

bers of the Relief Fund Committee, elected by the Patrolmen members of the said Committee and the Director of Fiscal Affairs, representing the civilian members of the Department. Trustees shall serve for a term of six (6) years, or until their successors are elected and qualify. Promotion, retirement, resignation or separation from service as an officer or employee of the Baltimore City Police Department shall automatically terminate membership on the Board of Trustees, and create a vacancy.

(b) *Vacancies.* A vacancy in the office of trustee shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Board of Trustees. The person so elected shall be of the same rank or class as the trustee whom he succeeds.

(c) *Compensation.* The trustees shall serve without compensation, but they shall be reimbursed from the Fund for all necessary expenses they may incur through service on the Board.

(d) *Oath.* Each trustee, within ten days after the commencement of his term, shall take an oath of office that he will diligently and faithfully perform the duties of trustee in accordance with law. Such oath shall be administered by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, subscribed by the member making it, and filed in said Clerk's office.

(e) *Voting, Quorum, Officers.* The Board of Trustees shall act by majority vote. Five members shall constitute a quorum for all purposes. Each member of the Board shall be entitled to one vote. The Board shall elect its own officers.

(f) *Proceedings.* The Board of Trustees shall keep a record of all its proceedings which shall be open to public inspection. It shall provide, if requested, an opportunity for a full hearing, including the right to counsel and cross-examination for all interested parties in any proceeding as to any benefit, or any part thereof, provided herein. The Board, through its member presiding at any hearing, shall have the power to administer oaths and may apply to the Superior Court of Baltimore City or the Circuit Court of any county for a subpoena for any witness, which shall be granted by the court upon finding that the evidence of said witness is necessary to provide a fair hearing, and that requiring attendance by the witness would not be oppressive. The Board may expend from the Fund such amounts as may be necessary for the conduct of its proceedings, including but not limited to expenses for investigation, medical or other advice, stenographic service, and the like. The Attorney General shall be the legal adviser to the Board, and shall upon request by the Board, assist and advise the Board during the conduct of any hearing.

(g) *Rules and Regulations.* The Board of Trustees may establish rules and regulations, consistent with this subtitle with respect to the amount of benefits, the administration of the Fund created by this subtitle, and the transaction of its business.

(h) *Power to Sue and be Sued; Seal.* The Board of Trustees shall have the power to sue and be sued as an entity in any court of this state or any other state or federal jurisdiction. The Board shall adopt an official seal.

(i) *Liability.* No trustee shall be liable for the conduct of any predecessor, co-trustee, or any agent, representative, custodian or