CITY OF CHESTER'S QUARTERLY PENSION BOARD MEETING
April 21, 2025
Agenda

- **Call to Order**
- **Roll Call:**
  Mayor Stefan Roots (Board Chair)
  Councilor Portia West
  Councilor Tameka Gibson
  Councilor Shy'Quan Davis (Board Vice- Chair)
  Steven Byrne, Police Dept.
  Brian Boerger, Police Dept.
  Kevin Postlewait, Fire Dept.
  Khalif Polk, Fire Dept.
  Fran Golson, City Treasure (Board Treasurer)
  Carl Ewald, Pension Board Solicitor
  Joy Taylor, City Controller (Board Secretary)

- **Public Comment** (Agenda Items Only)
- **Approval of Pension Board Meeting Minutes** (01/21/2025 & 03/03/2025)
- **Approval to Ratify Pension Stop:** O&E: Katie Rodriguez, (DOD 11-14-24), Thomas Boden, (DOD 01-30-25), Vincent, Johnson (DOD 03-03-25)
  Police: Todd Nuttall, (DOD 02-08-25), Thomas Finn, (03-19-25)
  James Nickerson (03-15-25)
- **Approval to Ratify Install of Survivor Pension:** Michelle Nuttall, Rachel Finn, Linda Johnson
- **Approval to Ratify Pension Installation:** Steven Gretsky
- **Approval to Ratify Install of QDRO Pension:** Jill McCafery Gretsky
- **Approval to Ratify payment of Bills:** KIS Death Benefit
- **Board Matters**
- **Public Comment**
- **Motion to Adjourn**
- **PNC Presentation**

Pension Board meeting minutes from 01/21/2025:

Roll call:
Mayor Stefan Roots (Board Chair)
Councilor Portia West
Councilor Tameka Gibson
Councilor Shy'Quan Davis (Board Vice Chair)
Steven Byrne, Police Dept.
Brian Boerger, Police Dept.
Khalif Polk, Fire Dept.
Fran Golson, City Treasure (Board Treasurer)
Carl Ewald, Pension Board Solicitor
Joy Taylor, City Controller (Board Secretary)

Public Comment Agenda: None

10/28/2024 Minutes approval

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve was made by Councilor Davis and second by Councilor Tameka Gibson, all in favor none opposed.

Approval to Ratify Member Contribution Refunds

Motion to ratify member contribution refunds as a result of separation for:
O&E: O&E: Janell Johnson $3,767.98, Sean Chin $861.52, Lucianny Ulloa $1,141.54, Rosetta Carter $18,221.23 and Beverly Harris $3,671.12 were read and reviewed. Motion to approve contribution refunds was made by Councilor Portia West and second by Councilor Tameka Gibson. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Approval to Ratify Pension Stop

Motion to Ratify Pension stop for: O&E: Jane Zdun (DOD 12/04/2024) Police: James Ferry-Peyre (09/06/24), Alice Walker (was not stopped. She had complications in cashing her checks), were read and reviewed. Motion to approve pension stop was made by Steven Byrne and second by Khalif Polk. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Approval to Ratify Repayment of uncashed Pension Check

Motion to ratify the approval to reissues an uncashed pension check to Mason Lee in the amount of $1,344.23 was read and reviewed. Motion to approve was made by Joy Taylor and second by Councilor Tameka Gibson. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Approval of Vested Pension Calculation

Motion to approve a vested police pension calculation for Brian Pott (Police) in the amount of $ 2,776.23, to begin at age 50 was read and reviewed. Motion to approve the ratified pension installations was made by Steven Byrne and second by Councilor Shy'Quan Davis. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Approval to Install Pension

Motion to approve a normal retirement pension for Leon Goode in the amount of $1,122.95 was read and reviewed. Motion to approve normal retirement pension was made by Joy Taylor and second by Councilor Portia West. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Approval to Ratify payment of Bills:

Motion to ratify bill payments to TJA 2025 Annual Consulting Services for professional services rendered to the police, fire and O&E pension plans in the amount of: $10,300 (per plan) was read and reviewed. Motion to approve payment was made by Joy Taylor and second by Councilor Tameka Gibson. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Request to Approve Disability Pension:

The Motion to approve a hero pension for detective Steven Byrne, was tabled and a special meeting was requested for 30 days from the date of the meeting.
Motion to hold a special meeting was made by Joy Taylor and second by Councilor Tameka Gibson. All in favor, Steven Byrne and Brian Boerger opposed, motion carried.

