Leopold
Chairman, Board of Trustees



Leo G. Rice
Secretary, Board of Trustees