

**MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES ANNUITY AND BENEFIT FUND OF CHICAGO
MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE
NO. 2021-09-03
OCTOBER 7, 2020**

A Special Meeting of the Election Committee of the Municipal Employees' Annuity and Benefit Fund was held in the Fund offices and by video conference on September 27, 2021. Notice of the meeting was posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

Roll Call:

Trustee Thompson	Present
Mr. Slack	Present

Mr. Craig Slack noted that as the Treasurer's designated proxy representative he was present and participating in the meeting on behalf of the Treasurer.

A quorum was present.

Additional attendees included the following individuals, either in person or by video conference:

Mr. Dennis White, Executive Director, Ms. Stacey Ruffolo, Deputy Executive Director, Ms. Donna Hansen, Office Manager, Ms. Sarah Boeckman, Attorney, Burke, Burns, and Pinelli.

Trustee Soni joined the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Ms. Ruffolo updated the Election Committee that 2 candidates submitted packets for the Special Election, which is the Election for the unexpired term that was vacated by Trustee Thomas McMahon and is currently held by Trustee Degnan consistent with the requirements of the Pension Code.

Ms. Ruffolo notified the Election Committee that the 2 candidates had submitted completed Election packets. Those candidates were Trustee Degnan, the incumbent, and Ms. Ashley McKinnie.

Ms. Boeckman stated that Fund's Election Rules provide that applicants must be qualified under Section 8-193 of the Pension Code. Ms. Boeckman stated that the Funds has received information from Ms. McKinnie's employer indicating that Ms. McKinnie is in a position that is classified as exempt and therefore she does not meet the qualification standards under the express language of Section 8-193 of the Pension Code.

Mr. White asked Ms. Boeckman to please read the section of the Code into the record. Ms. Boeckman read section 8-193 of the Code governing the Board elections. Ms.

Boeckman read "Each employee member and his successor shall be an employee who holds a position by certification and appointment as a result of a competitive civil service examination as distinguished from temporary appointment for a period of not less than five years prior to the date of election or so holds a position which is not exempt from the classified or the personnel ordinance by a city that adopted a career service ordinance.

Ms. Boeckman stated that in this case, the Fund received information from that the Board of Education, Ms. McKinnie's employer, that it, classifies Ms. McKinnie's position as exempt.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Slack made a motion to notify Ms. McKinnie that she is not qualified to participate in the Trustee Election under Section 8-193 of the Pension Code, based on information received from the Chicago Board of Education that her position is classified as exempt. Seconded by Trustee Soni.

A roll call vote was held.

Carried: Ayes- Trustee Thompson, Trustee Soni, and Mr. Slack. Nays None.

Consistent with Public Act 91-0715 and reasonable constraints determined by the Board of Trustees, at each regular meeting of the Board or its committees that is open to the public, members of the public were allowed to address the Board on relevant matters within its jurisdiction.

Ms. Boeckman noted that there were no requests for public comment.

Mr. Slack made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Soni.

Motion carried by voice vote.