

**MINUTES OF A JOINT EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD
AND POLICE RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING
HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT CITY HALL ON TUESDAY,
MARCH 24, 2009 at 2:00 PM**

I. ROLL CALL: 2:20 PM

A. Employees' Retirement Board:

A meeting was called to order at 2:20 PM.

Those persons present included:

Trustees: Valerie Hurley, Chair
Robert Lepa, Vice-Chair
Mark Bates
Jeff Clemens, Mayor
Robert Kahant

Others: Ken Harrison, Sugarman & Susskind
J Scott Baur, Tegrit Plan Administrators
Dixie Martinez, Tegrit Plan Administrators
Chris Catuccy
Members of Public

B. Police Retirement Board:

A meeting was called to order at 2:25 PM.

Those persons present included:

Trustees: Lt. Kenneth White, Chair
Mayor Jeff Clemens
Mark Bates
Randy Collier

Others: Ken Harrison, Sugarman & Susskind
J Scott Baur, Tegrit Plan Administrators
Dixie Martinez, Tegrit Plan Administrators
Members of Public

II. ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS/ REORDERING:

A. Employees' Retirement Board:

No additions or deletions to the Agenda were made for the General Retirement Board.

B. Police Retirement Board:

No additions or deletions to the Agenda were made for the Police Retirement Board.

C. Employees' and Police Retirement Boards:

(Added) Discussion item, Item NBA-2 – Investment in terrorist countries.

Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve the Agenda as amended.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Employees' Retirement Board:

1. Benefit Approvals:

Mr. Baur presented to the General Employees' Pension Board the following benefit applications for approval: Application to enter the Drop for Kerry Hurley, Vincent Elely, Theresa White and Leonard Thorpe; Application for Drop Distribution for Arnold Oliver; Application for Retirement for Fausto Guifarro and Alfredo Mesa; Refund of Contributions remaining balances for Ellissa Laperna, Queenester Nieves, Susan Reiss, Armand Harnois, Ben Smith.

Ms. Hurley explained that there was an error on Mr. Kerry Hurley's calculation. She asked Mr. Baur to recalculate and bring back for approval at the next Pension Board meeting.

Action: A motion was made and seconded by the Employees' Pension Board to approve the Application to enter the Drop for Vincent Elely, Theresa White and Leonard Thorpe; Application for Drop Distribution for Arnold Oliver; Application for Retirement for Fausto Guifarro and Alfredo Mesa; Refund of Contributions remaining balances for Ellissa Laperna, Queenester Nieves, Susan Reiss, Armand Harnois, Ben Smith.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

2. Discussion regarding investments in terrorist countries:

Mayor Clemens explained that he had a meeting with some folks that are working on making sure that Pension Funds around the state refrain themselves from investments that support terrorist states and in this case specifically those companies that are doing business and making profits in Iran. He explained that Palm Beach County and the State of Florida have passed a similar Ordinance and he just wanted to inform the Board that he will be bringing it forward at some point.

B. Police Retirement Board:

C. Employees' and Police Retirement Boards:

D. Board Attorney Report:

Mr. Harrison reported that he had sent the agreements to Gabriel Roeder & Smith to do the special project the Board approved at the last Pension Board meeting. Mr. Harrison reported that he had sent the Order of Denial to the Administrator so it could be mailed to Anne Costello. Mr. Baur confirmed that the Order of Denial had been mailed to Anne Costello and that he had not received a response yet. Mr. Harrison requested that the Divorce Kit be added to the next Agenda. Mr. Harrison reported

that he had received a request from the City's Attorney to discuss the recalculation of benefits. Mr. Baur reported that he currently does not have an update. He will have the next batch of benefit calculations at the next Pension Board meeting. Mr. Bates suggested that the benefit recalculations be done in the next 30 to 60 days. Mr. Harrison suggested that it be an Agenda item until it's finalized. Mr. Baur explained the complexity of each recalculation and commented that he would do his best effort to have them done as soon as possible.

Mr. Harrison reported that there was a Bill introduced at the Federal level that could impact the Police and Firefighters Plans as well as the General Plans. He explained that it would set aside bail out money to assist Public Pension Plans. As he understands the concept is to support the ability for Pension Plans to buy preferred stock and financial institutions. The rate of return is being discussed at 8%; basically the government will guarantee this preferred stocks and rate of return. If this passes it should be something that the Board should look at and instruct the investment consultant to get a handle on and see if they can participate.

Mr. Harrison reported that there was another Bill to correct the inequity in the FRS system that if a person buys prior service in FRS they purchase it as if it was a 3% multiplier but in fact when they retire they receive only a 2% multiplier. Mr. Harrison does not hold much hope for the Bill to go very well.

Mr. Harrison reported that there was yet another Bill which basically turned FRS into A Defined Contribution Plan starting January 1, 2010. He explained that anyone who is in the Defined Benefit Plan gets frozen. What it is not clear is what happens going forward. Will members be forced into the Defined Contribution Plans or will they be allowed to remain in the Defined Benefit Plan until they retire? Mr. Harrison does not think this Bill will go anywhere simply because it is too controversial although it does have support.

Mr. Harrison reported that the Merrill Lynch matter was going forward. There are now two to three Security Litigation firms that are accumulating class action participants.

E. Administrator Report:

Mr. Baur reported that there was a member making a Disability Application which is being processed. He explained that after all medical records have been gathered he will forward them to Mr. Harrison. Mr. Baur reported that he had the Actuarial Agreement and Investment Policies ready for execution. Mr. Baur reported that the disability review is in progress.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Employees' Retirement Board:

B. Police Retirement Board:

C. Employees' and Police Retirement Boards:

Action: A motion was made and seconded by the Employees' Retirement Board to approve the Consent Agenda, which included a Warrant for invoices and revised Minutes from the meeting of February 24, 2009.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

Action: A motion was made and seconded by the Police Retirement Board to approve the Consent Agenda, which included a Warrant for invoices and revised Minutes from the meetings of February 24, 2009.

Vote: Voice vote showed: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business and the next meeting having been previously scheduled for Tuesday, April 28 at 2:00 PM, the Trustees adjourned the meeting at 2:43 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: April 28, 2009

Valerie Hurley, Chair
Employees' Retirement Board

Kenneth White, Chairman
Police Retirement Board

J. Scott Baur, Administrator
Employees' & Police Retirement Boards