

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY PENSION FUND FOR FIREFIGHTERS & POLICE OFFICERS

In the City of Pembroke Pines
Hampton Professional Center
1951 NW 150th Avenue – Suite #104
Pembroke Pines, FL 33028

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MARCH 21, 2024

The five hundred forty-third meeting of the City Pension Fund for the Firefighters and Police Officers in the City of Pembroke Pines was called to order at 1:08 PM by Chairman Robert Johnson.

1. Roll Call:	<u>Fire Members</u>	<u>Police Members</u>	<u>City Members</u>
	Paul Greenwell Robert Johnson John P. Kearney	Timothy Anderson (4:00 PM) Jason Palant Cody Stogner	Gary Arenson Jack McCluskey Thomas Moran

Motion by Gary Arenson, seconded by Jack McCluskey, to excuse Trustee Anderson's absence. The motion carried unanimously. (Trustee Anderson joined the meeting via teleconference at 4:00 PM)

Invitees Present: Aylon Ben-Shlomo & Keri Hepburn, Aristotle; Jeff Agne, Mary Jane Cullinan, & Craig Vanderwall, Great Lakes Advisors; Jyotsana Wadera, Brian Kahley, & Michael Agnello, Putnam; Andrew Jones & Thomas Kenny, Seizert Capital; Greg McNeillie, Dahab Associates; Jennifer Borregard & Shelly Jones, Plan Actuary; Robert Klausner & Blanca Torrents Greenwood, Plan Attorney; James Fisher, Plan Administrator; Rachel Maldonado, Asst. Plan Administrator; Maria Corona, Office Coordinator.

**Agenda Items were heard out of the previously published order.*

- 3. Legal Update** – Bob Klausner addressed the Board on the recent loss of its relationship manager at Custodian Bank, Fiduciary Trust. Mr. Klausner discussed options available to the Board moving forward. Motion by Jack McCluskey, seconded by Gary Arenson, to conduct two RFPs: one to review the practices of Fiduciary Trust International and the other to search for other custodial providers. The motion carried unanimously.

- 2. 10/1/2023 Actuarial Valuation** – Jennifer Borregard and Shelly Jones of Gabriel Roeder Smith submitted the annual Actuarial Valuation for the Plan effective 10/1/23. With the report complete, Ms. Jones reminded the Board that the valuation determines the required City and State contribution for the fiscal year ending 9/30/2025 as well as other necessary accounting information. Below are some highlights from the report.

- Contribution requirements:
Member: \$ 2,270,214
State: \$ 4,122,850
City: \$ 34,764,603
Total: \$ 41,157,667
- Last year City contribution: \$29,762,535
- Last year Actuarial loss of \$13,937,822
- Last year Market value return of 11.4%,
- Projected Annual Payout in FY 2025 Retirement Benefits: 54,017,982
- Last year Smoothed value return is at 6.14% which was less than the Fund's assumed investment return of 7.45%.
- Participants: Active – 352; Terminated Vested – 5; Receiving Benefits (including DROP) – 501

Motion by Gary Arenson, second by Jason Palant, to accept the 10/1/2023 Actuarial Valuation as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **Approval of Minutes for February 15, 2024:** The minutes were presented from the previous meeting held on February 15, 2024. Motion by JP Kearney, second by Cody Stogner, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **Request for DROP Account Distribution(s):** The following DROP distributions were presented for approval.

- Arcuri, Paul – Lump Sum
- Altman, Christina – Lump Sum
- Barber, Richard – Lump Sum
- Benson, Michael – Monthly
- Blanco, George – Lump Sum
- Burke, Benjamin – Lump Sum
- Cabeza, Adam – Lump Sum
- Darnell, Shawn – Lump Sum
- Darnowski, James - Lump Sum
- English, Russell – Lump Sum
- Hernandez, Judy – Lump Sum
- Katz, Wayne – Lump Sum
- Laughead, Barbara – Lump Sum
- Martin, Kevin – Lump Sum
- Naples, Nick – Lump Sum
- Sammarco, John – Lump Sum
- Scopa, Richard – Lump Sum
- Smith, Martin – Lump Sum
- Troccoli, Joseph – Lump Sum
- Toth, Valerie – Lump Sum

Additional distribution requests required approval.

