

City of Gulfport Firefighters' Retirement Pension Fund
Minutes: Meeting of April 15, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

Brian Campbell called a meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Gulfport Firefighters' Retirement Pension Fund to order at 2:30 PM.

Those persons present included:

TRUSTEES

Brian Campbell, Chair
Don Howard, Secretary
Mitchell Carney
Rene Fernandez
David Kanter

OTHERS

Scott Christiansen, Christiansen & Dehner (Attorney)
Dale Everhart, Resource Centers (Administrator)
Jennifer Gainfort, AndCo (Consultant)

2. APPROVAL MINUTES: January 21, 2021

The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the January 21, 2021 meeting.

Don Howard made a motion to approve the January 21, 2021 minutes. David Kanter seconded the motion, approved by the Trustees 5-0.

3. REPORTS

A. Investment Report - Investment Consultant (Jennifer Gainfort, AndCo Consulting)

Jennifer Gainfort indicated that the domestic equity markets continued their rally during the first quarter of 2021. The darkest days of the pandemic are behind us as the economy continues to reopen with strong job numbers and corporate earnings. The S&P 500 large cap index returned 6.2% for the quarter, the Russell midcap index returned 8.1%, and small caps led the way with the Russell 2000 index up a strong 12.7%. Investor rotation from growth to value continued to gain momentum, with the Russell 1000 value index up 11.3%, while the Russell 1000 growth index returning 0.9%. Much of the differential can be attributed to sector differences between the 2 styles. Energy and financials were the top performing sectors, which have the largest exposure in the value index, while technology, health care, and utilities lagged. Investors are trading out of last year's winners.

International equities were also up for the quarter. The MSCI EAFE developed market index returned 3.5% for the quarter, and 44.6% for the year. The MSCI emerging markets recorded a return of 2.3%, and were up 58.4% for the year.

Lastly, fixed income returns were negative, as interest rates rose for the quarter. Since bond prices have an inverse relationship with interest rates, as interest rates rose, bond prices fell. The aggregate return was -3.4% for the quarter, with the one year return being 0.7%

The market value of the Fund was \$6,310,664 as of March 31, 2021. Asset allocations were within target ranges, therefore no rebalancing was recommended.

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The Fund's income and appreciation for the quarter totaled \$148,919. Total fund gross return for the quarter was 2.41% vs the total fund gross policy return of 1.94%. The total equity composite returned 5.36% for the quarter compared to the total equity policy return of 5.66%. Finally, the total fixed income composite showed a return of -2.52% for the quarter, while the total fixed income policy return was -3.51%.

Ms. Gainfort indicated that the DANA value tilt to their strategy contributed to their strong performance for the quarter. It was also noted that the American EuropacificGrowth return trailed due to its growth focus.

No manager recommendations were noted. The portfolio is diversified to withstand any inflation.

B. Attorney Report (Scott Christiansen, Christiansen & Dehner)

Mr. Christiansen reminded the Board of the need to submit Form 1, the Financial Disclosure Form, by July 1, 2021 for the year ending December 31, 2020. Mr. Everhart provided Board members with Form 1.

Mr. Christiansen presented the updated Summary Plan Description dated April 1, 2021. He provided details to the Board on the changes from the 2019 Summary Plan Description.

Mitchell Carney made a motion to approve the updated Summary Plan Description dated April 1, 2021. Don Howard seconded the motion, approved by the Trustees 5-0.

Mr. Everhart indicated that he would provide the approved Summary Plan Description to Gulfport Human Resources for distribution to the membership.

Mr. Christiansen informed the Board of proposed legislation (SB 758) in Tallahassee that would require public officials to get 5 additional hours of training.

Mr. Christiansen also described SB 1314, which proposes to add as a presumptive disease for in-line of duty disability, that being an infectious disease that occurs during a time of a declared public emergency.

Mr. Christiansen indicated that a Plan change should be considered in that the Internal Revenue Code changed the required minimum distribution age from 70½ to 72. Mr. Christiansen requested permission to construct an ordinance to make this change to the pension plan.

David Kanter made a motion to authorize an Internal Revenue Code change to the Plan in the form of a proposed ordinance, to be provided to the Board at the July 15, 2021 Board meeting. Don Howard seconded the motion, approved by the Trustees 5-0.

C. Administrator Report (Dale Everhart, Resource Centers)

Mr. Everhart presented the Expense Report for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, and a proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for the Board's consideration.

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Don Howard made a motion to approve the Expense Report for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Mitchell Carney seconded the motion, approved by the Trustees 5-0.

Mr. Everhart indicated that 2020 Share Plan Statements had been prepared by Foster & Foster and that he had printed copies of those statements for distribution. The Share Plan Statements were given to Board Chair Brian Campbell, who indicated that he would distribute them to the membership.

4. Plan Financials

a. Warrant Dated April 15, 2021

The Trustees reviewed the disbursements for payment of invoices contained in the Warrant dated April 15, 2021.

David Kanter made a motion to approve the Warrant dated April 15, 2021 for payment of invoices. Mitchell Carney seconded the motion, approved by the Trustees 5-0.

b. Benefit Approval Dated April 15, 2021

David Kanter made a motion to approve the Benefit Approvals dated April 15, 2021. Don Howard seconded the motion, approved by the Trustees 5-0.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

There was a discussion concerning elimination of the current sliding scale benefit multiplier for active members' benefits.

Don Howard made a motion to authorize the City and/or Firefighters' union to use the Board's actuary, Foster & Foster, to perform actuarial cost impact statements for active member benefit changes. Mitchell Carney seconded the motion, approved by the Trustees 5-0.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7. SCHEDULED NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The Trustees scheduled their next regular quarterly meeting for Thursday July 15, 2021 at 2:30 PM.

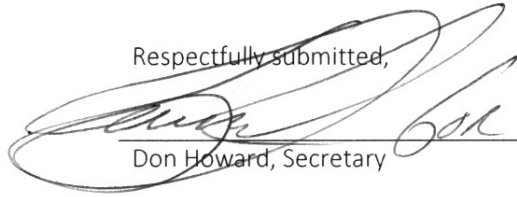
8. ADJOURNMENT

Rene Fernandez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mitchell Carney seconded the motion, approved by the Trustees 5-0.

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The meeting adjourned at 3:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Don Howard, Secretary