

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

Minutes

**October 10, 2025
8:30 AM**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Frost called to order the West Palm Beach Police Pension Fund Meeting on October 10, 2025, at 8:31 AM, in the main conference room of the Ernest George Building of the Palm Beach County Police Benevolent Association.

Present at the meeting: Jonathan Frost, Board Chairman; Dana Fragakis¹, Board Secretary; Sean Williams, Board Trustee; Sarah Yoos, Board Trustee, Joseph Ahern, Board Trustee.

Also present: Kimberly Gillett & Denis Cole, PGIM; Denise Simon & Nina Osenbroch, Lazard; Brendon Vavrica, Mariner Institutional; Kristan Staehling & Lauren Boatwright, Trustmark; Kelly Brockstedt & Jim Robison, First State Trust²; Bonni Jensen³, Board Attorney - Klausner, Kaufman, Jensen & Levinson; and Dave Williams, Plan Administrator.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

An issue arose about a position within the police department and the fact that a member of the Plan who is about to retire may be considered. There was concern that the member may be negatively impacted due to IRS provisions, which could increase his tax liability. Mrs. Jensen will convey the IRS provisions to the city attorney. Mr. Williams will notify the potential candidate.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Frost asked if there were any changes required to the minutes of September 12, 2025. Mrs. Fragakis made the motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Ahern. All Trustees voted yes, and the motion was passed 5-0.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Warrants approved since the last meeting were presented to the Board in spreadsheet format by Mr. D. Williams. A formal administrative report was also provided for consideration. Mr. Ahern made the motion to approve with the exception of item 5, which was seconded by Mr. Sean Williams. All Trustees voted yes, and the motion was passed 5-0.

Mr. Ahern then made the motion to approve item 5, which was seconded by Mr. Sean Williams. Motion was passed 4-0-1 (D. Fragakis abstained and completed form 8B).

Mr. Williams cited that GRS provided a review of the plan expenses. These expenses total 0.58% of the average asset value during the fiscal year and include fees paid to the investment manager, plan administrator, actuary, custodian and attorney. This rate is 0.14% on a quarterly basis. The expenses will be calculated by multiplying the DROP/Share Plan balance by 0.0014 each quarter.

http://www.wpbppf.com/docs/announcements/wpbppf_DROP_SharePlanFees_20240930.pdf#zoom=100

¹ Mrs. Fragakis departed at 10:30 AM, due to another commitment.

² First State Trust representatives attended remotely.

³ Arrived at 8:40 AM.

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The Board asked Mr. Williams to renew the membership for International Foundation.

Mr. Williams confirmed that he filed the State of Florida Delegation of Authority on behalf of the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Custodial RFP: Mr. Williams cited that as a result of communications he had one on one with the Trustees; two custodians were invited to present to the Board today. Mr. Williams said that after the presentations, the Board could invite other candidates to present at a future. The Board concurred with the process.

The representatives from Trustmark and First State Trust were provided with ample time to review their proposals and detail the professional services they will provide to the Plan.

In the end, after detailed discussions to include Staff, the consensus was that Trustmark more aligns with our current practices and internal controls. Further, the fee for Trustmark was all inclusive, where First State Trust had a base fee and then additional fees for various transactions, which would be charged and difficult to monitor and confirm. The Board confirmed that no further presentations would be required and thanked all who responded to the RFP Process.

Motion by Mr. Ahern to engage the professional custodial services of Trustmark, which was seconded by Mr. S Williams. All Trustees voted yes, and the motion was passed 5-0. The Board acknowledged the massive undertaking of a custodial change but added that they expect an orderly and seamless transition⁴.

INVESTMENT REPORT - Lazard⁵

Ms. Denise Simon & Ms. Nina Osenbroch presented the September 30, 2025, portfolio report to the Board of Trustees. The portfolio was valued at \$10,120,827.00 as of September 30, 2025. Firm update provided and the exit of Mr. Arif Joshi was distressing to the Board.