Board Matters

Carl Ewald, interim Pension Board Solicitor gave and introduction of himself. He is filling in to assist the board through a professional service agreement, until a solicitor is identified through the RFP process. It was communicated that Carl would also be assisting on the special meeting regarding the hero pension for detective Steven Byrne.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Joy Taylor and second by Councilor Tameka Gibson. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Special Pension Board meeting minutes from 03/03/2025:

Roll call:
Mayor Stefan Roots (Board Chair)
Councilor Tameka Gibson
Councilor Shy'Quan Davis (Board Vice- Chair)
Steven Byrne, Police Dept.
Kevin Postlewait, Fire Dept.
Khalif Polk, Fire Dept.
Carl Ewald, Pension Board Solicitor
Joy Taylor, City Controller (Board Secretary)

Request to Approve Disability Pension:

The Motion to approve a hero pension for detective Steven Byrne, in the amount of 8,650.98, was read and reviewed. Motion to approve hero pension was made by Khalif Polk and second by Kevin Postlewait. All in favor, Steven Byrne abstained, motion carried.

RFP for Pension Board Solicitor update

No submission came in.

Request for Special Meeting to review RFP submissions

A motion to set a date for a special meeting to review any RFP's that may come in was made by Joy Taylor and second by Councilor Shy'Quan Davis. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried. Meetings was set for March 24th at 2:30 pm. No requests were submitted though, so the special meeting was canceled.

Board Matters

None

Motion to Adjourn was made by Joy Taylor and second by Kevin Postlewait. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Employee Pension
Estimated Fact Sheet

Name:	Steven Byrne
Employer & Employer Number:	City of Chester
Social Security Number:	XXX-XX-2829
Date of Birth	September 17, 1980
Employment Dates:	12/3/2007 - 2/16/2024
Years of Services:	16 years 2 months
Job Title:	Police officer
Department:	Dept. of Public Affairs
Reason for Retirement	Service Connected Disability-Heroic
Age:	43
Name of Spouse	Dianne
Spouse's Date of Birth	January 15, 1985
Contribution to Pension Fund	N/A
Estimated Salary (2/17/23-2/16/24)	$148,302.48

Formula Used: $148,302.48 X 70% / 12 = $8,650.98

Estimated Pension Per Month: $8,650.98 *

First Check Due:

* Section 147.03(f) provides that the City can offset 100% of the worker's compensation benefit received by the retired officer against the above pension.

Re: Codified Ordinances: § 143.03(f), 143.05(b)

Submitted by:

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Estate of Katie Rodriguez, Deceased 11-18-24
Carroll & Karagelian LLP
15 West Front Street
Media, PA 19063

RE: Death Notification

To whom it may concern;

Please accept my and the City's condolences on the passing of **Katie Rodriguez**. The above mentioned individual, who was receiving a monthly pension from the City of Chester Officers and Employee Plan, passed away on 11/18/2024.

The benefit has stopped and no further action is needed. A 1099 will be issued for the deceased and mailed to the address on file. Additionally, we thank you for providing a copy of the death certificate to close out the file.

If you have any questions, please contact the Controller's office at 610-447-7766.

Sincerely,

Joy J. Taylor
City Controller

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Lisa Mack
340 N Middletown Road
Media , PA 19063

RE: Death Notification

To whom it may concern;

Please accept my and the City's condolences on the passing of **Thomas Boden**. The above mentioned individual, who was receiving a monthly pension from the City of Chester Officers and Employee Plan, passed away on 01/30/2025.

The benefit has stopped and no further action is needed. A 1099 will be issued for the deceased and mailed to the address on file. Additionally, we thank you for providing a copy of the death certificate to close out the file.

If you have any questions, please contact the Controller's office at 610-447-7766.

