

UNAPPROVED – SUBJECT TO CORRECTION

**Pension and Retirement Board
Regular Meeting
September 16, 2021**

The Pension and Retirement Board held their Regular Meeting on Thursday, September 16, 2021, via Audio/Tele Conferencing. Chairman Kimmel called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Members Present via Audio/TeleConference

S. DuBrow
G. Kimmel
A. Maher
L. Mahoney
C. McInnis
M. O'Neil
M. Palumbo
C. Angelica (Alt)
J. Grady (Alt)
C. McKenna (Alt)
R. Smith (Alt)
E. Beatty, BOA Liaison

Members Absent

T. Bradbury
M. Chaco
W. Farrell
M. Glennon
T. Harrigan
M. Hedman
M. Moreno
K. Frank (Alt)
T. Overholser (Alt)
W. Smith, BOA Liaison

Also Present

T. Barnes, Human Resources Dept.
J. Green, Human Resources Dept.
L. DiCocco, Recording Secretary
Rodger Metzger, Hooker & Holcombe
J. O. Beirne, Beirne Wealth
J. Beirne, Beirne Wealth
Samantha Hicks, Beirne Wealth

Consideration of Minutes:

Ms. Palumbo and Ms. Maher made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 19, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman's Report:

None

New Business:

None

Old Business:

None

Executive Session:

None

Pension Requests:

- (a) Bruce Henry Carney, Sr. Code 3P – Police Calculation
Normal w/ MBI

Mr. DuBrow and Mr. McInnis made and seconded a motion to accept the calculation for a Code 3P Police Normal Retirement Pension with MBI for Mr. Carney in the annual amount of \$103,538.64 gross monthly payments \$8,628.22 commencing on 8/13/21. Motion carried unanimously.

- (b) Philip Ciolino Code 5 – City (Public Works) Calculation
Normal w/ 75% CA

Mr. Grady and Mr. McInnis made and seconded a motion to accept the calculation for a Code 5 – City (Public Works) Normal Retirement Pension with 75% Contingent Annuitant for Mr. Ciolino in the annual amount of \$47,469.64. gross monthly payments \$3,955.80 commencing 8/5/21. Motion carried unanimously.

- (c) Brett Corris Code 3F – Fire Application
Normal

Mr. O'Neil and Mr. McInnis made and seconded a motion to accept the application for a Code 3F Fire Normal Retirement Pension Mr. Corris. Motion carried unanimously.

- (d) Jeanette Davidson Code 5 – City (Health) Application
Normal w/ 100% CA

Mr. Palumbo and Mr. McInnis made and seconded a motion to accept the application for a Code 5 City (Health) Normal Retirement Pension with 100% Contingent Annuitant for Ms. Davidson. Motion carried unanimously.

- (e) Beth Fernandes Code 8 - BOE (Food Service) Application/Calculation
Normal

Mr. Smith and Mr. McInnis made and seconded a motion to accept the application for a Code 8 BOE (Food Service) Normal Retirement Pension for Ms. Fernandes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Smith and Mr. McInnis made and seconded a motion to accept the calculation for a Code 8 BOE (Food Service) Normal Retirement Pension in the annual amount of \$15,436.43, gross monthly payments \$1,286.37 commencing 8/14/21. Motion carried unanimously.

(f) Donna Zupsansky Code 5 – BOE (Payroll) Calculation
Normal

Mr. Smith and made and Mr. McInnis seconded a motion to accept the calculation for a Code 5 BOE (Payroll) Normal Retirement Pension for Ms. Zupsansky in the annual amount of \$33,675.31, gross monthly payments \$2,806.28 commencing 8/21/21. Motion carried unanimously.

Withdrawals and Refunds:

(a) Jamie Fabian Code 3P – Police Application/Calculation
Entered: 04/12/2021 Terminated: 06/23/2021

Mr. DuBrow and Mr. McInnis made and seconded a motion to accept the withdrawal and refund request to Jamie Fabian in the amount of \$1,372.81. Motion carried unanimously.

