

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF THE HEARING IN THE ERIC J. CHIPMAN  
DISABILITY MATTER BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF DES  
PLAINES FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION FUND**

**November 15, 2017**

A hearing on the merits as to Eric J. Chipman's line of duty disability pension claim before the City of Des Plaines Firefighters' Pension Board was held on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 beginning at 10:00 AM, at City Hall located at 1420 Miner Street, Des Plaines, Illinois pursuant to proper notice.

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Rice called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** President William Rice, Secretary Jeff Vallee, Trustee Jeff Rozovics, Trustee Nicholas Chiaro, and Trustee Paul Birger.

**ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Also present was Applicant Eric J. Chipman, Attorney Thomas Duda (counsel for Applicant), Scott Moran (assistant to Thomas Duda), Attorney Andrew Fiske (counsel for the City of Des Plaines), Attorney Laura J. Goodloe (counsel for the Des Plaines Firefighters' Pension Board), and John Light (City of Des Plaines Human Resources Director).

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**APPOINTMENT OF HEARING OFFICER:**

Trustee Birger made a motion to appoint Board Attorney Laura Goodloe as the hearing officer over the proceedings before the Board. Trustee Vallee seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**REVIEW/PRESENTATION OF ADDITIONAL EXHIBITS BY PARTIES:**

Pension Board exhibits numbered 9 (nine) through twenty-four (24) were entered into the record without objection. Counsel on behalf of the City of Des Plaines did not proffer any exhibits for entry into the record. Counsel for Applicant proffered three exhibits. Those additional three exhibits were entered into the record without objection.

**OPENING STATEMENTS:**

Counsel for the Applicant and Counsel for the City both waived opening statements.

**PRESENTATION OF WITNESS TESTIMONY BY APPLICANT:**

Applicant then presented its case in chief, which included calling Steven Berndt and the Applicant for witness testimony. Upon the conclusion of Applicant's direct examination the City, followed by the Pension Board had the opportunity to ask the Applicant's witnesses questions under oath. Upon the conclusion of Applicant's two witness examinations the Applicant had no further witnesses.

**PRESENTATION OF WITNESS TESTIMONY BY CITY:** None.

**PRESENTATION OF WITNESS TESTIMONY BY PENSION BOARD:** None.

**CLOSING STATEMENTS:**

Counsel for the Applicant waived closing statement and Counsel for the City provided a brief closing statement.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Trustee Birger made a motion to adjourn into executive session pursuant to 2(c)(4) and 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act to deliberate as to the evidence and arguments the Board received. Trustee Valle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The Board went out of open session at 11:57 AM.

Upon the conclusion of executive session at 12:15 PM, the Board reconvened back into Open Session. Trustee Valle made a motion to go back into open session. Trustee Birger seconded the motion. The Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**VOTE/RULING ON APPLICATION:** Trustee Valle made a motion to grant Eric Chipman's line of duty disability application. Trustee Birger seconded the motion. The motion carried by roll call vote:

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Trustee Valle made a motion to adjourn the administrative hearing in the Chipman disability matter. Trustee Birger seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. The hearing was adjourned at 12:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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William Rice  
President

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Date Approved