- LeBoeuf, Richard – Monthly
- VanAntwerp, Dara – Lump Sum

Motion by Gary Arenson, second by JP Kearney, to add the additional requests. The motion carried unanimously. Motion by Gary Arenson, second by Cody Stogner, to approve the amended list of DROP distributions. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **Request for DROP Loan(s):** The following DROP loans were presented for approval.

- Arcuri, Paul
- Benson, Michael
- Johnson, Michael
- Young, Charles

Motion by Paul Greenwell, second by Cody Stogner, to approve the DROP loans. The motion carried unanimously.

8. **Ratify Special Warrant 967:** The Board reviewed Special Warrant 967 for ratification. Motion by Jason Palant, second by Thomas Moran, to ratify Special Warrant 967. The motion carried unanimously.

DROP DISTRIBUTIONS				
Name	Type of Payment	Gross	FIT	Net
Altman, Christina	Lump Sum			***
Katz, Wayne	Lump Sum			***
Sammarco, John	Lump Sum			***

Toth, Valerie Lump Sum ***

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DROP LOANS			
Name	Loan Total	Doc Stamps	Proceeds
Young, Charles A			***
Total Documentary Stamps Withheld			***
WARRANT TOTAL			***

9. **Approval of Vendor Warrant 968:** The Board reviewed Vendor Warrant 968 for approval. Motion by Jason Palant, second by Jack McCluskey, to approve Warrant 968 in the amount of **\$145,343.68**. The motion carried unanimously. Trustee Arenson abstained due to a voting conflict.

VENDOR PAYMENTS & MISCELLANEOUS	
Name	Amount
Klausner, Kaufman, Jensen & Levinson – Retainer February 2024 - #34464	\$3,250.00
Hampton Professional Center, Suites 103 & 104 - February 2024	\$797.22
Twilight Industries - INV-1522	\$425.00
CRU IT Solutions Inv- 9693 & 9698	\$534.00
Fiduciary Trust Invoice F11480003351 Custody Fees Atlanta Q/E 1/31/24	\$10,942.80
Fiduciary Trust Invoice F11480003350 Custody Fees Inverness Q/E 1/31/24	\$5,185.16
KSDT CPA INV # 30271 Audit 2023	\$5,500.00
GRS - February 2024	\$26,366.00
SSGA - Mgmt Fees for Q/E 12/31/23 International, Inv: SSGABA3896188	\$40,859.92
SSGA - Mgmt Fees for Q/E 12/31/23 Growth Fund, Inv: SSGABA3896192	\$6,348.74
SSGA - Mgmt Fees for Q/E 12/31/23 Value Index, Inv: SSGABA3896189	\$6,056.04
SSGA - Mgmt Fees for Q/E 12/31/23 Midcap Index, Inv: SSGABA3896187	\$4,748.72
FPL	\$89.70
FPL	\$72.84
Plastridge Agency Inc (Yearly Insurance Premium)	\$4,229.84
CreaXpress Business Cards - INV 2203	\$550.08
Gary Arenson - FPPTA Reimbursement	\$1,454.12
Timothy Anderson- FPPTA Reimbursement	\$1,126.20
Rachel Maldonado - Office Expense Reimbursement	\$643.46
Rachel Maldonado - FPPTA Reimbursement	\$1,886.18
Truist CC February payment 02/05 - 03/04	\$17,349.36
Olympus IT Services LLC - Invoice 0044	\$960.00
Tech Relativity Invoice 407 - Door Access Control	\$4,750.00
Accelerated Business Solutions Inv # A654938 (Copier Usage)	\$150.23
Comcast Business Billing March 2024	\$763.02
Ultimate Security 3 months monitoring from 03/21/2024	\$75.00
Macquaire Equipment Capital, Inc INV # 161886 (Copier Lease)	\$230.05
TOTAL	\$145,343.68

10. **Approval of Member Warrant 969:** The Board reviewed Member Warrant 969 for approval. Motion by Gary Arenson, second by Jack McCluskey, to approve Warrant 969 in the amount of **\$698,529.59**. The motion carried unanimously.