Buy Ins:

None

Contingent Annuitant Options:

None

Applications of Entry:

Chairman Kimmel read the following application of entry:

(a)	Kristen M. Davey	Code 5 – Nurses	Entered: 08/26/2021
(b)	Kendra Luth	Code 5 – Nurses	Entered: 09/01/2021
(c)	Deborah A. Tyrrel	Code 5 – Nurses	Entered: 08/26/2021

Invoices

(a) Wells Fargo - \$1,686.90 Period: 7/1/2021 – 7/31/2021

Chairman Kimmel and Mr. McInnis made and seconded a motion to authorize payment to Wells Fargo in the amount of \$1,686.90, for their invoice dated August 5, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

(b) Gamco - \$32,811.00 Period: 1/1/2021 – 3/31/2021

Chairman Kimmel and Mr. McKenna made and seconded a motion to authorize payment to Gamco in the amount of \$32,811.00 for their invoice dated January 21, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

(c) Gamco - \$28,517.00

Period: 4/1/2021 – 6/30/2021

Chairman Kimmel and Mr. McInnis made and seconded a motion to authorize payment to Gamco in the amount of 28,517.00, for their invoice dated April 16, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

(d) Gamco - \$30,512.00

Period: 7/1/2021 – 9/30/2021

Chairman Kimmel and Mr. McInnis made and seconded a motion to authorize payment to Gamco in the amount of \$30,512.00, for their invoice dated July 19, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Report:

None

Financial Report:

Financial Statements for the Nine Months Ended March 31, 2021 were distributed to the Board. There were no questions regarding the statements.

Asset Allocation:

None

Report of Investment Advisor: Beirne Wealth

Mr. John-Oliver Beirne and Chairman Kimmel discussed having presentations at the October meeting from 3, possibly 4 large cap value managers. The investment policy will be done at the November meeting. Chairman Kimmel asked how much Mr. Beirne was looking to reallocate to another manager. Some funds will come from the Russell 1000 Value Index that has approximately \$51 million and some may come from Neuberger but there isn't an exact figure. Mr. Beirne said Neuberger Berman contacted him about a billing issue due to an employee leaving the company. During 2020, 4 quarters were missed for billing. Another was missed in 2019 but they are waiving the fee. The missed billing will be added by quarter to each upcoming quarterly fees until they are caught up. Chairman Kimmel and Mr. Beirne discussed validating and cross checking the billing. Mr. Beirne will have a checklist of everyone who direct debits and who invoices to cross check. Mr. Beirne said the Arsenal paperwork was just received and will be forwarded. The End Trust Fund was received and it's up about 3% for the month.

Mr. Beirne presented the Beirne Wealth Consulting Services report for the month ending 8/31/21. Mr. Beirne reviewed the breakdowns and values of portfolio. He said there is a lot of continued weakness in the small and mid cap stocks. There was some improvement in August but really got weak in September on an absolute and relative basis. If it continues it will start to spread into more mid cap, then cyclical then large cap stocks and eventually into the growth stocks. There is also a tremendous amount of concentration in the large cap growth stocks which usually does not look good afterwards. It was seen in 2006, 2007, 1996 up to the spring of 2000. If it doesn't broaden out in the small, mid and large cap stocks it will create a need to reduce equity exposure more so than currently being

done if it continues. On a positive, Bloomberg shows custodians Investco and State Street are looking to do an acquisition and/or merger. This could mean an undervaluation. It would also be good for the value side. Cyclical stocks merging together is a good sign.

Mr. Beirne presented and reviewed the Beirne Wealth Consulting Services results of the pension fund as of August 31, 2021. He said the fund is in a good position and should end the year strong. He said historically October is a tough month but we're in a good position to move defensively if it is.

Regarding seeing the weakness in the small and mid cap stocks Chairman Kimmel asked if Beirne was close to making a recommendation start moving things or hold steady. Mr. Beirne said there was a little improvement in August. It's not known if it is a true underlying weakness or if it is short term. They are also seeing more concentration. The mergers and acquisition of larger companies will trickle down into the small and mid caps that are exhibiting weakness so that would be positive. Chairman Kimmel pointed out that there have been huge gains over the years and do not want to see giving those gains back and suggested starting to hedge. A discussion was had regarding the manner the fund would get defensive if needed. Rodger Metzger discussed the gold exposure not being as productive as would have been expected and what the thoughts were on the gold position from a defensive buffer and a potential inflation hedge. Mr. Beirne discussed the disappointment in the shorter time periods despite influences that would be thought to move the stocks higher that are tied to the price of gold. He stated two managers may be put on watch and to be discussed at the next meeting.

Adjourn:

Mr. McKenna and Mr. McInnis made and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Pension & Retirement Board will be held on October 21, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lesley DiCocco', written in a cursive style.

Lesley DiCocco
Recording Secretary