

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

**November 13, 2019**

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:** Mayor Skip Henderson, Chairman; Finance Director Angelica Alexander, Secretary; Jack Kinsman, Trustee; Mike Higgins, Trustee; Lisa Goodwin, Trustee; Fray McCormick, Trustee; Chuck Staples and Elizabeth Cook, Trustee

**TRUSTEES ABSENT:** City Manager Isaiah Hugley, Vice Chairman; Audrey Hollingsworth, Trustee; and Liliana McDaniel, Trustee

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Pamela Hodge, DCM Finance, Planning and Development; Lucy Sheftall, Assistant City Attorney; and Reather Hollowell, Human Resources Director; and Todd Holland, Assistant Finance Director

**ADVISORS:** Richard Swift, Raymond James

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Skip Henderson called the November 13, 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 October 9, 2019 regular Pension Board Meeting were submitted for approval. A motion to accept minutes with the correction of adding Charles Staples as absent was made by Jack Kinsman. Fray McCormick seconded the motion. The board voted, and the minutes were unanimously approved with the correction.

**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, Boston Partners, Clarkston Capital, Karpus Investment, Prudential Total Return Bond Fund and Prudential Hedge Fixed Absolute.

Funds that are currently underperforming are Wells Fargo Golden LCC, TCW LCV, Causeway Capital International, Lazard Emerging Markets, and Allianz Tactical Allocation. All other funds were performing in line.

Minutes other than summary minutes will be released on a delayed schedule to protect the release of information made confidential by Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 47-1-14(c) and (d).

Mr. Swift presented to the board to give a bigger picture of the funds and their performance since inception. In summary, we have 25 managers total. Of the managers, 21 are ahead or in line, 2 are slightly behind and 2 managers are significantly trailing.

**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. Mr. Swift opened for discussion and there was no change at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a. DROP Out Program**

Jack Kinsman brought the discussion of the DROP Out Program from 1998. He requested to get an analysis of what it would cost the city for the employees who fall in this category. Mr. Kinsman requested to look into the information and discuss it further in the next meeting. The board had a brief discussion regarding this issue.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Large Capital Core Search**

With Wells Fargo's underperformance, Mr. Swift brought a Manager Search to review with the board. He reviewed the calendar year returns and risk returns as they relate to the Large Capital Core Search. He researched and brought back options for managers in this category. After a lengthy discussion, Fray McCormick made a motion to move the money that is currently Wells Fargo Golden LCC to Atlanta Capital Management. The motion was seconded by Jack Kinsman. The board voted and the motion was unanimously approved.

**a. Tactical Funds**

Mr. Swift then shifted the discussion to tactical funds. The managers that are in this are Allianz Tactical Allocation and Westend Global Balanced EFT. Allianz is a manager that does well with a trend, that's the type of manager that they are. Westend has maintained a good return. After discussion, Mike Higgins made a motion to move all funds in tactical funds to from Allianz to Westend. Chuck Staples seconded the motion. The board voted and the motion was unanimously approved.

**b. Growth and Value**

Mr. Swift presented the board regarding trends regarding the growth and value categories doing well at different times. He also brought up the fact that Large Cap Growth was now 15% vs. Large Cap Value at 12%. He discussed rebalancing some \$ from Large Growth to Large Value. The board discussed options and Elizabeth Cook made a motion to reallocate \$2.5M from Russell Growth to Russell Value. Lisa Goodwin seconded the motion. The board voted and the motion was unanimously approved.

**c. Continuing Education**

Mr. Swift presented a schedule to meet the continuing education requirements. He discussed the requirements in reference to the number of hours required as well as the different areas. There were two options presented for consideration: 1. the board could all go to a seminar for 2 days and have all of the hours completed; or 2. the board can spread the requirements out and a presentation can be made each month.

d. RFP Update

Angelica Alexander spoke to the board briefly regarding the RFP. Elizabeth, Fray and Audrey have accepted the responsibility of being on the subcommittee.

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 Mike Higgins. It was seconded by Charles Staples and unanimously approved.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2020 at 2:00 PM in the Ground Floor Conference Room.

*Glendora Arrington*

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Recording Secretary