

City of Hallandale Beach

POLICE OFFICERS' & FIREFIGHTERS' PERSONNEL RETIREMENT TRUST PENSION BOARD

Hallandale Beach Cultural Center, 410 SE 3rd Street, Hallandale Beach, FL www.cohb.org Chair, Alan Miller Secretary, Anthony Adelson Trustee, Jim Bunce Trustee, Radu Dodea Trustee, Ricky Bouni

Plan Administrator, Michelle Rodriguez

Virtual Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 26, 2021

3:00 PM

Cultural Center/Virtual Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alan Miller called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm

2. ROLL CALL

Present (Physically): 3 – Trustee Ricky Buoni, Trustee Radu Dodea, and Trustee Caleb Devore

Present (Virtually): 2 – Chair Alan Miller and Secretary Anthony Adelson

Trustees Absent: 0 – None.

Also present physically was Plan Administrator Michelle Rodriguez. Also present virtually were Plan Attorney Bob Klausner, Plan Investment Managers Scott Owens and Andy McIlvaine, Investment Consultants Adam Phillips, Jon Gans, Elizabeth McManus, and Bill Adams

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. May 25, 2021, Quarterly Business Meeting Minutes – Alan Miller requested the word 'retried' be changed to 'retired' in paragraph two of section three.

Motion made by Radu Dodea, seconded by Ricky Buoni to approve the May 25, 2021, Quarterly Business Meeting Minutes with revisions.

The motion carried with the following votes:

Ayes: 4 – Radu Dodea, Ricky Buoni, Anthony Adelson, and Alan Miller

Nays: 0

Abstain: 1 – Caleb Devore

Note: Anthony Adelson arrived at 3:06 pm.

b. June 4, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Alan Miller, seconded by Ricky Buoni to approve the June 4, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes as presented.

The motion carried with the following votes:

Ayes: 5 - Radu Dodea, Ricky Buoni, Anthony Adelson, and Alan Miller

Nays: 0

Abstain: 1 - Caleb Devore

5. BOARD/COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- a. BMO Global Asset Management, Adam Phillips, Investment Manager Quarterly Investment Report
- b. Ironwood Capital Management, Jon Gans, Investment Manager Quarterly Investment Report
- c. Mellon Investments Corporation, Elizabeth McManus, Investment Manager Quarterly Investment Report
 - i. Elizabeth McManus advised the board Mellon Investment Management had split and moving forward she and the other portfolio managers assigned to the Hallandale Beach P&F plan would operate under the name Newton Investment Management. Bob Klausner commented he and Scott Owens had reviewed the changes and found them acceptable.
- d. Graystone Consulting, Scott Owens and Andy McIlvaine, Invest Managers Quarterly Investment Report
 - Scott Owens advised the board Taplin, Canida and Habacht was acquired by Loop Capital and he was working with Bob Klausner to review the details of the change to ensure they remained in compliance.
 - ii. Andy McIlvaine advised the board they were advised on August 6, 2021, to direct Wells Fargo Asset Management to hold shares of the Match Group account due to a securities litigation case. Andy asked the board if they would like to move the money into the R&D account. Bob Klausner advised the board they would not be responsible for any potential losses and added Chair Alan Miller gave his approval to participate in the case.
 - iii. Radu Dodea commented the City Commission asked for the investment consultant to look into different investment strategies that would limit the pension funds downside capture.
 - iv. Scott Owens commented over half of the portfolio consists of funds with a defensive strategy and currently the fund was at a lower risk than their benchmark.
 - v. Alan Miller commented they had to maintain a high enough return in order to meet their assumed rate of return.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Fiduciary Liability Policy – Michelle Rodriguez advised the board their \$1,000,000.00 fiduciary liability policy has been renewed effective August 1, 2021 and the annual premium was \$9,401.00. Michelle added the premium was \$70.00 more this year due to an increase in plan assets.

Motion made by Anthony Adelson seconded by Ricky Buoni to bind the fiduciary liability policy as presented.