Outlook provided:

Sovereign Credit: Underweights in the highest quality investment grade countries contributed, as did overweights in select high yield opportunities. These gains were offset by overweights in select distressed credits, most notably Ukraine and Argentina, which underperformed on idiosyncratic developments.

Corporate Credit: Roughly 6% corporate credit allocation detracted slightly as corporates lagged sovereigns primarily due to shorter duration.

Local Debt: Overweights in markets offering attractive real yields including South Africa were beneficial, as was exposure to select frontier opportunities such as Turkey. Gains were partly offset by underweight duration positions in Asia, most notably Thailand.

⁴ Recess: 10:30 AM to 10:37 AM.

⁵ Emerging Market Blend Debt.

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Performance:

Emerging Markets Debt Blend LP

West Palm Beach Police Pension Fund	Market Value
As of 30 September 2025	\$ 10,120,827

Performance	Q3 2025	YTD	1Y	3Y	Since Inception
Portfolio (gross, %)	3.73	13.13	7.91	11.93	0.70
Portfolio (net, %)	3.69	13.10	7.88	11.92	0.69
Benchmark (%)	3.78	13.04	7.98	11.80	1.48
Excess Returns (bps)	-5	+9	-7	+13	-78

INVESTMENT REPORT – PGIM

Ms. Kimberly Gillett & Mr. Denis Cole⁶ presented the August 31, 2025, portfolio report to the Board of Trustees. The portfolio was valued at \$11,365,351.00 as of September 30, 2025.

Potential for Outperformance Masked in Volatility:

Uncertainty continues to dominate markets and with that comes increased tail risks.

US trade policy induced volatility to continue, however, the impact is most likely to be felt in US growth.

EM assets should remain resilient - we expect EM outperformance over DM markets in spreads and FX.

A sell-off likely presents opportunity.

Performance⁷:

Investment Performance As of August 31, 2025

	Annualized					
	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception ¹
Portfolio (%)	12.76	11.47	11.21	3.57	5.01	4.37
Benchmark (%) ²	11.27	9.08	9.10	1.61	3.53	2.95
Increment (bps)	+148	+239	+212	+197	+148	+142

INVESTMENT CONSULTANT – Mariner Institutional

Due to the prior presentations received today from Lazard and PGIM, Mr. Vavrica presented an Emerging Market Debt Review. Mr. Vavrica also noted the exit of Mr. Arif Joshi from Lazard was being understated by the firm. Mr. Vavrica conveyed various options to the Board to consider. Mr. Frost stated that he appreciated the review and agreed that a change is in order. Both firms were retained at the same time and PGIM has truly outperformed Lazard.

⁶ <http://www.wpbppf.com/modules/boardroom/index.asp>

⁷ Performance outpaced the benchmark on all time periods.

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The following motions ensued after review and discussion:

Motion to terminate Lazard, due to Mariner's review, due to relative underperformance and concern due to the personnel exit cited by Mr. Ahern. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sean Williams. All Trustees voted yes, and the motion was passed 4-0.

Based on the Report provided by Mr. Vavrica, a motion was made by Mr. Ahern to transfer the funds from the Lazard Account to PGIM and consolidate the portfolio. This motion was seconded by Mr. Sean Williams. All Trustees voted yes, and the motion was passed 4-0.

Mr. Brendon Vavrica presented the September 30, 2025, flash investment report. Excluding alternatives and real estate, the Fund return for the fiscal year was reported to be 8.8%, which handily surpasses the assumed rate of return. This was a welcome relief given how difficult the market conditions were during the fiscal year.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

LaFrance Matter: No Update, matter is awaiting the court's decision.

Special Act Update: Filed for legislative consideration in the 2026 session.

Krisy Kreme Matter⁸: Still awaiting the court's decision.

Mrs. Jensen attended the FPPTA Trustee School and noted a presentation by the League of Cities related to the concern over property tax changes being considered by the state legislature.

OPEN DISCUSSION

No open discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT

Being there was no other business; the meeting was adjourned by motion at 11:42 AM

Next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2025, at 8:30 AM.



Dana Fragakis, Board Secretary

⁸ Securities fraud litigation.