

City of Gulfport Firefighters' Retirement Pension Fund
Minutes: Meeting of July 21, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

Brian Campbell called a meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Gulfport Firefighters' Retirement Pension Fund to order at 2:38 PM.

Those persons present included:

TRUSTEES

Brian Campbell, Chair
David Kanter, Secretary
Don Howard

OTHERS

Scott Christiansen, Christiansen & Dehner (Attorney)
Dale Everhart, Resource Centers (Administrator)
Jennifer Gainfort, AndCo (Investment Consultant)
Gerard Grady, Plan Member

2. APPROVAL MINUTES: April 21, 2022

The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the April 21, 2022 meeting.

Don Howard made a motion to approve the April 21, 2022 minutes. David Kanter seconded the motion, approved by the Trustees 3-0.

3. REPORTS

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

Jennifer Gainfort explained that inflation is a big reason for the market downturn. The Core CPI was up 5.9% year-over-year in June 2022. The CPI-U was up 9.1% year-over-year in June 2022, the highest level since November 1981. The Core CPI excludes food and energy components, while those items are included in the CPI-U. Fears continue over lower growth and continued inflation. Value stocks outperformed growth stocks. Fixed income investments are sensitive to interest rate increases. The Federal Reserve could continue to tighten the money supply and increase short term interest rates. The market may not yet have reached the bottom.

The market value of the Fund was \$5,714,361 as of June 30, 2022. No rebalancing of asset allocation is needed. The Fund's income and depreciation for the quarter totaled \$-777,218. Total fund gross return for the quarter ending June 30, 2022 was -11.98% vs the total fund gross policy return of -11.69%. For the 1 year period ending June 30, 2022, the fund gross return was -15.92%, and the fund policy return was -13.28%. For the quarter, total equities returned -16.27% vs the policy return of -15.91%. The gross fixed income return for the quarter was -5.24% compared to the policy return of -5.14%.

Jennifer Gainfort provided a real estate educational session. The Fund is now large enough to have a real estate component. This asset class has a lower correlation to other asset classes. Real estate returns have been similar to stocks, but at a lower level of volatility. AndCo recommends a 10% allocation to real estate, with a focus on open-end core funds. The Board expressed an interest in having a real estate component in the portfolio. AndCo will do a search and bring the results of that search to the October 20, 2022 meeting.

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

Mr. Christiansen indicated that all Trustees filed the required Financial Disclosure Form.

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Mr. Christiansen reported that the State premium tax monies should soon be sent to the City

Mr. Christiansen advised of the completion of a new contract for Foster & Foster, and an addendum to the existing contract with The Resource Centers, as approved at the April 21, 2022 Board meeting.

Mr. Christiansen presented a draft ordinance that provides for the following:

- 1) Authorizes increased flexibility for investing of pension funds
- 2) Technical amendment for IRS compliance
- 3) Changes death benefit language to provide for a 10 year benefit to spouse beneficiary

David Kanter made a motion to approve the presented draft ordinance, and authorize plan counsel to provide it to the Gulfport City manager. Don Howard seconded the motion, approved by the Trustees 3-0.

C. Administrator Report (Dale Everhart, Resource Centers)

Mr. Everhart reviewed the fiduciary liability insurance policy and quote for the period 8/1/22 to 7/31/23. He explained the reason for the increase from the current year's premium, which included a surcharge due to the Florida Insurance Guaranty Association.

David Kanter made a motion to renew the fiduciary liability insurance at the quoted cost of \$2,742.78. Don Howard seconded the motion, approved by the Trustees 3-0.

4. Plan Financials

A. Warrant Dated July 21, 2022

The Trustees reviewed the disbursements for payment of invoices contained in the Warrant dated July 21, 2022.

David Kanter made a motion to approve the Warrant dated July 21, 2022 for payment of invoices. Don Howard seconded the motion, approved by the Trustees 3-0.

B. Benefit Approval Dated July 21, 2022

Don Howard made a motion to approve the Benefit Approval document dated July 21, 2022. David Kanter seconded the motion, approved by the Trustees 3-0.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board directed that the subject of a COLA be placed on the Board's agenda for its October 20, 2022 meeting.

5. SCHEDULED NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The Trustees scheduled their next regular quarterly meeting for Thursday October 20, 2022 at 2:30 PM.

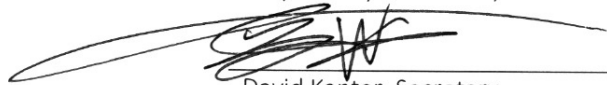
6. ADJOURNMENT

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Don Howard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Kanter seconded the motion, approved by the Trustees 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,



David Kanter, Secretary