Sincerely,

Joy J. Taylor
City Controller

PNC I-Hub

Installment Payee Change (#772956) Complete

Payee

Paygroup

CITY OF CHESTER-OFFICERS AND - 353735624

Trust Account

CITY OF CHESTER OFC & EE PENSION - 20********5624

Name

JOHNSON, VINCENT

SSN

***-**-8635

Included Changes

- Death Notification

Death Notification

Date of Death

03/03/25

Last Payment Entitled

03/01/25

✔ Attempt to recover payment after this date

Additional Information

No additional information applicable.

Approvals

JOY TAYLOR - APPROVED

Attachments

No attachments added.

PNC I-Hub

Installment Payee Change (#768823)

Complete

Payee

Paygroup

CITY OF CHESTER - POLICE - 353735608

Trust Account

CITY OF CHESTER POLICE PENSION P - 20********5608

Name

NUTTALL, TODD

SSN

***-**-7270

Included Changes

- Death Notification

Death Notification

Date of Death

02/08/25

Last Payment Entitled

02/01/25

✔ Attempt to recover payment after this date

Additional Information

No additional information applicable.

Approvals

JOY TAYLOR - APPROVED

Attachments

No attachments added.

PNC I-Hub

Installment Payee Change (#782048) Complete

Payee

Paygroup

CITY OF CHESTER - POLICE - 353735608

Trust Account

CITY OF CHESTER POLICE PENSION P - 20********5608

Name

FINN, THOMAS E

SSN

***-**-4477

Included Changes

- Death Notification

Death Notification

Date of Death

03/19/25

Last Payment Entitled

03/01/25

✔ Attempt to recover payment after this date

Additional Information

No additional information applicable.

Approvals

JOY TAYLOR - APPROVED

Attachments

No attachments added.

PNC I-Hub

Installment Payee Change (#781945)

Complete

Payee

Paygroup

CITY OF CHESTER - POLICE - 353735608

Trust Account

CITY OF CHESTER POLICE PENSION P - 20********5608

Name

NICKERSON, JAMES

SSN

***-**-2716

Included Changes

- Death Notification

Death Notification

Date of Death

03/15/25

Last Payment Entitled

03/01/25

✔ Attempt to recover payment after this date

Additional Information

No additional information applicable.

Approvals

JOY TAYLOR - APPROVED

Attachments

No attachments added.

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Nuttall, Michelle
146 Hunt Drive
Horshan, PA 19044
UNITED STATES

RE: Passing of **Nutall, Todd**

Dear **Mrs. Nuttall,**

Please accept my and the City's condolences on the passing of your **husband, Todd Nuttall.** **Mr. Nuttall** was receiving a monthly pension benefit of $**4,265.66.** As his surviving spouse, you are entitled to receive **50%** of his pension benefit, for life, which has been determined to be **$2,132.83**. You will receive a retroactive payment in the amount of $4,265.66 for March and April. Your regular benefit will begin May 1, 2025 in the amount of $2,132.83 and will continue on the first of every month moving forward.

Please retain this letter for your records. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Controller's office at 610-447-7766 or you may email jdzielak@chestercity.com or jtaylor@chestercity.com.

Sincerely,

Joy Taylor

Joy Taylor
Deputy Controller

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Finn, Rachel
224 E. 23rd Street
Chester, PA 19013
UNITED STATES

RE: Passing of **Finn, Thomas**

Dear **Mrs. Finn,**

Please accept my and the City's condolences on the passing of your **husband, Thomas Finn.**
Mr. Finn was receiving a monthly pension benefit of **$2,076.70.** As his surviving spouse, you are entitled to receive **50%** of his pension benefit, for life, which has been determined to be **$1,038.35**.
You will receive a retroactive payment in the amount of $1,038.35 for the month of April. Your regular benefit will begin May 1, 2025 in the amount of $1,038.35 and will continue on the first of every month moving forward.

Please retain this letter for your records. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Controller's office at 610-447-7766 or you may email jdzielak@chestercity.com or jtaylor@chestercity.com.