The motion carried with the following votes:

<u>Ayes: 5 – Radu Dodea, Ricky Buoni, Anthony Adelson, Alan Miller, and Caleb Devore</u> <u>Nays: 0</u>

b. FY 2021-2022 Proposed Budget – Michelle Rodriguez reviewed the annual proposed budget and individual expenditures.

Motion made by Alan Miller seconded by Ricky Buoni to approve the fiscal year 2021-2022 proposed budget as presented.

The motion carried with the following votes:

Ayes: 5 – Radu Dodea, Ricky Buoni, Anthony Adelson, Alan Miller, and Caleb Devore Nays: 0

7. KLAUSNER, KAUFMAN, JENSEN, & LEVINSON, BOB KLAUSNER, BOARD ATTORNEY

- a. Securities Litigation Update Bob Klausner updated the board on the EchoStar case.
- b. CBA Ordinance Amendment and Plan Restatement Bob Klausner advised the board his office completed a draft of the plan restatement and sent it to the City for approval. Bob commented once it had been codified into the City Ordinance, it would be much easier to find on Municode.
- c. Bob Klausner advised the board the City had appealed the board's decision regarding the six members with AAS claims. Bob advised the board he would submit something to the court stating the pension board was not a real party of interest and would abide by the final order.
- d. Ricky Buoni asked why the AAS matter came back to the board, but now that the City had appealed their decision, the board would no longer be involved in the decision-making process.
- e. Bob Klausner commented the pension board did not have the time or resources to conduct an evidentiary hearing, so they hired the Department of Administrative Hearings (DOAH) to hear all of the AAS claims. The claimants disagreed with the orders of the administrative law judge and filed exceptions, and it was the board's responsibility to provide a hearing for the claimants, however it was the claimant's responsibility to defend their position against the City.
- f. Bob Klausner advised the board the City asked for a cost study to determine how much the City's required contribution would increase if the six claimants were allowed to purchase their AAS time at the lower probationary rate which was approximately \$100,000 per year over the next ten years.

Note: The board recessed at 4:45 pm. Note: The board reconvened at 4:51 pm.

- g. Caleb Devore asked if the additional costs to the City could be recovered from a fiduciary liability policy.
- h. Bob Klausner explained in this case the pension board did not suffer a loss, they suffered an expense, which the City was ultimately responsible for paying.
- i. Ricky Buoni asked if the proceeds from PRC, Bob Klausner commented the board could authorize assignment of any money recovered from a claim against PRC to the City, then it was up to the City to move forward.

Motion made by Ricky Buoni to authorize assignment of any claim arising from AAS litigation with the previous administrator to the City of Hallandale Beach.

There being no second, Ricky Bouni withdrew the motion.

8. FOSTER & FOSTER, MICHELLE RODRIGUEZ, PLAN ADMINISTRATOR

- a. Annual Report Update Michelle Rodriguez advised the board the City's shortfall contribution in the amount of \$508,600.32 was received by the custodian today and that was the last item needed to approve the report.
- b. Educational Opportunities
 - i. FFPTA Fall Trustee School, October 3-6, 2021, Ponte Vedra, FL
 - ii. Florida Division of Retirement 50th Annual Police & Firefighters' Pension Conference, November 3-5, 2021, Orlando, FL

9. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Invoices for ratification, Warrants #68, #69 and #70
- b. Invoices for approval None
- c. Fund Activity Report for May 19, 2021, through August 19, 2021

Motion made by Ricky Buoni, seconded by Anthony Adelson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

The motion carried with the following votes:

Ayes: 5 – Radu Dodea, Ricky Buoni, Anthony Adelson, Alan Miller, and Caleb Devore Nays: 0

10. NEXT MEETING

The Board agreed by consensus to cancel the September 28, 2021, quarterly investment meeting. The next meeting will be an investment meeting on November 30, 2021, at 3:00 pm.

Michelle Rodriguez, Plan Administrator

11. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned without objection at 5:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Alan Miller, Chair

Date Approved by the Board