## ATU LOCAL 1596 PENSION FUND MINUTES OF MEETING HELD DECEMBER 12, 2008

## **Board Members Present:**

Robert Doane – Chairman, Union Appointee Frank Luna – Union Appointee Blanche Sherman – Secretary, LYNX Appointee Bert Francis - LYNX Appointee Frank Lacock - Union Appointee Lisa Darnall - LYNX Appointee

## **Others Present**

Nick Schiess - Plan Administrator Jill Hanson - Plan Attorney Sidney Taylor – Investment Consultant Edward Johnson

| Agenda<br>Item | Discussion   | Decision   | Status | Follow-up |
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| 1.             | The meeting was called to order at 10:32 A.M. in Room B241, 2500 LYNX Lane Building B, Orlando, FL 32805.  |  | Closed | None      |
| 2.             | The Board reviewed the minutes of the meetings held on<br>September 26, 2008 and October 31, 2008 and a<br>correction was noted.   | Blanche Sherman made a motion to<br>approve the minutes of the meetings held<br>on September 26, 2008 and October 31,<br>2008 as corrected. Frank Lacock seconded<br>the motion, approved by the Trustees 6-0. | Closed | None      |
| 3.             | Sidney Taylor appeared before the Board on behalf of<br>Burgess Chambers & Associates to provide a report on<br>the investment performance of the portfolio for the quarter<br>ending September 30, 2008. He discussed market and<br>economic factors and attributed the recent market<br>downturn to irrational market response to a crisis within<br>the credit markets and irrational market behavior. Mr.<br>Taylor noted that every single sector of the market was<br>affected. The investment performance for the quarter was<br>-14.2%, which was favorable on a relative basis in<br>comparison to the index and rankings for the returns of<br>other pension plans. He reported that the returns for the<br>active managers were above their respective benchmark. |  | Closed | None      |

|      | Mr. Taylor was questioned whether there were any concerns with regards to any of the investment managers or products. He advised that no concerns existed and reviewed the compliance checklist noting that all items were within compliance. Mr. Taylor then reviewed the asset allocation and advised that allocations were within specifications and no changes were recommended until after the market settled.  |   |        |                   |
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| 4.a. | The Trustees reviewed the list of disbursements presented for approval.  | Lisa Darnall made a motion to approve the disbursements as presented. Frank Luna seconded the motion, approved by the Trustees 6-0.   | Open   | None              |
| 4.b. | The Board was presented un-audited statements of the balance sheet and income and expense for the fiscal year through September 30, 2008.  | The Trustees received and filed the un-<br>audited statements of the balance sheet<br>and income and expense.   | Closed | None              |
| 5.a. | The Trustees reviewed the list of benefit approvals presented for approval.  | Lisa Darnall made a motion to approve the<br>benefit approvals. Frank Luna seconded<br>the motion, approved by the Trustees 5-0<br>with Bob Doane abstaining for the reason<br>of conflict of interest.<br>The Board requested the administrator to<br>research and verify the amount of the<br>refunds of contributions and the number of<br>benefit credits for DROP entrant Bob<br>Doane and report back to the Board. | Open   | Nick<br>Schiess   |
| *    | The meeting recessed at 11:59 P.M. for lunch and reconvened at 12:35 P.M.  |   | Closed | None              |
| 7.b. | The Board reviewed a management letter issued by the<br>Plan's auditor, Cherry, Bekaert, & Holland, issued in<br>conjunction with the 2007 audit. It was noted that the<br>letter was contradictory with the verbal opinion issued in<br>person during the auditor's presentations at the last<br>meeting regarding whether a material weakness existed<br>within the financial statements. A representative of the<br>auditing firm, Rowana Filtan, was contacted via |   | Open   | Rowana<br>Filtran |