Sincerely,

Joy Taylor

Joy Taylor
Deputy Controller

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Linda Johnson
601 NORRIS ST
Chester, PA 19013
UNITED STATES

RE: Passing of **Vincent, Johnson**

Dear **Mrs. Johnson,**

Please accept my and the City's condolences on the passing of your **husband, Vincent Johnson, Mr. Johnson,** was receiving a monthly pension benefit of $**1,502.04.** As his surviving spouse, you are entitled to receive **50%** of his pension benefit, for life, which has been determined to be **$751.02**. You will receive a retroactive payment in the amount of $1,502.04 for April and May. Your regular benefit will begin June 1, 2025 in the amount of $751.02 and will continue on the first of every month moving forward.

Please retain this letter for your records. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Controller's office at 610-447-7766 or you may email jdzielak@chestercity.com or jtaylor@chestercity.com.

Sincerely,

Joy Taylor

Joy Taylor
City Controller

Thursday, April 17, 2025

STEVEN GRETSKY
801 LITWA LANE
UPPER CHICHESTER, PA 19014
UNITED STATES

RE: Official Retirement Letter

Dear **Mr. Gretsky,**

On behalf of the City of Chester, I would like to thank you for your years of service with the City of Chester's **Police Department**. This letter serves as the official notice of your monthly pension. Your official retirement date is **January 28, 2025.**

Your gross monthly pension, first due on **February 1st 2025**, will be **$4,491.97.** This monthly benefit will continue for life. Attached, is a copy of your final fact sheet for your convenience and records. Please note, the monthly benefit listed on your fact sheet, did not include the reduction of **$1,058.58**, for your QDRO order, involving Ms. Jill McCaffery.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the Controller's office by telephone, 610-447-7766, or email, jtaylor@chestercity.com. Once again, thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

Joy J. Taylor
City Controller

Rev 1/30/25 for DOB

Revised Employee Pension Per Receiver Order of 10/25/2021
Revised Fact Sheet

Name:	Steven Gretsky
Employer & Employer Number:	City of Chester
Social Security Number:	XXX-XX-
Employment Dates:	2/12/2003 - 5/31/2023
Years of Service:	20 years
Job Title:	Police Commisioner
Department:	Dept. of Public Affairs
Reason for Retirement	Normal Retirement
DROP Entry Date:	June 1, 2023
DROP Separation Date:	~~May 31, 2028~~ 11/28/2025
Date of Birth:	November 8, 1978
Age	47
Contribution to Pension Fund	$100,564.42
Spouse Date of Birth	N/A
Monthly non-taxable(360 months)	$279.35

	Wages
6/1/2020 to 12/31/2020	$65,019.20
1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021	$136,921.89
1/1/2012 to 12/31/2022	$136,848.64
1/1/2023 to 5/31/2023	$60,849.68
3 Year Wage Total	$399,639.41
Annual Wage	$133,213.14
Pension 50%	$66,606.57
Monthly Pension	$5,550.55
Service Increment (Max 500)	$0.00
Revised Monthly Pension	$5,550.55

Re: Revised calculation to 3 year wages based on the Receiver Order Date 10/25/2021 of Section 708 of Act 47

Submitted by:
Edith M. Blackwell
Controller

Thursday, March 20, 2025

Jill M Gretsky
733 Braxton Rd
Ridley Park, PA 19078
UNITED STATES

RE: QDRO Order: **Steven Gretsky**

Dear **Ms. McCaffery Gretsky,**

This notice is to advice you of your QDRO award from the City of Chester Police Pension Plan.
Your monthly award amount is: $1,058.58.
As the alternate payee of the QDRO, you are entitled to receive **0.55 percent** of the pension benefit of, **Steven Gretsky** for the entirety of **His** life. Once he becomes deceased, sections 11& 12 of the QDRO Clause would require us to cease your benefit, as our plan would no longer provide for you to receive a benefit. Any surviving children of Mr. Gretsky, would be entitled to the portion of His benefit, until they reach the age of 18.
Your benefit will begin May 1, 2025 and will continue on the first of every month moving forward, as long as Mr. Gretsky is still living. You will receive retroactive payments for the following month: February, March and April.

Please retain this letter for your records. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Controller's office at 610-447-7766 or jtaylor@chestercity.com.

Sincerely,

Joy Taylor
City Controller