

**Minutes of the SPECIAL MEETING of the
General Employees' Board of Trustees,
held Thursday, October 31, 2024, at
3:00 P.M., in the 2nd Floor Board Room, City Hall
11 North 3rd Street, Jacksonville Beach, Florida.**



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Brandon Maresma at 3:02 P.M.

Roll Call: Nick Currie, Dan Janson, Christine Hoffman, Brandon Maresma, Eddie Vergara

Also present were City of Jacksonville Beach Pension Attorney Pedro Herrera, Pension Plan Administrator Duston Scott, Applicant Robert Alip, Jennifer Alip (wife of Applicant Robert Alip), an unidentified family member of the Applicant, and Operations Support Specialist I Monica McDaniel.

NEW BUSINESS

a. *Action Informal Hearing of Non-Duty Related Disability Application by Robert Alip*

Applicant Robert Alip addressed the board to provide additional medical documentation, and information regarding a potential conflict regarding his application. A discussion ensued regarding the additional documentation Mr. Alip provided and whether it was sufficient to satisfy the Board's request for additional medical information made at the previous hearing. Mr. Maresma inquired regarding the process to table the item pending additional medical information.

Attorney Pedro Herrera, Sugarman & Suskind, PA, described the process of a formal administrative hearing and the appeal process for the Applicant should the application be denied. The question before the Board was whether to grant, deny, or table the Non-Duty Related Disability Application. A discussion ensued in which Mr. Alip admitted he had not provided his doctor with the IME (Independent Medical Examination) report as the board requested at the previous meeting so Mr. Alip's doctor could provide a similar report. Further discussion ensued and Mr. Alip declined to provide his Social Security Application for the board's review. The Board discussed whether to move forward with a formal administrative hearing or table the item and asked Mr. Herrera to request documentation similar to the IME report directly from Mr. Alip's doctor for the boards review.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Hoffman, and seconded by Mr. Vergara, to *Table* the item until the Board has additional medical information per this [hearing] discussion.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Currie, Hoffman, Maresma, Vergara
Nays – Janson

The motion passed 4-1.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

None

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS

None

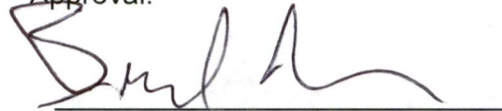
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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the hearing adjourned at 4:29 P.M.

Submitted by: Monica McDaniel
Operations Support Specialist I

Approval:



Chair

Date:

11/26/24