# West Palm Beach Police Pension Fund 2100 North Florida Mango Road West Palm Beach, Florida 33409

# **Minutes**

# September 13, 2019 10:00 AM

#### CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Frost called to order the West Palm Beach Police Pension Fund Meeting on September 13, 2019 at 8:30 AM, in the conference room of the Ernest George Building of the Palm Beach County Police Benevolent Association.

Present at the meeting: Jonathan Frost, Board Chairman; Craig Kahle, Board Trustee; Joseph Ahern, Board Trustee & Dana Fragakis, Board Trustee.

Also present: Dusten Campbell, Active Plan Member; Janna Hamilton & Jeffrey Detwiler, Garcia Hamilton & Associates; Bonni Jensen, Board Attorney, Klausner, Kaufman, Jensen & Levinson; Dave Williams, Plan Administrator.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comments.

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Frost asked if there were any additional changes required to the minutes of August 9, 2019 Mr. Frost's comments were duly noted. Mr. Marchese made the motion to approve the minutes as cited, which was seconded by Mr. Frost. All Trustees voted yes, and the motion was passed 4-0.

## APPROVAL OF DISTRIBUTIONS

Mr. Williams distributed New Warrants for review and execution. Warrants approved at the last meeting were presented to the Board in spreadsheet format by Mr. Williams. A formal administrative report was also provided for consideration. After Mr. Williams detailed the reports and was prepared for inquiries. Mr. Ahern made the motion to approve the September 13, 2019 report, which was seconded by Mrs. Fragakis. All Trustees voted yes, and the motion was passed 4-0.

Share Allocation: Mr. Williams presented the share allocation report for formal consideration. The Fund received \$1,483,309.69 from the State of Florida. A full share equated to \$5,323.86 per member. A forfeiture of \$79,358.51 was outlined for the Board. A full forfeiture share equated to \$285.86 per member. After further review and discussion Mrs. Fragakis made a motion to accept and approve the share allocation distribution reports. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ahern. All Trustees voted yes, and the motion was passed 4-0.

## ATTORNEY'S REPORT

- Mrs. Jensen distributed a draft policy governing investment manager to the Board to consider. One minor change was proposed and accepted by consensus. Motion by Mr. Kahle to accept the policy. Mrs. Fragakis seconded the motion. All Trustees voted yes, and the motion was passed 4-0. Mrs. Jensen will update for execution at the next meeting.
- Mrs. Jensen informed the Board about the Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Dismiss in the Amtrust Case. Matter still vigorously begin pursued.
- Mrs. Jensen cited new procedures and forms on the pension entry exam process.
- Mrs. Jensen let the Board know that Mr. Amrose will be presenting the response to the actuarial audit at the October 11, 2019 meeting.

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- It was announced that the state of the pension workshop meeting at city hall has been rescheduled for Oct 15, 2019 at 10:00 AM.
- Mrs. Jensen updated the Board on the Morton disability claim. Matter is still in the discovery phase.
- Mrs. Jensen spoke about the receipt and response to a qualified domestic relations order (QDRO) received.
- Mrs. Jensen also advised of recent subpoena Mr. Williams received and responded to.

It was noted information for divorcing members is on the website at: http://www.wpbppf.com/docs/announcements/Memo%20Divorcing%20Members%20Spouses%20of%20the%20Plan.pdf#zoom=10th

# ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

 Mr. Williams briefed the Board on the receipt and investment of the Chapter 185 funds received.

# INVESTMENT PRESENTATION Garcia Hamilton & Associates (GHA) – Quarterly Review

Mrs. Hamilton provided a positive firm update. Notably the 10 members of the fixed income investment team have 198 years combined investment experience and over 80 years combined with the firm.

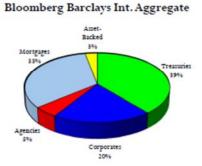
Mrs. Hamilton outlined the GHA fixed income portfolio as of June 30, 2019. The portfolio was valued at \$67,894,503.33. The return for the quarter ending June 30, 2019 was 2.04% compared to the benchmark return of 2.39%. The three, five and ten-year GHA fixed income portfolio returns outpaced the benchmark. From the inception of this manager, which was January 31, 2004, the portfolio beat the benchmark by 185 basis points.

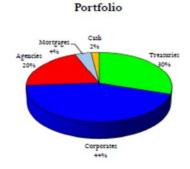
Mr. Detwiler spoke about this is the most bullish sentiment since 2009. Market expectations for Fed Funds Rate cuts were discussed. Small business optimism is rising. Initial jobless claims and unemployment rate at all time lows. Consumer confidence continues to rise. More job openings vs. unemployed workers.

## **Fixed Income Portfolio Characteristics**

City of West Palm Beach Police Pension Fund

June 30, 2019





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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Gross Basis

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## INVESTMENT MONITORING REPORT

Mr. McCann noted the AndCo Research Team met with representatives of Entrust related to the Ocean Blue Product. While he did not have a formal report, it was his understanding that AndCo would not recommend the product for consideration. By consensus the Board did not wish to pursue further. Mr. McCann assured the Board he and his team would be formally notifying the appropriate representatives. Mr. McCann stated his firm does have other Entrust products vetted and he would bring forth for review and consideration.

Mr. McCann cited JP Morgan changes received via e-mail: Brad Lucas will be joining as the new Investment Specialist for the Plan's Real Estate investment team. Jaclyn Beck remains on the Real Estate team but is transitioning to focus on our defined contribution business. Additionally, Mani Thaimany will be joining as the Plan's new Client Account Manager responsible for all service-related matters including operational, legal and administrative for our account. Randy Sigwarth will remain on the Client Account Management team but is transitioning to specialize in onboarding accounts.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Upcoming educational opportunities discussed.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Being there was no other business; the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2019, 8:30 AM.

Troy Marchese, Board Secretary