# **PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

# **Board of Trustees**

OF THE

# **Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago**

**Return to Work Committee – Minutes** 

Thursday, April 27, 2023

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

- Return to Work Hearing regarding Carole Sachay
- Return to Work Hearing regarding Rosetta Tetteh

### **DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m.

#### Return to Work Committee Meeting Audio/Video Conferencing during COVID-19

Chairperson Nelson stated that due to the COVID-19 pandemic and pursuant to Public Act 101-0640, which amended the Open Meetings Act to allow for remote meetings when certain conditions are met, CTPF is holding this meeting by audio-video conference.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Committee Members present:** Ms. Lois Nelson, Ms. Mary Sharon Reilly, Ms. Maria J. Rodriguez – 3

Committee Members absent: None

Also in attendance were Mr. Carlton W. Lenoir Sr., (*Executive Director*), Mr. Daniel Hurtado, (*Chief Legal Officer*), Mr. Joseph Miller of Ottosen, DiNolfo, Hasenbalg & Castaldo, Ltd. (*Board Counsel*), Retired Judge Russell Hartigan (*Hearing Officer*), Ms. Cathy Baker(*Court Reporter*), and various observers and staff members.

#### RETURN TO WORK HEARING REGARDING CAROLE SACHAY

Ms. Carole Sachay participated in a Return to Work Hearing. Participants and witnesses were sworn in by the hearing officer, Retired Judge Russell Hartigan, who presided over the hearing. Mr. William Ruffing, CTPF Legal Counsel, presented evidence supporting the pension cancellation based on the Pension Code and Rules. Ms. Rachel Wagner, Specialist, Pension and Refund, gave testimony on behalf of CTPF.

Mr. Ruffing explained the procedural timeline for receipt of transcripts and submission of findings.

Ms. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Reilly, to end the hearing regarding Ms. Carole Sachay.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Ms. Nelson, Ms. Reilly, Ms. Rodriguez – 3

Nays: None

#### RECESS

The hearing recessed from 10:46 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

#### RETURN TO WORK HEARING REGARDING ROSETTA TETTEH

Ms. Rosetta Tetteh participated in a Return to Work Hearing. Participants and witnesses were sworn in by the hearing officer, Retired Judge Russell Hartigan. Mr. William Ruffing, CTPF Legal Counsel, presented evidence supporting the pension cancellation based on the Illinois Pension Code and CTPF Rules. Ms. Jo Campbell, Manager, Pension and Refunds, gave testimony on behalf of CTPF.

Ms. Nelson left the meeting at 12:14 p.m.

Mr. Ruffing explained the procedural timeline for receipt of transcripts and submission of findings.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Rodriguez made a motion, seconded by Ms. Reilly, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Ms. Reilly, Ms. Rodriguez - 2

Nays: None

The meeting adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Nelson

Recording Secretary

Minutes approved by the Claims and Service Credit Committee at a meeting held on April 24, 2024. Minutes prepared by Danielle Smith, Executive Assistant, CTPF.