

*MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING FOR THE COLUMBUS GEORGIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
RETIREMENT SYSTEMS PENSION AND BENEFIT TRUST FUND*

October 9, 2019

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Mayor Skip Henderson, Chairman; City Manager Isaiah Hugley, Vice Chairman; Finance Director Angelica Alexander, Secretary; Jack Kinsman, Trustee; Mike Higgins, Trustee; Audrey Hollingsworth, Trustee; Liliana McDaniel, Trustee and Elizabeth Cook, Trustee

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Lisa Goodwin, Trustee; Fray McCormick, Trustee and Charles Staples, Trustee

OTHERS ATTENDING: Pamela Hodge, DCM Finance, Planning and Development; Lucy Sheftall, Assistant City Attorney; Reather Hollowell, Human Resources Director; Gwen Ruff, Columbus Water Works Representative, Mary Scarborough, Airport Representative; and Glendora Arrington, Recording Secretary

ADVISORS: Richard Swift, Raymond James

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Skip Henderson called the October 9, 2019 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Columbus Georgia Public Employee Retirement Systems Pension Fund and Benefit Trust Fund to order.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the September 11, 2019 regular Pension Board Meeting were submitted for approval. A motion to accept minutes with no corrections was made by Audrey Hollingsworth. Isaiah Hugley seconded the motion. The board voted, and the minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

INVESTMENT UPDATE

a. Performance Review

Richard Swift briefly reviewed the investment policy checklist for the quarter. All managers are in compliance at this time. He reviewed the current criteria for each area and where each manager is regarding that criteria. Mr. Swift then presented on the fund performance for the month of September 2019.

In review, funds that are doing well are Madison Investment Advisors LLC, Clearbridge Advisors LCG, Loomis Sayles LCG, Boston Partners, Clarkston Capital, Lazard Emerging Markets, and Prudential Hedged Fixed Absolute PADZX.

Funds that are currently underperforming are Wells Fargo Golden LCC, TCW LCV, Causeway Capital International, Allianz Tactical Allocation AGSPX and Allianz Short Duration Hi Yield ASHPX. All other funds were performing in line.

Mr. Swift discussed moving the final monthly \$5M from the Prudential Hedged Fixed Absolute fund to the Prudential Total Return fund. With no objection, he stated that he would move the last scheduled transfer as approved in the April 10, 2019 meeting.

Mr. Swift discussed the managers that were “concerning” to him. Wells Fargo, has missed the index every quarter since hired a year ago. Due to the performance of the manager, there was discussion regarding terminating the manager. Allianz was also a manager that Mr. Swift mentioned as “concerning”.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the board that a small group of any available board members be convened before the next meeting to further study the performance review issues raised by Mr. Swift and bring back recommendations to the board at the next meeting.

b. Asset Allocation

Mr. Swift presented to the board regarding asset allocation. We are currently in line with the investment policy statement in relation to the target. He did, however, bring attention to the large growth, large core and large value percentages. He mentioned historically these funds have been at 14% each. He questioned if the board wanted to look at making an adjustment. Mr. Swift opened for discussion.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that a subcommittee would be formed to look at options of adjustments in fund allocation and bring back recommendations to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

a. RFP for Pension Consultant

Finance Director Angelica Alexander updated the board regarding submitting a RFP for the Pension Consultant. The plan is to send out the draft of the RFP to the board members regarding the specifications so that the board can respond with any comments. A request was made for any comments regarding the draft be submitted by Monday so that an advertisement can be submitted to begin by Thursday. It has to be advertised for 10 days.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the board that once the proposals come back, a request for a subcommittee to go through the proposals and bring back a recommendation. Then we will have presentations based upon what the subcommittee recommends.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

ADJOURN

With there being no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Liliana McDaniel. It was seconded by Mike Higgins and unanimously approved.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2019 at 2:00 PM in the Ground Floor Conference Room.

Glendora Arrington

Glendora Arrington
Recording Secretary