

UNAPPROVED – SUBJECT TO CORRECTION

**Pension and Retirement Board
Regular Meeting
February 17, 2022**

The Pension and Retirement Board held their Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 17, 2022, via Audio/Tele Conferencing. Chairman Kimmel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present via Audio/TeleConference

A. Armstrong
M. Chacho
S. DuBrow
T. Harrigan
C. Hiza
G. Kimmel
A. Maher
L. Mahoney
C. McKenna
M. O'Neil (present at 6:15 P.M.)
M. Palumbo
C. Angelica (Alt)
D. German, BOA Liaison

Members Absent

T. Bradbury
W. Farrell
M. Hedman
C. McInnis
K. Frank (Alt)
M. Glennon (Alt)
J. Grady (Alt)
M. Moreno (Alt)
R. Smith (Alt)
B. Broesder, BOA Liaison

Also Present

T. Barnes, Human Resources
M. Carrasquillo, Benefits & Pension Coordinator
L. DiCocco, Recording Secretary
Rodger Metzger, Hooker & Holcombe
J. O. Beirne, Beirne Wealth
John Beirne, Beirne Wealth
Samantha Hicks, Beirne Wealth
Brian Gevry, Boyd Watterson Asset Management
Timothy Horne, Boyd Watterson Asset Management

Consideration of Minutes:

Mr. Chaco and Mr. Mahoney made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 20, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman's Report

None

New Business:

None

Old Business:

None

Pension Requests:

(a)	Kathy A. Inzitarri	Code 8 – BOE (Food Service) Normal	Calculation
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Ms. Palumbo and Mr. Chaco made and seconded a motion to accept the calculation for a Code 8 – BOE (Food Service) Normal Retirement Pension for Ms. Inzitarri in the annual amount of \$2,816.21, monthly payments of \$234.68 commencing 12/23/2021. Motion carried unanimously.

(b)	Stephen Schuler	Code 5 – City (PW) Early Vested 02/09/2022	Revoke
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Ms. Palumbo and Mr. Hiza made and seconded a motion to accept the revocation of a Code 5 City (PW) Retirement Pension with an early vested date of 02/09/2022 for Mr. Schuler. Motion carried unanimously.

(c)	Stephen Schuler	Code 5 – City (PW) Early Vested 02/09/2027	Application/Calculation
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Ms. Palumbo and Mr. Chaco made and seconded a motion to accept the application and calculation for a Code 5 - City (PW) Early Vested Retirement Pension for Mr. Schuler in the annual amount of \$4,283.35, monthly payments \$356.95 commencing 2/9/2027. Motion carried unanimously.

(d)	Paul E. Piscitelli	Code 5 – City (Non-Rep Rec) Normal w/ 100% CA	Recalculation
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Ms. Palumbo and Mr. Chaco made and seconded a motion to accept the recalculation for a Code 5 – City (Non-Rep Rec) Normal Retirement Pension with 100 percent Contingent Annuitant for Mr. Piscitelli in the amount of \$51,505.94, monthly payments of \$4,292.16 commencing 3/7/2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Withdrawals and Refunds:

None

Buy Ins:

None

Contingent Annuitant Options:

(a)	Paul Raucci	Code 5 – BOE (Maint) Normal w/ 100% CA	Revoke
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Ms. Palumbo and Mr. Hiza made and seconded a motion to accept the revocation of a 100 percent Contingent Annuitant option of a Code 5 – BOE (Maint) Normal Retirement Pension. Motion carried unanimously.

(b)	Michael Filanowski	Code 5 – City (PW) Normal w/ 50% CA option Beneficiary: Sheri Filanowski	Application Medical note on file
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Ms. Palumbo and Mr. Chaco made and seconded a motion to accept the application of a Code 5 – City (PW) Normal Retirement Pension with 50 percent Contingent Annuitant option with beneficiary as Sheri Filanowski. Motion carried unanimously.

Applications of Entry:

Chairman Kimmel read the following application of entry:

(a)	Catherine Ghazagh	Code 8 – BOE (Food Service)	Entered: 11/15/2021
(b)	Patrick S. Devine	Code 5 – City (Non-Rep PW)	Entered: 12/27/2021
(c)	Chace Ardito	Code 3F – City (Fire)	Entered: 01/24/2022
(d)	Jake Burwell	Code 3F – City (Fire)	Entered: 01/24/2022
(e)	Alexander Impellizeri	Code 3F – City (Fire)	Entered: 01/24/2022
(f)	Christopher L. Kwasizur	Code 3F – City (Fire)	Entered: 01/24/2022
(g)	Jack Lancelin	Code 3F – City (Fire)	Entered: 01/24/2022
(h)	Kyle MacLean	Code 3F – City (Fire)	Entered: 01/24/2022
(i)	Neeraj Madivala	Code 3F – City (Fire)	Entered: 01/24/2022
(j)	Conor Stevens	Code 3F – City (Fire)	Entered: 01/24/2022
(k)	Caitlyn Capela	Code 5 – City (Non-Rep Police)	Entered: 01/31/2022

Invoices

(a)	Boyd Watterson	\$14,924.00	Period: 10/01/2021 – 12/31/2021
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Mr. Chaco and Mr. Hiza made and seconded a motion to authorize payment to Beirne Wealth in the amount of \$14,924.00, for their invoice dated January 21, 2022, for the period of 10/01/2021 – 12/31/2021. Motion carried unanimously.

