# VILLAGE OF PALM SPRINGS POLICE OFFICERS' PENSION FUND MINUTES OF MEETING HELD

June 4, 2024

A meeting was called to order at 10:30 A.M. at Village Hall in Palm Springs, Florida. Those persons present were:

TRUSTEES OTHERS

Tim Conboy Bonni Jensen, Attorney

Frank Castro Margie Adcock, The Resource Centers Sean Grant Jennifer Gainfort, Mariner Institutional Tom Gehrman Gregory Pittenger, Principal Real Estate

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments,

## **MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the meeting held February 6, 2024. A motion was made, seconded and carried 4-0 to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 6, 2024.

## <u>INVESTMENT MANAGER REPORT – PRINCIPAL</u>

Gregory Pittenger appeared before the Board. Mr. Pittenger provided a brief introduction. He stated that he is the institutional sales and relationship manager. He provided a brief overview of the firm. He noted that they have a long tenured team with 320 real estate professionals. They have \$98.1 billion in assets under management, with \$48.9 billion in private real estate. The total market value of the Fund's portfolio as of April 30, 2024 was \$4,204,585.

Mr. Pittenger discussed the US Property Account. He stated that it is a core real estate investment strategy. They focus on income stability and growth over multiple market cycles. He reviewed the account profile. They have 150 investments across the US and are 26.0% leveraged. The occupancy rate is 93.1%. The contribution queue balance is \$612 million. The withdrawal limitation balance is \$1.4 billion. Mr. Pittenger reviewed the 2024 strategic themes. He reviewed their investment strategy; discussed how they monitor and mitigate risk; and discussed their operations.

Mr. Pittenger discussed the diversification of the portfolio. The asset allocation by region is 25% in the South; 49% in the West; 22% in the East; and 4% in the Mid-West. He noted that they were overweight in the South and West. He discussed their four main areas of investments. With respect to industrial, they are 98% leased with a 35% weighting versus the 33% weighting of the benchmark. With respect to residential, they are overweight at 34% versus the benchmark at 29%. This is the largest overweight in the portfolio. With respect to office, they have continued to reduce their allocation and are still slightly underweight at 16% versus the benchmark at 18%. They have no exposure to

Boston, LA, San Fransico or Chicago. They are still getting strong lease rates for the properties they currently hold. They do not see things changing dramatically in the office space any time soon. With respect to retail, they are even at 11% with the benchmark. They have no mall exposure in the portfolio. They own primarily necessity-based formats. This area has performed the second best behind industrial.

Mr. Pittenger reviewed the property sector diversification. He stated that they have 14% in alternative property subsectors such as data centers, life science, self-storage and student housing. He stated that they are planning on growing this part of the portfolio more than other areas. He reviewed the 2024 acquisition and disposition activity. He reviewed the top ten properties and the leverage highlights. He stated that the debt side has become much more important. The portfolio is not hindered by short term debt. He noted that the portfolio was down 1.97% for the quarter ending March 31, 2024. He stated that they do see some bottoming in real estate, noting some of it is interest rate driven.

Gregory Pittenger departed the meeting.

#### INVESTMENT MONITOR REPORT

Jennifer Gainfort appeared before the Board. She stated that the acquisition she discussed at the last meeting with Mariner became official on April 2, 2024. She stated that everything is going smoothly. There is no real change except for their name.

Ms. Gainfort reported on the performance for the quarter ending March 31, 2024. She reviewed the market environment for the period ending March 31, 2024. She stated that the equity markets continue to see a strong rally on the prospect that the Fed could cut rates later in 2024. There were 22 all-time highs during the quarter. Last year it was anticipated that there would be 6 interest rate cuts this year. The reality is that there will not be as many interest rate cuts as initially expected. It is now anticipated that there might be only one interest rate cut this year. Ms. Gainfort noted that the Fed does not want to cut rates too soon while the economy is doing well. Equities were positive for the quarter and the year. Bonds were slightly negative for the quarter. Growth continues to lead the way. Growth and value were not as wide for the quarter as they were for the year.

