RETIREMENT PLAN FORCHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY EMPLOYEES

The 292nd meeting of the Retirement Allowance Committee was held on September 17, 1973 in the Secretary's Office, Room 746, Merchandise Mart and the following were in attendance:

Mr. W. A. Ashley

Mr. F. McCrea

Mr. D. M. Flynn

Mr. D. J. McFadden

Mr. J. E. Hastings

Mr. J. Tiffy

Mr. J. D. King Mr. P. J. Meinardi

Mr. G. A. Riley, alternate for Mr. G. Graybiel, was also present. Neither Mr. L. Beatty nor his alternate was present.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

On a motion by Mr. Flynn, seconded by Mr. McFadden, the minutes of the 291st meeting held on August 20, 1973 were unanimously approved.

The announcements of deaths since the last meeting were made by the Secretary as per the attached list.

The Secretary advised that three (3) Survivorship Options were submitted for approval at this meeting. motion by Mr. McCrea, seconded by Mr. Flynn, the Committee unanimously approved the three (3) Survivorship Options submitted by the Secretary.

The Secretary advised that twenty-two (22) applications for Retirement were submitted to this office for presentation at this meeting. One (1) application for Walter C. Norvilas, Badge 34326, Shops & Equipment for Total and Permanent Disability was submitted with a request that it be retroactive

to September 1, 1973. On a motion by Mr. Tiffy, seconded by Mr. Flynn, the Committee unanimously approved the twenty-two (22) applications submitted by the Committee.

The Secretary reported that during the month two (2) employees on Total & Permanent Disability were examined by the Medical Department or their records reviewed.

On a motion by Mr. McFadden, seconded by Mr. McCrea, the refunds numbering sixty-one (61) and totaling \$191,205.63 to be paid September 30, 1973 as per the attached statement were unanimously approved.

The Secretary read a report of the deposits, disbursements and investments during the month of August as per the attached statement.

The Secretary informed the Committee that the Authority paid the Employer's share of the monthly contributions to the Retirement Plan for Chicago Transit Authority Employees for the month of May in the amount of \$1,712,229.32; for the month of June, 1973 in the amount of \$1,925,096.68; and for the month of July in the amount of \$1,517,367.60. All Employer contributions now due the Retirement Plan are up-to-date.

The Secretary presented the CTA bills totaling \$5,925.64 and Miscellaneous bills totaling \$57,907.89 for approval. On a motion by Mr. Flynn, seconded by Mr. McCrea, the Committee unanimously approved payment of these bills.

The Secretary reported that for the payment of September 30, 1973 Death Benefits numbering forty-three (43) and amounting to \$58,500.00 were submitted for approval. On a motion by Mr. King, seconded by Mr. McCrea, the Committee unanimously approved payment of the Death Benefits as per the attached list.

The Secretary informed the Committee that the Auditors were presently at work completing the study of the first eight (8) months of the 1973 plan year.

The Secretary reported that Raphael Wilson, D-1773, was approved for Total & Permanent Disability on August 1, 1973 returned to work on August 19, 1973.

The Secretary informed the Committee that the University Computing Company had been sold to the Statistical Tabulating Company as per the undated letter received in the Insurance Department on September 4, 1973. Although not approached, the Secretary advised that there could be a possible raise in fees over and above what is presently being paid. However, contact has been made with our own Data Processing Manager at CTA, and a complete review is being made in the anticipation that the Authority can do the statistical studies, and process the monthly payment.

The Chairman asked whether the contract with U.C.C. had ended and if the Statistical Tabulating Company had bought out everything. The Secretary stated that he assumed that this service would end at the completion of this year, but

he did not know if they had purchased everything. The Secretary also stated that he was in the process of contacting Robert F. White & Company, but was afraid that they were not equipped to handle our work.

The Secretary advised the Committee that to date, there has been no directives from the Internal Revenue Service regarding the preparation of the necessary Forms 1099R and W2P for the plan year 1973. The Secretary's Office is working with the Wyatt Company in an effort to resolve how the forms should be prepared.

Mr. McFadden asked the Secretary what provisions were being made regarding the Evanston Bus Company's employees that have recently been hired on September 10, 1973, and who had been granted senority with the CTA equal to the Evanston Bus Company's senority. The Secretary advised that he had written a letter to the General Manager regarding the problems concerning the CTA Retirement Plan and that he was instructed by the General Manager to obtain an actuarial study and to ask the attorney for the Committee to furnish a legal opinion. Mr. Hastings advised that the problem was highly technical and at the present time, he could not see any way possible that the Evanston Bus Company's employees could be granted any credit for Evanston Bus Company's services under the Retirement Plan, but will continue to study the matter.

At 11:10 A.M. the following members of the Investment Committee of the Trustee were invited into the Meeting:

Mr. Norbert J. Biderman Mr. William O. Leszinske Mr. Gerald L. Uslander

Mr. Biderman opened the discussion by advising the Committee of the year end prospect and indicated that it was the feeling of the Trustee that the Federal Government would probably have a hold on inflation and the inflation for the remainder of 1973 and 1974 would not go beyond 4.6% to 4.9%.

Mr. Biderman advised that there is a minority forecast of a recession in 1974, but that the Continental Bank does not go along with this forecast and felt that the stock market will be attractive and that common stock would be a good investment for long term gains.

Mr. Leszinske gave each Committee Member a report outlining the Funds position, the performance measurement and the entire portfolio of the Plan, and discussed each section of the report.

After general discussion by the Committee, it was agreed to adjourn. There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Flynn, seconded by Mr. Tiffy, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

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CHAIRMAN
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Dated: _______WAA/ts