

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES CITY OF LANSING POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Regular Meeting
Council Conference Room
10th Floor, City Hall
Lansing, MI

July 17, 2018
Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m.

Present: Trustees Fabus, Good, Rose, Schor, C. Wilcox, R. Wilcox, Wohlfert, Wood – 8.

Absent: 0.

Others: Karen E. Williams, Finance Department; Attorney Ken Lane, Clark Hill (representing the City Attorney's Office); Eric Weber, IAFF Local 421; Thomas Krug, CCLP.

It was moved by Trustee Good and supported by Trustee Wilcox to approve the Official Minutes of the Police and Fire Retirement System Board meeting of June 18, 2018.

Adopted by the following vote: 8 – 0

0 new fire member(s), 0 new police members, 0 reinstatement(s), 0 refund(s), 0 transfers, 0 retired. Total: Active membership: 357. 1 death(s). Robert Hanes, Fire, died July 4, 2018, age 89, spouse to receive 50%. Refunds made since the last regular meeting amounted to \$0.00. Reimbursements to the System year-to-date amount to \$0.00. Retirement allowances paid for the month of June 2018, amounted to \$2,672,572.27. Total retirement checks printed for the P&F System: 742. Total retirement checks printed for both systems: 1656. Domestic relations order received: 1. Domestic relations orders pending: 0. Eligible Domestic Relations Order Certified: 0.

Karen Williams reported that Mr. Craig Powers and Mr. Brent Gillespie submitted written requests to rescind their retirement applications.

It was moved by Trustee Wood and supported by Trustee Chris Wilcox to reconsider the following requests for Regular Age and Service Retirements:

Craig Powers, Fire Department, 24 years, 11 months of service credits, age 47, effective July 19, 2018, with the purchase of 2 years of universal service credits (Sworn Date, 9/15/1995) –Application withdrawn

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It was moved by Trustee Wood and supported by Trustee Chris Wilcox to reconsider the following requests for Regular Age and Service Retirements:

Brent Gillespie, Fire Department, 24 years, 8 months of service credits, age 53, effective July 13, 2018 (Sworn Date 12/17/1993) – Application Withdraw

Adopted by the following vote: 8-0.

It was moved by Trustee Good and supported by Trustee Fabus to approve the request to withdraw the applications of Craig Powers and Brent Gillespie for Regular Age and Service Retirements.

Adopted by the following vote: 8- 0.

It was moved by Trustee Christopher Wilcox and supported by Trustee Wood to approve the following request for Regular Age and Service Retirement;

Douglas Burke, Fire Department, 23 years, 0 months of service credits, age 49, effective August 18, 2018, with purchase of 2 years of universal service credits, total credits are 25 years of service. (Sworn Date, 9/15/1995)

Adopted by the following vote: 8 – 0.

Karen Williams reported that Applicant #2018 – P0619 has been scheduled to see the medical director.

There were no requests for Non-Duty Disability Retirements.

Karen Williams announced the following upcoming Training and Education for trustees:

ACG Joint Meeting and Education, August 21, 2018
ACG Education Forum, September 12, 2018
MAPERS 2018 Fall Conference, September 22-25, 2018

Karen Williams reported that the August Joint Meeting would include new trustee training, performance review and education.

It was moved by Trustee Fabus and supported by Trustee Good to approve the following request for Accumulated Contribution:

Matthew Priebe, Police, not vested, \$38,670.05

Adopted by the following vote; 8 -0
There were no members to excuse.

Attorney Ken Lane announced that he had resigned from Clark Hill for private practice and will no longer serve as the City Attorney's office representative on the Retirement Boards for future meetings. He explained that the City Attorney requested that he attend the July meeting as they transition to new legal counsel. Attorney Lane indicated that Attorney Gallagher, of Clark Hill will replace him. He has updated Attorney Gallagher regarding the current proceedings of both Board.

Trustee Wood expressed concern regarding who would be selected as legal counsel to the retirement Board. She discussed the controversy over the years with City Attorney's office and the Board's choice for legal counsel.

Attorney lane indicated that changes in Public Act 314 would allow the retirement system to hire legal counsel.

Trustee Fabus expressed concern because Attorney Lane has nine years of experience with the Boards and has knowledge of important issues such as the State Waivers and Financial health Team that affect the retirement system.

Trustee Schor stated that he would have a conversation with the City Attorney regarding the legal counsel replacement.

The Police and Fire Board discussed if they should hire their own attorney. Trustees discussed the possibility to hire Attorney Lane.

Trustee Wood requested that Attorney Ken Lane attend the next meeting in August.

Trustee Schor indicated that Attorney Lane would not be obligated to attend the meeting.

Trustee Rose recommended that a subcommittee meet with the new legal counsel.

Trustee Wood stated that her biggest concern was that the Boards will have someone from the City Attorney's office attend the meeting on a consistent basis.

Trustee Fabus reminded members that the Retirement Board had its Actuary

change companies and the Board stayed with the actuary, so the Board is not obligated to stay with the legal firm selected by the City Attorney's Office.

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Trustee Fabus wanted to know what the options are for the Retirement Board.

It was moved by Trustee Wood and supported by Trustee Good to discuss options for legal representation at the next meeting.

Adopted by the following vote: 8 – 0.

Attorney Ken Lane reported that Duty Disability medical re-examination policy needed some additional work and will be presented at the next joint meetings because it would affect both Boards.

Karen Williams provided the annual Duty Disability Income Verification Report. Two disability retirees had not submitted their annual outside income certification. The Retirement Office sent out return receipt letters to those members last month.

It was moved by Trustee Good and supported by Trustee Fabus to withhold the retirement pension until the disability retirees submitted their annual outside income certification. Trustee Wood offered a friendly amendment that was accepted to withhold the retirement pension in accordance with the current Board policy.

Adopted by the following vote: 8 - 0.

Karen Williams reported that the disability subcommittee would meet to discuss the Medical Doctor RFP.

Ms. Williams reviewed the monthly investment report and the Securities lending report for the month of June 30, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Minutes approved on _____

Angela Bennett, Secretary
Police & Fire Retirement System

Eric Wohlfert, Chairperson
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