

UNAPPROVED – SUBJECT TO CORRECTION
Pension and Retirement Board Regular Meeting, May 20, 2021

The Pension and Retirement Board held their Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 20, 2021, via Teleconference.

Chairman Kimmel called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Members Present via Audio/Teleconference

M. Chaco
S. DuBrow
M. Hedman
C. McKenna
M. Glennon
C. McInnis
G. Kimmel
L. Mahoney
M. O'Neil
A. Maher
M. Palumbo
C. Angelica (Alt)
R. Smith (Alt)
J. Grady (Alt)
K. Frank (Alt)

Members Absent

T. Bradbury
W. Farrell
T. Harrigan
M. Moreno (Alt)
T. Overholser (Alt)
E. Beatty, BOA Liaison
W. Smith, BOA Liaison

Also Present

T. Barnes, Human Resources Dept.
G. Delpo, Human Resources Dept.
J. Green, Human Resources Dept.
M. Greene, Recording Secretary
J-O. Beirne, Beirne Wealth
A. Lynch from Beirne Wealth
Roger Metzger, Hooker and Holcombe

Consideration of Minutes:

Mr. Chaco and Mr. Hedman made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 15, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman's Report: None

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Executive Session: Mr. Chaco and Ms. Palumbo made and seconded a motion to go into executive session 6:10pm regarding Rachel Zickefoose, Code 3F City/Fire; service-connected disability application. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Chaco and Ms. Palumbo made and seconded a motion to close the executive session at 6:21. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. O'Neil and Mr. Chaco made and seconded a motion to table pending receipt of IME reports executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Pension Requests:

Mr. Palumbo and Mr. Chaco made and seconded a motion to accept the application for a normal retirement pension calculation for Code 5 – City (Nurses) in an annual amount of \$19,991.90 with a gross monthly benefit of \$1,665.99 commencing 4/3/2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. O'Neil and Mr. Hedman made and seconded a motion to accept the application for a normal retirement pension application for Roger King, Code 3F City (Fire). Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. O'Neil and Mr. Hedman made and seconded a motion to accept the calculation for a normal retirement pension application for Roger King, Code 3F City (Fire). in an annual amount of \$117,072.31 with a gross monthly benefit of \$9,756.03 commencing 4/10/2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Withdrawals and Refunds:

Mr. Palumbo and Mr. Hedman made and seconded a motion to accept the application and calculations for a withdrawal from the retirement system from James Ash in the amount of \$477.49. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. O'Neil and Mr. Hedman made and seconded a motion to accept the application and calculations for a withdrawal from the retirement system from Nicholas Logan in the amount of \$4,784.33. Motion carried unanimously.

Buy Ins: None

Contingent Annuitant Options:

Mr. Smith and Mr. Hedman made and seconded a motion to accept the application for survivor benefits with 50% Contingent Annuitant for Elizabeth Fox, Code 5 – BOE (Secretary); Beneficiary: Kevin R. Fox, Sr. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Hedman made and seconded a motion to accept the application for survivor benefits with 50% Contingent Annuitant for Robert Melita, Code 5 – BOE (Maintenance); Beneficiary: Ruth I. Melita. Motion carried unanimously.

Applications of Entry:

The chairman read the following applicants of entry:

- a) Hans Boah Code 3P – City (Police) Entry: 4/12/2021
- b) Patience Duprey Code 3P – City (Police) Entry: 4/12/2021
- c) Jamie Fabian Code 3P – City (Police) Entry: 4/12/2021
- d) Matthew Hansen Code 3P – City (Police) Entry: 4/12/2021
- e) Michael Hoplines Code 3P – City (Police) Entry: 4/12/2021
- f) Lauren Kelly Code 9 – City (MEA) Entry: 4/12/2021
- g) Micaela Kreitman Code 3P – City (Police) Entry: 4/12/2021
- h) Kristine Liptack Code 3P – City (Police) Entry: 4/12/2021
- i) Patricia Nelson Code 3P – City (Police) Entry: 4/12/2021
- j) Jayvon Nesmith Code 3P – City (Police) Entry: 4/12/2021
- k) Ana Osegueda Code 8 – BOE (Cafeteria) Entry: 9/16/2019
- l) Barbara Paight Code 8 – BOE (Cafeteria) Entry: 12/9/2019
- m) Craig Stackpole Code 9 – City (MEA) Entry: 4/5/2021

Invoices:

Wells Fargo Bank Pension Plan \$1,623.20 Period: 03/01/2021-03/31/2021

Mr. Chaco and Mr. Hedman made and seconded a motion to authorize payment to Wells Fargo Bank in the amount of \$1,623.20 for their invoice dated 4/7/2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Lazard Asset Management \$31,902.27 Period: 04/01/2021- 06/30/2021

Mr. Chaco and Mr. Hedman made and seconded a motion to authorize payment to Hooker & Holcombe in the amount of \$31,902.27 for their invoice dated 4/15/2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Sprott Asset Management \$24,343.93 Period: 01/01/2021 – 03/31/2021
Mr. Chaco and Mr. Hedman made and seconded a motion to authorize payment to Sprott Asset Management in the amount of \$24,343.93 for their invoice dated 5/10/2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports: None.

Financial Report: None

Hooker and Holcombe: None

Prior to the Report of the Investment Advisor at 6:33, Mr. Kimmel left the meeting and asked Mr. McInnis to take over.

Report of Investment Advisor: Beirne Wealth (30 minutes)

Mr. John-Oliver Beirne said that the equity market has been strong as the economic reopens with improved performance by cyclical stocks over the past 3 months and year-to-date despite some faltering in big tech stocks. He said international markets are doing well, though not as well as US markets. He said low interest rates are impacting bond portfolio in long-dated secure major bonds. He noted that earlier in the easing of pandemic, bond prices moved up, but are now moving in the opposite direction. He said real estate saw a big uptick in REITs coming off a low number last year, but upward trends in interest rates may change that as well as new societal trends toward working from home. He noted that in last few weeks markets were wavering, but a positive forecast is expected to hold through end of year with the portfolio seeing the highest asset values in a long time. He broke down categories of equity investment by type and described movements of assets voted by the board last month. He said that adjustments and restructuring of the bond portfolio over last 5 years are paying off with outperformance on the bond side.

Mr. McInnis asked what strategy will be adopted after the end of year. Mr. Beirne said it depended on what markets look like in terms of interest rates and identifying the most opportune timeframe time to move out of interest sensitive bonds.

He asked the board to consider a vote to adopt a new policy which regroups the current portfolio into new categories. He shared a spreadsheet of how that would look, saying it identifies different parts of the portfolio more clearly.

Mr. McInnis asked the group to review the spreadsheet with a goal of voting next meeting. Mr. Beirne strongly recommended that the vote be held at next meeting.

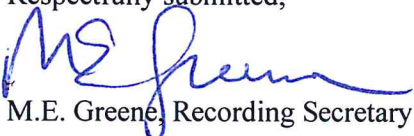
He also said he would like to interview 4-5 managers, all of whom use different styles. He described each candidate manager briefly. He said he hoped to set a date for interviews.

Ms. Barnes reported that Mountain Lake will give a 20-25-minute portfolio update next month with questions after.

Adjournment

Mr. Chaco and Mr. O'Neil moved and seconded for adjournment with unanimous vote at 7:03. The next meeting is scheduled for June 17, via teleconference at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


M.E. Greene, Recording Secretary