DROP DISTRIBUTIONS

Name	Type of Payment	Gross	FIT	Net
Altman, Christina	Lump Sum			***
Arcuri, Paul	Lump Sum			***
Barber, Richard	Lump Sum			***
Benson, Michael	Monthly			***
Blanco, George	Lump Sum			***
Burke, Benjamin	Lump Sum			***
Cabeza, Adam	Lump Sum			***
Darnell, Shawn	Lump Sum			***
Darnowski, James	Lump Sum			***
English, Russell	Lump Sum			***
Hernandez, Judy	Lump Sum			***
Laughead, Barbara	Lump Sum			***
LeBoeuf, Richard	Monthly			***
Martin, Kevin	Lump Sum			***
Naples, Nick	Lump Sum			***
Scopa, Richard	Lump Sum			***
Smith, Martin	Lump Sum			***
Troccoli, Joseph	Lump Sum			***
VanAntwerp, Dara	Lump Sum			***
U.S. Treasury – FIT – W/H for the Members Listed				***

DROP LOANS	
Name	Loan Total
Arcuri, Paul	***
Benson, Michael	***
Johnson, Michael	***

WARRANT TOTAL \$698,529.59

4. **Interviews (Large Cap Value Manager)** – The Board heard presentations from four firms interested in managing a portion of the Board’s existing equity portfolio under large cap value investments. The following firms presented to the Board and discussion ensued.

- Aristotle Capital
- Great Lakes Advisors
- Putnam
- Seizert Capital

Motion by Gary Arenson, second by Thomas Moran, to hire Aristotle Capital and award them approximately \$36 million of the equity portion. In a roll call vote, the motion passed with Trustees Greenwell, Palant, and Stogner dissenting. (Chairman Johnson had to leave the meeting due to an emergency call and was unable to vote. Trustee Anderson was present for the vote via teleconference.)

NEW BUSINESS

11. **Firefighter COLA effective 4/1/2024:** Vice Chairman Greenwell presented the list of COLAs for eligible retired firefighters and beneficiaries effective with the 4/1/2024 benefit payments. Motion by Gary Arenson, second by Jack McCluskey, to approve Firefighters’ COLAs effective 4/1/24. The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

12. Reports:

Actuary – No additional report at this time.

Attorney – No additional report at this time.

Chairman – No report at this time.

Plan Administrator – Asst. Administrator Maldonado updated the Board on a number of items.

1. Annual Affidavits are still in review. An update will be provided at the April meeting
2. The April meeting includes the annual discussion of the Administrators' performance review. Any comments or suggestions from Trustees should be forwarded to the Chair ahead of the next meeting.
3. Maria Corona successfully completed her 6-month probation with the Pension Office. She has exceeded expectations as a member of the Staff. In her review of operational expenses, she has already saved the Board over \$3,000 annually.
4. The office has a new IT service provider with Olympus IT, owned by Mr. Kevon Springer. Mr. Springer and his team are supporting day-to-day staff needs as well as offering on-site support at the quarterly Board meetings.
5. The office expects to transition to Synovus Bank who will be able to offer personalized and updated services for office payroll and as well as improved Board credit card services and payment options. Progress with the Synovus will be reported at a future meeting.
6. The Board was notified of the passing of one of its retired members, Police retiree Robert Jones. Administrator Fisher has contacted the Jones family and his benefit will continue to his spouse, as per his benefit selection.

13. Input from Retirees: None.

14. Input from Active Members: None.

15. Input from Trustees: None.

16. Public Comment: None.

17. Adjournment: Vice Chairman Greenwell announced the next regular meeting on **Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 2:00 PM.** There being no further business, motion by Jack McCluskey, second by Gary Arenson to adjourn the meeting at 4:18 PM. The motion carried unanimously.



Paul Greenwell – Vice Chairman



Cody Stogner – Secretary