

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE  
TAMPA FIRE & POLICE PENSION FUND**

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**January 12, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m.**

The Board of Trustees of the City Pension Fund for Firefighters and Police Officers in the City of Tampa met on Friday, January 12, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. for the purpose of formal hearing continuance proceedings for line-of-duty disability applicant Tanya Vidovic, formerly of TFR, with the following members present:

Patrick Messmer, Chairman  
Matthew Belmonte  
John Cannon  
John Haintz  
Dennis Rogero

Gregory Spearman  
Jamie Stock  
Alex Thiel  
Ocea Wynn

Also present were Dr. Bruce Bohnker, Medical Director; Mr. Rickie Brown, Tampa Fire Rescue; Mr. Marcus Castillo, Attorney for Ms. Vidovic; Mr. Pedro Herrera, Legal Advocate for Board; Mr. Stuart Kaufman, General Counsel; and Ms. Tanya Vidovic, Disability Applicant

Mr. Messmer opened the meeting with an overview of the remaining procedures for this hearing. Mr. Herrera explained that his witness was running late and opted to begin by providing a review of the previous session, held December 13, 2023. He noted that a hearing memo had been prepared and provided to the Trustees, also recapping the actions of the prior meeting. Mr. Herrera continued, citing Policy 307, and opining that Ms. Vidovic's injury did not occur while on duty. He referenced other relevant case law, Ms. Vidovic's prior testimony, and his own cross examination of Dr. Schwaid's deposition.

Mr. Herrera stated he next wished to call Mr. Rickie Brown as a witness, but first requested a brief recess, which was granted.

[Recess from 10:11 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.]

Upon return, Mr. Brown was called as a witness and sworn in. Mr. Herrera questioned Mr. Brown related to his actions as the supervisor on shift when Ms. Vidovic's injury occurred. Mr. Brown was then cross-examined by Mr. Castillo, followed by a brief re-direct by Mr. Herrera. Questions from the Board to Mr. Brown then took place.

[Recess from 11:18 a.m. – 11:32 a.m.]

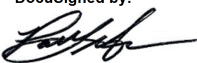
Mr. Castillo made a closing statement, followed by one from Mr. Herrera. After a brief rebuttal from Mr. Castillo, **it was moved by Mr. Stock, seconded by Mr. Belmonte to deny the line of duty disability application for T. Vidovic on the bases of causation and permanence.**

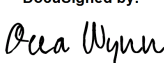
Discussion followed the motion with Mr. Kaufman providing an update on worker's comp and related case law and **upon voting, the motion passed by unanimous vote.** Mr. Kaufman announced he would order a copy of the transcript for the proceedings and draft the final order of denial. He stated that Ms. Vidovic may still appeal the decision to the circuit court.

The meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

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