(b) Lazard Asset Management \$33,554.32 Period: 01/01/2022 – 03/31/2022

Mr. Chaco and Mr. Mahoney made and seconded a motion to authorize payment to Lazard Asset Management in the amount of \$33,554.32, for their invoice dated 01/25/2022, for the period of 01/01/2022 – 03/31/2022. Motion carried unanimously.

(c) Neuberger Berman \$31,751.72 Period: 01/01/2022 – 03/31/2022

Mr. Chaco and Mr. Mahoney made and seconded a motion to authorize payment to Neuberger Berman in the amount of \$31,751.72 for their invoice dated 01/11/2022 for the period of 01/01/2022 – 03/31/2021. Motion carried unanimously.

(d) Neuberger Berman \$134,493.96 Period: 01/01/2022 – 03/31/2022

Mr. Chaco and Mr. Hiza made and seconded a motion to authorize payment to Neuberger Berman in the amount of \$134,493.96 for their invoice dated 01/01/2022 for the period of 01/01/2022 – 03/31/2022. Motion carried unanimously.

(e) Sprott \$26,446.18 Period: Q4 2021

Mr. Chaco and Mr. Mahoney made and seconded a motion to authorize payment to Sprott in the amount of \$26,446.18 for their invoice dated 01/31/2022 for the period of Q4 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

(f) Wells Fargo \$2,547.70 Period: 12/01/2021 – 12/31/2021

Mr. Chaco and Mr. Mahoney made and seconded a motion to authorize payment to Wells Fargo in the amount of \$2,547.70 for their invoice dated 01/07/2022 for the period of 12/01/2021 – 12/31/2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Report:

None

Financial Report:

None

Report of Investment Advisor: Beirne Wealth

Mr. J.O. Beirne presented a request from Zephyr Peacock India to wind down the investments as opposed to force a liquidation on March 31 2022. Discussion took place regarding the benefits of winding down of investments versus a forced liquidation. Mr. Armstrong questioned continuing payment for management fees through a wind down of investments. Mr. Beirne explained the management fees get paid back into the fund for every dollar above the preferred rate. He also pointed out the Board can approve it but 75 percent of the investors have to ultimately approve. It was recommended to wind down the investments as opposed to force a liquidation.

Mr. Kimmel and Mr. Chaco made and seconded a motion to approve extending the Zephyr Peacock Fund III to two additional terms as outlined in the letter presented by Mr. Beirne from Zephyr Peacock III. Motion carried unanimously.

J.O. Beirne reviewed the Beirne Wealth Consulting Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2021. He said the year ending from the big asset classes were all within the range. He pointed out the overweight on domestic and wants to have Arsenal come in and give an update on the investment and potential opportunities.

Mr. Beirne said the fund outperformed 96 percent and was a great year to end on.

Mr. Beirne reviewed the month ending January 31, 2022 Beirne Wealth Consulting report. He reviewed each of the investment gains and losses. Portfolio value is \$430,768,515 and he said there is a need to look at getting more of a balance between growth and value. He said the private equity is going to deplete so there is a need to add to the private equity.

Mr. Beirne reviewed each value of the portfolio investment classes. Mr. Kimmel asked about the volatility over the last few weeks, where are we with putting on a defense to reduce the volatility. Mr. Beirne said cash will be added to the portfolio as part defense and part muting the volatility.

Asset Allocation:

Boyd Watterson Presentation

Brian Gevry of Boyd Watterson Asset Management said Boyd was hired by the City June 30, 1992. He presented their February 17, 2022 Investment Portfolio Review and report of Diversified Government REIT, Inc. 2021 Fourth Quarter. He went through each area of investments explaining each in detail. He explained each of the real estate investments are thoroughly investigated prior to purchase. The properties are diversified with most income generated from the federal government. They look at the longevity of occupancy. Many contractors contracted with the federal government are tenants with long term expectations of remaining tenants. Mr. Timothy Horne of Boyd explained his position. He said the City of Milford was the first investment group. He said the future commitment focus is low volatility. He said their over 200 properties are hugely diversified. He said over the life of the relationship with the City they targeted 8 percent and are hitting the target. Mr. Horne said they make sure they are leveraging his past governmental relationships to win lease renewals in buildings already owned. A building owned in Idaho has Patel Energy as a tenant and does work on behalf of Idaho's Department of Energy. The tenant has invested millions outfitting the building to their specifications. Mr. Boyd said properties purchased in New York City are critical infrastructure housing the fire headquarters and 911 dispatch call center. He said Boyd wins bids sometimes not because they are the highest bidder but because of their reputation.

Mr. Chaco and Mr. Mahoney made and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Pension & Retirement Board will be held on March 17, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Lesley DiCocco". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lesley" and last name "DiCocco" clearly distinguishable.

Lesley DiCocco
Recording Secretary