



**POLICE PENSION BOARD  
FEBRUARY 10, 2026 AT 4:00 PM**

VILLAGE HALL - COMMUNITY ROOM A  
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PALATINE, IL 60067-5339  
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**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**4:00 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

<b>PRESENT</b> :	Police Pension Board Member Martin Van der Hoek, Police Commander Christopher Stearns, Police Pension Board Member Sam Maki, Police Pension Board Member Andrew Merz
<b>ABSENT :</b>	Police Pension Board Member Carol Brandt
<b>ARRIVED</b> :	

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approve minutes from the 11/11/2025 Regular Police Pension meeting.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Martin Van der Hoek
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Andrew Merz
<b>AYES:</b>	Martin Van der Hoek, Christopher Stearns, Sam Maki, Andrew Merz
<b>NAYS:</b>	None

A. Approve minutes from the 11/11/2025 Regular Police Pension meeting.

**IV. REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

A. Semi-annual review of closed meeting minutes and verbatim recordings

Nothing Submitted.

**V. ORDERS OF PAYMENTS**

- A. Payment to LAUTERBACH & AMEN, LLP for former Palatine Police Officer J. Elliott calculation. Amount \$500.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Sam Maki
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Andrew Merz
<b>AYES:</b>	Martin Van der Hoek, Christopher Stearns, Sam Maki, Andrew Merz
<b>NAYS:</b>	None

- B. Payment to Sam Maki for an 8-hour trustee training reimbursement through IPPFA \$295.00.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Martin Van der Hoek
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Andrew Merz
<b>AYES:</b>	Martin Van der Hoek, Christopher Stearns, Sam Maki, Andrew Merz
<b>NAYS:</b>	None

- C. Quarterly payment to *Puchalski Goodloe LLC for legal services.*

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Martin Van der Hoek
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sam Maki
<b>AYES:</b>	Martin Van der Hoek, Christopher Stearns, Sam Maki, Andrew Merz
<b>NAYS:</b>	None

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

Nothing Submitted.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Update regarding statement of economic interest forms
- B. Review trustee term expiration and election procedures
- C. Review Village of Palatine financial report
- D. Discussion and action if necessary on cash management guidelines.

No action needed.

**VIII. LEGAL UPDATE**

- A. Update regarding Patrick McGee disability application

**IX. MEMBER RELATED ISSUES**

- A. Complete transfer of former Palatine Police Officer M. Porters.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Martin Van der Hoek
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Andrew Merz
<b>AYES:</b>	Martin Van der Hoek, Christopher Stearns, Sam Maki, Andrew Merz
<b>NAYS:</b>	None

- B. Complete transfer of former Palatine Police Officer J. Elliott

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Martin Van der Hoek
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sam Maki
<b>AYES:</b>	Martin Van der Hoek, Christopher Stearns, Sam Maki, Andrew Merz
<b>NAYS:</b>	None

- C. Allow entry into Palatine Police Pension (Tier 2) all with a hire date of 12/17/2025:

Michael Ranieri, Josephy Kirby, Alexander Fitzpatrick, Freddy Villanueva, Georgi Georgiev and Jason Daliones

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Martin Van der Hoek
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Andrew Merz
<b>AYES:</b>	Martin Van der Hoek, Christopher Stearns, Sam Maki, Andrew Merz
<b>NAYS:</b>	None

- D. Adjust pension benefit for Martin McCarthy as firearms pay was initially included, which should not have been. This results in \$11.57 reduction in monthly benefit.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Martin Van der Hoek
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sam Maki

<b>AYES:</b>	Martin Van der Hoek, Christopher Stearns, Sam Maki, Andrew Merz
<b>NAYS:</b>	None

- E. Return pension contributions to former Palatine Police Officer M. Fu in the amount of \$3872.60

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Andrew Merz
<b>SECONDER:</b>	None
<b>AYES:</b>	Martin Van der Hoek, Christopher Stearns, Sam Maki, Andrew Merz
<b>NAYS:</b>	None

- F. Approve the retirement of Palatine Police Officer Garth Martino on 04/30/2026  
 Hire Date: 01/06/1999 Creditable Service: 27 years 3 months 25 days  
 Annual Salary: \$124760.40 (2025 rate)  
 Monthly benefit: \$7,017.77

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Martin Van der Hoek
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Andrew Merz
<b>AYES:</b>	Martin Van der Hoek, Christopher Stearns, Sam Maki, Andrew Merz
<b>NAYS:</b>	None

**X. CLOSED SESSION AS REQUIRED**

Nothing Submitted.

**XI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Presentation on co-op to assist in covering pension liability.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Martin Van der Hoek
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sam Maki
<b>AYES:</b>	Martin Van der Hoek, Christopher Stearns, Sam Maki, Andrew Merz
<b>NAYS:</b>	None

