



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

Allentown Fire Pension Board

Thursday, March 23, 2023

9:00 AM

City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Board of Managers for the Allentown Paid Firemen's Pension Fund Association was called to order by Secretary Glazier on the abovementioned date at 9:06 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Attendance was taken, and a quorum was present.

Board members present:

Bina Patel, Treasurer

Jeff Glazier, Controller as Secretary

John Stribula, Fire Representative

Efrain Agosto, Fire Chief

Tim Bruce, Fire Representative

Board members absent:

Mayor Tuerk, President

Others present:

Jeremy Warmkessel, IAFF

James Alpha

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 21, 2023 meeting will be approved at the May 16, 2023 meeting.

PENSION REQUESTS

James Alpha disability request.

Mr. Warmkessel presented the case for Mr. Alpha's request for a service related disability pension.

The following documents were introduced: Disposition of the City of Allentown to the Application for Heart and Lung Benefits, Heart Center of Philadelphia report, Cardiothoracic Surgery Services report, James Alpha request for disability pension effective 3/31/23, James Alpha request for pension calculation, Paid Firemen's Pension Fund ordinance Article 145, Paid Firemen's Pension Fund ordinance Chapter 75 (new codification), IAFF solicitor opinion on service vs. non service related disability pension calculation, Humes' pension calculation, letters from Drs. Cruz, Page, and Bognet regarding Mr. Apha's condition.

Mr. Warmkessel stated that the reports show Mr. Alpha will not improve enough to return to work.

The Board had no questions for Mr. Alpha or Mr. Warmkessel.

Chief Agosto moved that the Board choose Dr. Louis Samuels and Dr. Steven J. Nierenberg as medical examiners for this case per section 145.20 (75-101). Mr. Stribula seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Bruce moved that Mr. Alpha be given a service related disability pension effective March 31, 2023 in the amount of \$45,385.56 annually (\$1,745.60 bi-weekly). Ms. Patel seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion passed.

[15-5777](#)

Attachments: [James Alpha, In Service Disability-50% Pension Calc-5 year average.pdf](#)
[James Alpha, In Service Disability-50% Pension Calc-Base Salary.pdf](#)

PENSIONS APPROVED BY WRITTEN VOTE

None

MILITARY BUY BACK

None

PURCHASE OF SERVICE CREDIT

None

PENSION REVISIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Agosto and seconded by Ms. Patel.

Submitted by:

Jeff Glazier, Secretary