



**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE OSWEGO FPD  
FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION FUND  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MAY 7, 2025**



A special meeting of the Oswego FPD Firefighters' Pension Fund Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in Fire Station #3 located at 2200 Galena Road, Montgomery, Illinois 60538, pursuant to notice.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Trustee Tinker called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Trustees Bradley Clement, Brian Stroub, Rick Nietzer, Sarah Zamed and Matthew Tinker

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Attorney Shawn Flaherty, Ottosen; Alexandria Michael, Lauterbach & Amen (L&A); Court Reporter Patricia Ziehm, Schelli Reporting Service, Ltd; Disability Applicant Thomas Touchette; Applicant Attorney Scott Moran, Anesi Ozmon, Ltd.; Members of the Public

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No Public comment

*A Court Reporter was present, and a verbatim transcript was taken.*

A motion was made by Trustee Tinker and seconded by Trustee Stroub to appoint Attorney Flaherty as the Hearing Officer.

**HEARING ON DISABILITY APPLICATION OF FF/PM THOMAS TOUCHETTE:** *Introduction of Documents:* Attorney Flaherty introduced Board Exhibits 1 – 16 to the Board. Attorney Moran requested adding the Collective Bargaining Agreement as Applicant Exhibit A. A motion was made by Trustee Tinker and seconded by Trustee Nietzer to accept Board Exhibits 1 – 16 and Applicant Exhibit A into the record. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**AYES:** Trustees Tinker, Stroub, Nietzer, Zamed and Clement

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

*Attorney Moran waived the opening statement.*

*Preliminary Motions:* There were no preliminary motions made.

*Presentation by Applicant:* Mr. Touchette was sworn in as a witness. Attorney Moran and Mr. Touchette reviewed Mr. Touchette's history with the Board.

*Questioning of Witnesses:* Attorney Flaherty questioned Mr. Touchette about his job history and if he believes he would meet the criteria in order to perform the necessary tasks it would take to be a firefighter, as well as related health issues and restrictions.

The Board of Trustees had no further questions for Mr. Touchette.

*Presentation by Other Interested Parties:* The Board noted that no other presentations were needed. Attorney Moran gave his closing argument to the Board.

*Possible Closed Session – Deliberations (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(4)):* A motion was made by Trustee Tinker and seconded by Trustee Stroub to enter into closed session at 10:03 a.m. to deliberate under Section 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(4). Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Tinker, Stroub, Nietzer, Zameda and Clement  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

Trustee Tinker adjourned closed session and entered the special meeting at 10:11 a.m. with a roll call.

AYES: Trustees Tinker, Stroub, Nietzer, Zameda and Clement  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

*Discussion and Possible Action on Application:* A motion was made by Trustee Tinker and seconded by Trustee Zameda to make a finding that Mr. Touchette is disabled pursuant by the Pension Code. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Tinker, Stroub, Nietzer, Zameda and Clement  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

A motion was made by Trustee Tinker and seconded by Trustee Clement to make a finding that Mr. Touchette is permanently disabled pursuant to the Pension Code. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Tinker, Stroub, Nietzer, Zameda and Clement  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

A motion was made by Trustee Nietzer and seconded by Trustee Tinker to make a finding that Mr. Touchette's disability occurred in the line of duty. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Tinker, Stroub, Nietzer, Zameda and Clement  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

A motion was made by Trustee Tinker and Seconded by Trustee Zameda to grant a line of duty disability to Mr. Touchette equivalent to 65% of his salary attached to rank effective May 8, 2025. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Tinker, Stroub, Nietzer, Zameda and Clement  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

A motion was made by Trustee Tinker and seconded by Trustee Stroub to authorize the Board Attorney to draft the Decision and Order for Mr. Touchette. Motion carried by roll call vote.

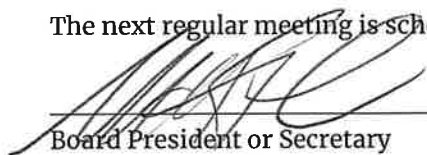
AYES: Trustees Tinker, Stroub, Nietzer, Zameda and Clement

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Trustee Tinker and seconded by Trustee Clement to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 a.m. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

  
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Board President or Secretary

Minutes approved by the Board of Trustees on \_\_\_\_\_

*Minutes prepared by Alexandria Michael, Professional Services Administrator, Lauterbach & Amen*

