

City of Gulfport General Employees' Pension Fund
Minutes: Meeting of April 18, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

Blake Boyer called a meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Gulfport General Employees' Pension Fund to order at 1:06 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Those persons present included:

TRUSTEES

Blake Boyer, Chair
Larry Cooper
Marjorie Milford
Carmen Soto-Torres, Secretary
Dwayne Stefanski

OTHERS

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

4. APPROVAL MINUTES

The Trustees reviewed the Minutes from the Quarterly Meeting of January 17, 2019.

Marjorie Milford made a motion to approve the January 17, 2019 minutes as presented. Larry Cooper seconded the motion, approved by the Trustees 5-0.

5. REPORTS

a. Investment Consultant (Jennifer Gainfort, AndCo Consulting)

Jennifer Gainfort reported that the markets had a stormy quarter, rebounding from the quarter ending December 31, 2018. The markets reacted favorably to monetary policy, though slowing growth creates volatility. Strong earnings continue. Equities had gains for the quarter from 13% to 16%. Fed guidance signaled a pause in monetary policy tightening for this year. Interest rates dropped on expectation of fewer rate increases. The yield curve actually inverted, which typically occurs prior to a recession. Whether this inversion foreshadows a recession remains to be seen, with recessions usually occurring 6-24 months after an inversion. One yield curve inversion did not precede a recession, but eight other occurrences did so. Only the middle portion of the yield curve inverted. Leading economic indicators still appear healthy. Ms Gainfort does not believe the Board should shift long term investments or time the market.

The Pension Fund ended the quarter with assets of \$16,501,923. Ms. Gainfort reviewed the asset allocation compared to Investment Policy targets, with no rebalancing of assets needed at this time. The assets gained 9.11% for the quarter ending December 31, 2018, and 0.25% for the fiscal year to date, compared to gains of 8.58% and 1.4% for the benchmarks. For the trailing 5 years, the 6.57% net average return ranked in the top 8%. Ms. Gainfort then reviewed individual manager performance.

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

Mr. Christiansen reminded the Board to file their annual Financial Disclosure Form.

Mr. Christiansen inquired as to the filing status of the expected return rate letter for submission to the Division of Retirement.

Mr. Christiansen advised that the DROP ordinance is pending.

Mr. Christiansen indicated that there is nothing pending in the State legislature that will impact the plan, with the legislative session almost ended.

Mr. Christiansen informed the Board of the passing of Mr. Dehner, after 40 years of service. He advised of the law firm previously downsizing, and that with the passing of Mr. Dehner, he will again downsize the firm. Mr. Christiansen indicated that he intended to keep a total of approximately 60 plans, to include the City of Gulfport General Employees' Pension Fund.

c. Administrator (Scott Baur & Dale Everhart, Resource Centers.

Required submission of the 112.664 Compliance Report was discussed.

Mr. Baur advised that ~~he would~~ his office conducted the first workshop for plan members on April 18, 2019, with the next workshop scheduled for the afternoon of April 19.

A Board initiated discussion ensued concerning a multiplier increase for plan members, with a possible increase of 0.25%. Members currently contribute 2.7%. The general members do not have a bargaining unit. There was discussion of the Pension Board possibly making a recommendation in that regard.

6. PLAN FINANCIALS

a. Disbursements: Warrant Dated April 18, 2019

The Trustees reviewed the Warrant for payment of expenses dated April 18, 2019.

Dwayne Stefanski made a motion to approve the Warrant dated April 18, 2019. Blake Boyer seconded the motion, approved by the Trustees 5-0.

b. Benefit Approvals

Blake Boyer made a motion to approve the Applications for Retirement and Refunds of Contributions. Dwayne Stefanski seconded the motion, approved by the Trustees 5-0.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

The Board had no other business for discussion.

8. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The Trustees previously set the schedule for the next regular quarterly meeting for Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 1:00 pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Blake Boyer adjourned the Meeting at 2:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Carmen Soto-Torres', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Carmen Soto-Torres, Secretary