

FOLLOW-UP REPORT

JUNE 16, 2022

LAFPP COMMISSION BOARD MEETING - RFP REQUEST
FOR RETIREE MEDICAL PLAN ADMINISTRATION

From LARFPA President Jim Mateer

Earlier today, the Los Angeles Fire & Police Commission met to discuss the proposal for retiree health & dental insurance plans or third-party administrator services. To say the least, it was an interesting meeting. In addition to the matter of importance, there were several moving parts in the background. First, it was the last meeting of two commissioners. Both Ruben Navarro, elected-fire-active, and Dr. Salimpour, appointed, were attending their last meeting as commissioners. Michael Lawson, a newly appointed commissioner, was attending his first meeting.

We think we got a reasonable outcome when it was all said and done. The matter has been referred to an ad hoc committee to address the concerns raised by the commissioners and the stakeholders. The committee, made up of two appointed and two elected commissioners, will research the facts and concerns we all have and recommend a way forward.

The meeting began with Assistant City Attorney Freedman addressing the commission on her opinion of the duty to issue the request for proposal. After several questions from the commissioners, the meeting then heard from General Manager Ciranna. He gave his justification for the need to issue the request for proposal. Questions from the commissioners followed.

The commissioners next heard from the presidents of both Police & Fire Relief Associations. Leaders from the Protective League and UFLAC addressed the commissioners. Ted Nonini and I addressed the commissioners.

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Commission President Pendleton addressed the meeting. He stated he would allow audience members waiting on the phone to address the meeting for one minute each. It is our understanding over forty callers were waiting. Approximately ten callers addressed the commissioners with the common theme, "do not allow the administration of our health care plans to be changed and run the risk of low quality and more expensive plans to take their place."

President Pendleton then proposed a motion to establish an ad hoc committee of two appointed and two elected commissioners to research the issues raised and recommend them to the full commission. That motion passed unanimously. The committee will hear from all parties involved and listen to the legal technicalities and information from the current plan administrators.

Moving forward, the current administrators will be able to address their concerns and bring important facts to come forward more objectively. We sincerely hope once this committee has submitted its report, our plans will be selected to continue to serve the members. The fight is not over, but we have an opportunity to present it in a better light.

The LARFPA Board of Directors would like to thank all the members that called in or e-mailed the commissioners and expressed their thoughts on the matter. We will continue to keep everyone advised as this matter progresses along through final resolution.