|      | teleconference and explained that confusion existed over<br>recently issued accounting standards around the same<br>date that the audit was issued and printed. She further<br>explained that the interpretation of these standards has<br>become clearer and no material weakness existed within<br>the financial statements. Ms. Filtan agreed to issue an<br>addendum to the 2007 audit to this regard.   |  |        |                              |
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| 5.b. | Nick Schiess provided the Board with an update on the previously reported issue of receiving inaccurate payroll data for the 2008 fiscal year. He advised that replacement data had not been received and therefore the Administrator was unable to provide the data to the actuary for the production of the actuarial valuation and also produce the annual benefit statements for the members. Mr. Schiess believed the issue stemmed from corrupted reports generated by the Agency's payroll system Ceridian. He reported that the payroll department had initiated dialog with Ceridian to identify the issue and repair the reports. Blanche Sherman acknowledged that the payroll reports were not capturing the correct data could be provided directly from the payroll system bypassing the problematic reports. A discussion arose regarding the notification of the membership of the benefit statement distribution. Mr. Schiess reported that in the past practice was to mail the notifications. | It was the consensus of the Board to<br>provide Brian Anderson with the<br>notification for duplication and inclusion<br>with payroll. | Open   | Blanche<br>Sherman<br>Tegrit |
| 5.   | Nick Schiess reported that vested deferred member Earl<br>Gaston had submitted an Application for normal<br>retirement benefits after he was informed of the Board's<br>decision at the last meeting to deny his prior Application<br>for disability benefits.<br>Mr. Schiess reported researching the status of the refund<br>of contributions to former member Gerald Ocacio who<br>was promoted to management and requested a refund of<br>his contributions. Mr. Schiess reminded the Board that at<br>the last meeting it was brought to the Board's attention<br>that the rollover of Mr. Ocacio's contributions had been  |  | Closed | None                         |

|      | interrupted when the Agency's attoney had issued an<br>opinon that the distribution was considered an in-service<br>distribution and therefore not permissible. At the last<br>meeting, Jill Hanson had advised that the distribution was<br>not an in-servce distribution, which she again confirmed<br>at this meeting. Mr. Schiess reported that the check<br>issued as a rollover of Mr. Ocacio's contributions had<br>indeed been cashed by the Hartford Insurance Company<br>on the date of September 8, 2008.   | It was the consensus of the Board that<br>since the check issued for the refund of the<br>contributions of Gerald Ocacio had been<br>cashed, the matter was closed unless<br>advised otherwise. | Closed | None  |
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|      | Mr. Schiess announced that the Pension Resource<br>Center entered into a strategic partnership with the<br>Michigan Employee Retirement System that resulted in<br>the new entity Tegrit Plan Administrators. A number of<br>questions arose regarding the organizational aspects of<br>the new firm and also whether a new agreement with the<br>Board was necessary. Mr. Schiess agreed to provide Jill<br>Hanson with additional information and a new Agreement<br>would be provided at the next meeting if necessary.   |   | Open   | Tegrit<br>Jill Hanson                           |
| 7.d. | As a follow up to the last meeting, Mr. Schiess reported<br>notifications had been sent via registered mail, return<br>receipt requested, to the Participants who had not<br>submitted a response in regards to the original notification<br>that they had enrolled in the enhanced benefit option but<br>with incorrect contribution rates. The deadline for a final<br>response was the date of January 15, 2009   |   | Open   | Tegrit  |
| 7.g. | Bob Doane expressed discontent over the loss of his<br>agency e-mail address, which he considered important to<br>conducting the business of the Plan. Edward Johnson<br>explained that Mr. Doane's former e-mail address had<br>been issued in conjunction with the former position that<br>he had held within the Agency. Mr. Doane also expressed<br>discontent with difficulties in scheduling and being<br>excused from regular duties to attend the Board<br>meetings. He requested consideration by the Agency for<br>the support of the Chairman of the Board including an e-<br>mail address and also scheduling. | The Chairperson, Edward Johnson, and Jill<br>Hanson were all to discuss the matter after<br>the meeting adjourned.  | Open   | Chairperson<br>Edward<br>Johnson<br>Jill Hanson |

