

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RETIREMENT BOARD
OF THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' AND OFFICERS' ANNUITY AND BENEFIT FUND
OF COOK COUNTY AND EX OFFICIO FOR THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
EMPLOYEES' ANNUITY AND BENEFIT FUND OF COOK COUNTY
70 West Madison, Suite 1925
Chicago, IL 60602**

February 27, 2025 – 11:00 A.M.

The County Employees' and Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Cook County and the Forest Preserve District Employees' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Cook County are herein collectively referred to as the "Fund."

Call to Order and Roll Call

Trustees Present: Kevin Ochalla, President; Tracy Reed, Vice-President; Hal Dardick, Secretary; Tanya Anthony, Lakeisha Marvel, Patrick McFadden; Jerry Pray, Samuel Richardson, Jr.

Staff Present: Brent Lewandowski, Executive Director; Margaret Fahrenbach, Legal Advisor

Others Present: Robert Carrozza, Cook County Employee; Siobhain Martin, Cook County Employee¹

President Ochalla asked if anyone present wanted to address the Board, but no one requested to do so.

1. Trustee Matters

- a. Review and Consideration of Cook County Employee Trustee Applicants and Possible Appointment of Trustee to Fill Vacancy

President Ochalla stated that there was a vacancy on the Board for a County Employee Member trustee. Notice of the vacancy had been delivered to the County's departments and posted on the Fund's website. The Notice advised interested applicants about how to apply to fill the vacancy. He stated that three candidates had met the minimum qualifications, but one had withdrawn from consideration. The remaining applicants were Robert Carrozza and Siobhain Martin. They would each present their qualifications to the Board in alphabetical order and separately. The candidates' resumes had been provided to the Board

Mr. Carrozza had been a County employee for more than 25 years and currently worked in the Adult Probation Department as a Probation Officer. He was interested in

¹ Mr. Carrozza and Ms. Martin were applicants to fill the vacant trustee position. Each of them was only present during the meeting when they individually presented their qualifications to the Board.

being part of a team that could protect and advance the employees' annuity and retirement health benefits. He thought that maintaining and improving the funding ratios should be the most important goal of the Board.

Ms. Martin had been a County employee for nearly 28 years. She currently was employed as a Senior Administrator in Facilities Management. She served as a liaison between the department and the Bureau of Human Resources. She was interested in serving as a trustee because she found that the benefits provided by the Fund to the employees were very valuable. She wanted to ensure that the employees within her department received the benefits that they had earned.

The trustees asked each of the candidates about their motivations to be a trustee and whether they would be able to attend Board meetings during the working hours.

The trustees discussed the qualifications of the applicants and conducted a straw poll so that the trustees could indicate their preferred candidate. Based upon the straw poll, it was determined that Ms. Martin would be selected to fill the vacant trustee position.

It was moved by Trustee Reed and seconded by Trustee Richardson, pursuant to Section 9-187 of the Illinois Pension Code, that the Board appoint Siobhain Martin to serve as the County Employee Member on the Retirement Board through November 30, 2025, for the unexpired term.

Vote result: MOTION ADOPTED BY VOICE VOTE

2. Adjournment

It was moved by Trustee Anthony and seconded by Trustee Ochalla that the Special Meeting be adjourned.

Vote result: MOTION ADOPTED BY VOICE VOTE