# THE CITY OF DALTON EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN – BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING JULY 22, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Dalton Employees' Pension Plan was held this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall. Present for the meeting were Chairman Mike Sloan, Trustees Gary Hill, Vernon Ray, Jerome Key, Council member Dennis Mock and City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe. Mayor Annalee Sams and Chairman of the Water, Light & Sinking Fund Commission Joe Yarbrough were absent.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On the motion of Trustee Mock, second Trustee Ray, the Board approved and amended the agenda to include discussion of MetLife Pension Plan Cash Flow. The vote was unanimous in favor.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## METLIFE PENSION PLAN CASHFLOW

Hilda Thompson from SEAS reviewed a memo sent to the Board from SEAS regarding MetLife Pension Plan Cash Flow. Thompson explained how the Plans cash flow work, stating the city and the utilities both make contributions on a monthly basis, the contributions then go to MetLife, and are distributed across the three funds at MetLife. Thompson further explained that at the same time, any benefit payments that are being made are also withdrawn from the same three investment accounts at MetLife. Thompson reported that as of now the Plan is in a negative cash flow position and have been for several months, meaning the monthly contributions are \$500,000 less than contributions.

Thompson further stated the memo submitted is SEAS recommendation that instead of investing this cash every month, that its put in a cash account. Right now, she stated it's going across the three investment accounts and then coming right back out a couple of weeks later

So, Thompson reiterated the recommendation is to keep contributions in a cash account instead of investing monthly. Thompson stated she could consult with CFO Cindy Jackson to communicate the recommendation to MetLife. On the motion of Trustee Mock, second Trustee Ray the recommendation was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

## **MINUTES**

The Trustees were presented written copies of the meeting minutes of May 27, 2025. On the motion of Trustee Mock, second Trustee Ray, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

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## MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT – June 30, 2025

Hilda Thompson from SEAS reviewed the Monthly Performance Report as of June 30, 2025. Thompson stated the performance in April was negative and the Plan had a negative quarter, so she stated the market value was down to \$157 million. Thompson reported the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter has been an outstanding quarter, and the Plan is over \$162 million, earned over \$4 million in two months.

Thompson stated everything is in compliance with the asset allocation. Thompson proceeded stating June was a great month with a 3.6 percent return, Quarter to date, 6.7 percent, and fiscal year to date, 4.5 percent. Reminding that the Plans actuarial assumption rate is 6.75 percent and thinks the Plan is well on the way to meeting that number.

Further reporting the fixed income numbers were not great for the quarter, but they were positive and the stock market had a great quarter. Thompson stated the total large cap equity was up almost 11 percent, 10.96. The small cap was up at 7.3 percent and then fixed income was up 1.3 percent, Thompson noted the Plan has a balanced portfolio.

On the motion of Trustee Hill, second Trustee Mock, the report was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

## **RETIREES**

# Joseph M. Hughes - Dalton Utilities

On the motion of Trustee Hill, second Trustee Mock, the Board ratified payment to Joseph M. Hughes - Dalton Utilities for normal retirement. Copies of the application for retirement, retirement benefit calculations and Authorization to Commence Retirement Payment forms are a part of these minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor.

### **INVOICES**

On the motion of Trustee Mock, second Trustee Ray, the Board approved the following:

Southeastern Advisory Services, Inc. - May 2025 Monthly Services Invoice #259 | \$2,150.00

The vote was unanimous in favor.

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# **INVOICES**

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On the motion of Trustee Mock, second Trustee Ray, the Board approved the following:

The Minor Firm, LLC- Pension Board Attendance Invoice #191395 | \$175.00 The vote was unanimous in favor.

On the motion of Trustee Hill, second Trustee Mock, the Board approved the following:

Hartford Insurance - Commercial Crime Policy - Pension (Renewal every 3 years) Policy Period 5/31/25 - 05/31/28| Invoice Amount | \$308.00 The vote was unanimous in favor.

## **REPORTS**

Market Indices - June 30, 2025 Pension Financial Report - April 30, 2025 Pension Financial Reports - May 31, 2025

# **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

ATTEST:	Mike Sloan, Chairman
Jerome Key, Secretary	
RECORDED	
APPROVED	