| 6.a. | Jill Hanson provided the Board with an update on the status of Amendments Six, Seven, and Eight.  |  | Open | Lisa<br>Darnall                    |
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|      | Ms. Hanson reported that for Amendment Seven had been approved by LYNX and had been filed with the State Division of Retirement and was therefore finalized.  |  |      |                                    |
|      | Ms. Hanson reported that she had responded to the Agency over concerns they had expressed within the language within Amendment Eight.   |  |      |                                    |
|      | Ms. Hanson provided and discussed correspondence that<br>the Board had directed at the last meeting be sent to the<br>Florida State Attorney General requesting determination<br>of the status on Amendment Six if the Agency refuses to<br>execute the Amendment. The Board noted that the<br>importance of this issue was to determine the proper<br>procedure for prospective new amendments. She<br>reported that the response from the Attorney General was<br>the their office would only consider the matter if the<br>Agency and the Board entered a joint request for a<br>determination on the matter. A question arose whether<br>the matter would instead be best resolved through<br>bargaining and it was noted that neither the Union nor<br>Agency desired to bring the matter to collective<br>bargaining. A discussion arose regarding requesting the<br>Agency to join the Board in requesting a joint opinion for<br>the Attorney General and it was noted that if the Agency<br>declines that the Board has exhausted every option to<br>resolve the matter. | Frank Lacock made a motion to request<br>the Agency to join the in the request to the<br>Attorney General for a determination on<br>the status of Amendment Six. Frank Luna<br>seconded the motion, approved by the<br>Trustees 6-0. | Open | Jill Hanson                        |
| 7.f. | Nick Schiess discussed the Board's past practice of<br>periodically reviewing service providers in rotation and<br>scheduled for this year was the review of actuary and<br>attorney. Jill Hanson announced her retirement and<br>agreed to remain counsel until after the next meeting in  | Bert Francis made a motion to request<br>proposals for legal services. Blanche<br>Sherman seconded the motion, approved<br>by the Trustees 6-0.  | Open | Tegrit                             |
|      | February 2009. The Board specifically requested that<br>attorney Ron Cohen be notified and Nick Schiess advised<br>that the proposals will be solicited from all the attorneys<br>within the State who practice pension law including Mr.<br>Cohen.   | Bert Francis and Frank Lacock were<br>appointed as a sub-committee to rank the<br>proposals and the top three ranked firms to<br>be invited to the February meeting for<br>personal presentations.                                   | Open | Bert<br>Francis<br>Frank<br>Lacock |

|      |   | The Board tabled the periodic review of actuary until the next meeting.   | Open   | Board               |
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| 7.a. | The Board reviewed the application for disability benefits<br>submitted by William Perez. It was noted that he was<br>receiving social security benefits, which under the current<br>disability provisions satisfies the determination of<br>disability.  | Bert Francis made a motion to award Mr.<br>Perez disability benefits. Blanche Sherman<br>seconded the motion, approved by the<br>Trustees 6-0.  | Closed | None<br>Jill Hanson |
| 7.c. | As a follow up to the last meeting, the Board discussed<br>whether DROP participants were eligible for re-<br>employment even on a part-time basis. Lisa Darnall<br>advised that the intent was that DROP participants would<br>terminate employment and retire immediately after their<br>DROP participation. It was clarified that DROP<br>participants must separate from service but may be<br>eligible for re-employment but as a new employee with<br>respect to rank and compensation. |   | Closed | None                |
| 7.e. | The Board reviewed a quote for the renewal of fiduciary<br>liability insurance from Travelers Insurance Corporation<br>for the yearly premium of \$14,046.07. Ms. Hanson was<br>questioned whether sovereign immunity was applicable to<br>the Trustees making the expense for the insurance<br>unnecessary.  | Blanche Sherman made a motion to<br>approve the renewal of the fiduciary liability<br>insurance. Frank Luna seconded the<br>motion, approved by the Trustees 6-0.                                 | Open   | New<br>Attorney     |
| 8.   | The Trustees reviewed their respective schedules for quarterly meeting dates for 2009.  | The Board scheduled quarterly meetings<br>on February 10, 2009, May 14, 2009,<br>August 15, 2009, and December 11, 2009.  | Closed | None                |
| 9.   | The Board recognized the departure of Blanche Sherman<br>as Trustee replaced by Edward Johnson. It was noted<br>that the Board officers must be appointed and Bob Doane<br>declined serving another term as Chairperson.  | Blanche Sherman nominated Lisa Darnall<br>as Secretary, approved by the Trustees 6-<br>0. Blanche Sherman made a motion to<br>appoint Frank Luna as Chairperson,<br>approved by the Trustees 6-0. | Closed | None                |
| 11.  | The meeting adjourned at 4:16 P.M.  |   | Closed | None                |

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary