

***City of Fort Myers General Employees' Pension Plan***  
**Minutes: Special Meeting of March 20, 2019**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Lovejoy called a special meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Fort Myers General Employees' Pension Plan to order at 10:35 AM. Ms. Lovejoy called roll then the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Trustees Present**

Donna Lovejoy, Chairperson  
Rodolfo Rosso, Secretary  
Mark Nuber  
Dennis Pearlman  
Eloise Pennington

**Others**

Amber McNeill, The Resource Centers  
Scott Christiansen, Christiansen & Dehner  
Debra Emerson, City of Fort Myers  
Holly Simone, City of Fort Myers  
Ellen Clyatt, City of Fort Myers  
Steven Manuel, Plan Member  
Barbara Manuel

**Trustees Absent**

Saeed Kazemi  
Aurelio Gongora, Vice Chair

**2. Public Comment**

There were no members of the public present that wished to comment.

**3. Steven Manuel Disability Hearing**

Mr. Christiansen reviewed the entire disability procedure; this is the initial hearing where the Board may grant or deny the disability. The burden of proof is on the claimant. The criteria are that the member must be totally disabled from his job and every other job in the City. As Mr. Manuel was medically terminated by the City, the City has already fulfilled that requirement. According to the Independent Medical Examination, Mr. Manuel's condition is permanent. The Board discussed Mr. Manuel's medical records and the IME at length.

**A motion was made by Mr. Pearlman and seconded by Mr. Rosso to find Mr. Manuel totally and permanently disabled, and to approve his disability pension. The motion passed 5 – 0.**

The benefit is effective as of March 20, 2019; he will receive a partial payment for the month of March.

**4. Old Business- None.**

**5. New Business- None**

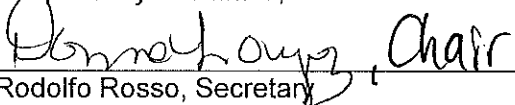
**6. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on May 15, 2019 at 9 AM.

**7. Adjournment**

**There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Pearlman and seconded by Mr. Rosso to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 5 – 0.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Rodolfo Rosso, Secretary