

**MINUTES
OF THE CITY OF ST. CLAIR SHORES
GENERAL EMPLOYEES' PENSION BOARD MEETING
JUNE 15, 2021**

Regular Meeting of the General Employees' Pension Board, held in the Jefferson Conference Room, located at 27600 Jefferson Avenue, St. Clair Shores, Michigan.

Present: Vicky Shipman, Mary Kotowski, John Caron, and Dale Verhaeghe

Absent and
Excused: Kip Walby

Also Present: Attorney Tom Michaud via teleconference; Mike Holycross, AndCo Consultant and Tina Hirzel, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Shipman called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m., and a quorum was present. Ms. Kotowski noted that Chair Walby asked to be excused.

Motion by Caron, seconded by Verhaeghe to excuse Kip Walby from this meeting.

Ayes: All – 4
Absent: Walby

2. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Caron, seconded by Kotowski to approve the Consent Agenda items a - d as follows:

- a) Request to approve Minutes of May 25, 2021
- b) Request to approve payment of Invoices as of June 10, 2021

VanOverbeke Michaud & Timmony, P.C.	\$1,140.70
TOTAL	\$1,140.70

- c) Request to approve the Application for Deferred Service Retirement of James F. Messina as of July 17, 2021.
- d) Request to approve the Application for Service Retirement of Cathy C. McCormick as of June 5, 2021.

Ayes: All – 4
Absent: Walby

3. ANDCO CONSULTING PRESENTATION - MAY 31, 2021 FLASH REPORT

Mr. Holycross provided everyone with an updated copy of the Flash Commentary which was not complete at the time they provided the Monthly Flash Report. He summarized the Flash Report stating most categories showed growth. He noted Hamlin was the best performing manager. Reinhart underperforms in this type of market up 18 vs 24.

The Fixed Reinhart Intermediate is in line with the benchmark. Proposed replacement options will be scheduled for the next meeting in August as they are still conducting a search and see no immediate concerns to move these investment funds until the search is completed.

Mr. Holycross presented an overview of the market and our funds performances. The funds were up 9.06 year to date and 4.38 this quarter.

4. VANOVERBEKE, MICHAUD & TIMMONY, P.C.

Mr. Michaud said he expects to attend the next meeting in person. He reminded everyone about the upcoming MAPERS fall conference.

5. OLD BUSINESS – REVISIT – RETURN TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS (FROM 3/16/21 MEETING) OMA

Ms. Kotowski noted that there was no reason to revisit the return to in-person meetings issue as the Open Meetings Act directive allowing for virtual meetings had expired. All meetings are to be live and board members must attend in person. Presenters may still participate virtually. If a member of the board cannot attend in person and still wants to participate virtually, it has to be disclosed in advance on the agenda.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Excess Earnings Distribution for those Retirees below poverty limit and Optional Supplemental Benefit Distribution

Ms. Kotowski explained that every year our Finance staff calculates out the excess earning poverty distribution to fund out this distribution to those retirees below poverty to receive a monthly distribution for the next 10 years. There are 30 members who qualify meeting the \$15,644 poverty threshold. Staff recommends funding the distribution to those retirees and funding it for the next 10 years at a cost of $8219.29 \times 12 \text{ months} = \$98,631.48$ annually, with a funding ratio of 99.78%.

Motion by Verhaeghe, seconded by Caron to receive, file and approve Excess Earnings Distribution Program to fund those below poverty limit (the 2022 poverty limit increasing to \$15,644 to be distributed to retirees as listed not meeting the poverty threshold for fiscal year 2022 at a 99.78% ratio), ($8219.29 \times 12 \text{ months} = 98,631.48$) at a 99.78% ratio a copy of which will be attached to the original minutes of this meeting as Exhibit A.

Ayes: All – 4

Absent: Walby

b) 2021 Fall MAPERS Conference Sept. 18-21, 2021 in Bay City

Ms. Kotowski spoke about the upcoming conference. The costs for board members are paid for by the system. If you are planning to attend you should book your hotel room as soon as possible and complete and provide my office with your travel reimbursement documents. The City's Travel Policy and the Board's Policy were provided to all members.

Motion by Caron, seconded by Verhaeghe to pay the costs for any Board Members and their one guest to attend the 2021 Fall MAPERS Conference to be held September 18 – 21, 2021 at the DoubleTree Hotel, Bay City, Michigan.

Ayes: All – 4

Absent: Walby

7. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - None

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Verhaeghe, seconded by Kotowski to adjourn the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

Ayes: All – 4

Absent: Walby

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021.

Prepared by:
Tina Hirzel
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by:
Mary A. Kotowski
City Clerk / Secretary to GEPB