

City of Gulfport General Employees' Pension Fund
Minutes: Meeting of April 16, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

Blake Boyer called a meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Gulfport General Employees' Pension Fund to order at 1:01 PM. The Board was reminded that the meeting was being recorded, and that it was an electronic meeting.

2. ROLL CALL

Those persons present included:

TRUSTEES

Blake Boyer, Chair
Carmen Soto Torres, Secretary
Gail Biron
Larry Cooper(1:05pm)
Marjory Milford
Dwayne Stefanski(1:05pm)

OTHERS

Scott Baur, Dale Everhart, Resource Centers(Administrators)
Scott Christiansen, Christiansen & Dehner (Attorney)
Jennifer Gainfort, AndCo Consulting (Consultant)
Cheryl Hannafin, City of Gulfport(CFO)

Dwayne Stefanski and Larry Cooper joined the meeting at 1:05pm.

3. BOARD SEAT UPDATE

Dale Everhart gave an update on the current vacant City appointed Board seat. He stated that Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk, expected that City Council would take action on the open seat in May, 2020.

The seats of Blake Boyer and Dwayne Stefanski expire on 10/1/20.

4. APPROVAL MINUTES

The Trustees reviewed the Minutes from the Quarterly Meeting of January 16, 2020.

Marjory Milford made a motion to approve the January 16, 2020 minutes as amended. Dwayne Stefanski seconded the motion, approved by the Trustees 6-0.

5. REPORTS

a. Investment Consultant (Jennifer Gainfort, AndCo Consulting)

Jennifer Gainfort stated that AndCo was not making any recommendations for change, from a portfolio or asset allocation perspective. She stated that the portfolio is constructed in anticipation of an underperforming market. She stated that the Plan would be stronger for staying the course.

The first half of the first quarter of 2020 continued with equities performing well, steadily increasing to all time highs. The S&P 500 then experienced the fastest 30% decline in its history, in just 22 days. This marked the end of the longest bull market in history of 11 years and 3 days. The market sell-off came from the emergence of COVID-19. The full impact on the global economy is still developing, with unprecedented levels of volatility on both the down- and up-side. Equity market indices in the first

quarter were universally negative. Growth, large cap and domestic investments outperformed value, small cap, and emerging market indices.

The federal government has provided fiscal and monetary stimulus to temper the financial impact of the crisis. Economic stimulus legislation was also enacted. The Board was reminded of the Fund's long term horizon, with short term market movements not changing the long term goals and objectives of the plan. The investment policy was created with target long term asset allocations. The broadly diversified portfolio is designed to participate in the gains when the market is rising, and to minimize as much as possible, the declines when the markets sell off.

The market value of the Fund was \$14,784,068 as of March 31, 2020. Assets were within target allocation ranges, with no rebalancing needed. Income and depreciation for the quarter totaled \$-1,604,008. Total fund gross return for the quarter was -14.74% vs the total fund gross policy return of -11.30%. All manager performance was discussed with no changes of investment managers recommended.

Ms. Gainfort then provided the following information in response to questions from the Board and Cheryl Hannafin(City of Gulfport CFO). No changes in the portfolio are recommended at this time. Each Fund manager is repositioning their investments to more undervalued areas or opportunities. American Core Realty Fund's return was 1.5% for the quarter ending March 31, 2020, versus the policy index of .9%. The risk in this portfolio is illiquidity. The total Fund return is positive for the current quarter (2nd quarter of 2020), with the markets being up 27% from March 23, 2020.

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

Mr. Christiansen informed the Board that Financial Disclosure Forms(Form 1) will be mailed to Board members in the near future, with the filing due date being July, 1, 2020.

Mr. Christiansen informed the Board that due to the passage of a law permitting notaries to do remote notarizations, his firm will be revising existing plan forms that contain a notarization requirement. He stated that to perform remote notarizations, it will require that notaries obtain additional training and insurance, and that they have a means to record the remote notarization.

c. Administrator(Dale Everhart, Resource Centers).

There was no information to report.

6. PLAN FINANCIALS

a. Disbursements: Warrant Dated April 16, 2020

The Board reviewed the Warrant for payment of expenses dated April 16, 2020.

Dwayne Stefanski made a motion to approve the Warrant dated April 16, 2020. Blake Boyer seconded the motion, approved by the Trustees 6-0.

b. Benefit Approvals

The Board reviewed the list of benefit applications.

Blake Boyer made a motion to approve the presented benefit applications. Marjory Milford seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board 6-0.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business discussed.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

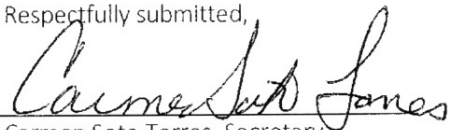
9. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The Trustees previously set the schedule for the next regular quarterly meeting for Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 1:00 pm.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Carmen Soto Torres, Secretary