

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES TROY FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION FUND'S
SPECIAL MEETING – APRIL 13, 2026**

Fire Station 1, 700 Cottage Street, Shorewood, Illinois

- A. CALL TO ORDER:** President Valkovich called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM.
- B. ROLL CALL:** In attendance were Trustees Valkovich, Menard, Wielbik, Menard, Baltz, and Doyle, as well as Applicant Phillip Morel, his attorney Frank Bertuca, Pension Board attorney John Motylinski, and Carmen Forte, Jr.—attorney for the Troy Fire Protection District. Also present were Amy Morel, Steve Getty, District Trustees George Muentnich and Robert Schwartz, and Fire Chief Paul Hertzmann.
- C. MOREL DISABILITY PENSION HEARING:** The Board continued its hearing on Lt. Morel's disability pension application. The Board heard testimony from Dr. Harel Deutsch and closing statements from the parties.
- D. CLOSED SESSION:** At 9:24 AM, Trustee Menard made a motion to hold a closed session meeting pursuant to Open Meetings Act Section 2(c)(4) to deliberate over the evidence presented in its hearing on Lt. Morel's disability pension application. Trustee Baltz seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.
- E. ACTION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION:**
- Upon emerging from closed session at 10:05 AM, Trustee Menard made a motion to grant Lt. Morel's application for line-of-duty disability benefits. Trustee Valkovich seconded the motion. The following Trustees voted "aye": Doyle, Valkovich, Menard, and Wielbik. Trustee Baltz abstained. The motion carried.
- Trustee Menard made a motion to direct the Board's attorney to prepare its written findings and decision to be adopted at a later date. Trustee Valkovich seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.
- F. ADJOURNMENT:** Trustee Doyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 AM. Trustee Menard seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous vote.

Board Secretary