Ms. Gainfort reported on the performance of the Fund for the quarter ending March 31, 2024. The total market value of the Fund as of March 31, 2024 was \$42,117,161. The asset allocation was 59.9% in domestic equities; 9.3% in international; 16.9% in domestic fixed income; 3.8% in global fixed income; 10.0% in real estate; and 0.1% in cash.

Ms. Gainfort recommended a rebalance. She stated that there was an underweight in domestic fixed income and global fixed income and an overweight in domestic equities. She recommended pulling \$1,480,000 from domestic equity by taking \$250,000 from Parnassus, \$550,000 from JP Morgan, \$180,000 from the Vanguard Mid Cap Stock, and \$500,000 from the Vanguard Total Stock and moving \$380,000 to PIMCO and \$1,100,000 to Baird. A motion was made, seconded and carried 4-0 to follow the Investment Monitor's recommendation and raise \$1,480,000 to rebalance the portfolio by selling \$250,000 from Parnassus, \$550,000 from JP Morgan, \$180,000 from the

Vanguard Mid Cap Stock, and \$500,000 from the Vanguard Total Stock and moving \$380,000 to PIMCO and \$1,100,000 to Baird.

Ms. Gainfort reviewed the performance for the quarter ending March 31, 2024. The total portfolio was up 5.88% net of fees for the quarter ending March 31, 2024 while the benchmark was up 5.65%. The total equity portfolio was up 9.40% for the quarter while the benchmark was up 9.23%. The total domestic equity portfolio was up 9.74% for the quarter while the benchmark was up 10.02%. The total international portfolio was up 7.19% for the quarter while the benchmark was up 4.81%. The total fixed income portfolio was down 1.00% for the quarter while the benchmark was down .25%. The total domestic fixed income portfolio was down 1.52% for the quarter while the benchmark was up .40%. The total real estate portfolio was down 2.04% for the quarter while the benchmark was down 2.38%.

Ms. Gainfort reviewed the performance of the individual manager portfolios. The JP Morgan Disciplines portfolio was up 10.97% for the quarter while the S&P 500 was up 10.56%. The Parnassus Core portfolio was up 10.03% for the quarter while the S&P 500 was up 10.56%. The Vanguard Mid Cap Index portfolio was up 7.86% for the quarter while the Russell Mid Cap Index was up 8.60%. The Vanguard Total Stock Market portfolio was up 10.00% for the quarter while the Russell 3000 benchmark was up 10.02%. The EuroPacific Growth portfolio was up 7.44% for the quarter while the benchmark was up 4.81%. The Dimensional Fund Advisors portfolio was up 6.95% for the quarter while the benchmark was up 4.70%. The PIMCO Diversified Income was up 1.34% for the quarter while the benchmark was up .40%. The Principal portfolio was down 2.04% for the quarter while the NCREIF was down 2.38%. Ms. Gainfort reminded the Board that Garcia Hamilton was terminated last quarter.

Ms. Gainfort discussed the funding needs of the Village. She stated that she was not advised that the Village had any funding needs at this time.

#### ATTORNEY REPORT

Ms. Jensen provided a Memorandum regarding Form 1099-R: Reporting of disability annuity payments to first responders and other disabled taxpayers dated April 2024. She stated that she was providing this for educational purposes as it was not really relevant for this Fund. She stated that the IRS made changes to Form 1099-R to help clarify how to report disability annuity payments to first responders or other taxpayers. She stated that this Fund reports disabilities as taxable amount not determined.

Ms. Jensen stated that she looked at the court case involving Plan Member Hite again. She stated that this case is still out there with criminal and civil proceedings. She will continue to follow it. It was noted that the claims are job related. If he is convicted of a felony and it is work related, it could call into question the forfeiture provision of the Plan. She noted that the civil proceeding will not impact the Fund.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Ms. Adcock presented the Board with the benefit calculation and election approval for Michele Vazquez. A motion was made, seconded and carried 4-0 to approve the benefit calculation and election for Michele Vazquez.

Ms. Adcock presented the disbursement list. A motion was made, seconded and carried 4-0 to approve and pay all listed disbursements.

The Board was reminded to file their Form 1 Financial Disclosure by July 1.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Grant, Secretary