

CITY OF ORANGE
FIREMEN'S RELIEF AND RETIREMENT FUND
BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S MEETING

October 15, 2015

The Board of Trustees and Officers of the City of Orange Firemen's Relief and Retirement Fund convened for its monthly board meeting on October 15, 2015, at the City of Neighborhood Building Facility, Orange, Texas with the following members present:

Jody Cowart,	Chairman
Jason Maddox,	Member Trustee
Walter Riedel,	Citizen Trustee
Sherry Jackson,	Trustee

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 am. Tim Ng will be a few minutes late due to congested traffic in Vidor.

A motion was made by Sherry Jackson to approve the minutes of the meetings held on August 20th and September 17th, 2015. The motion was seconded by Walter Riedel. All present are in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion & possible action item: Tim Ng presented the 3rd quarter performance review for the retirement Fund. As expected, the Fund experienced a little more than six percent losses by the end of September but rallied in the last two weeks to regain some of those losses back. The managers have performed ok considering the market turmoil. Great Lakes, Delaware and Glovista managed to outperform their benchmarks even while experiencing a loss. Federated was the only manager to have positive returns for the quarter. MFS, Columbia and Congress struggled along with the rest of the market. All the money manager values are in their target ranges. Tim Ng recommends the Fund stay the course with no changes in the current allocation. The Fund is over weighted in domestic, emerging and international and under weighted in fixed income. The market is anticipating an interest rate hike in the near future. A motion was made by Sherry Jackson to acknowledge receipt of the investment performance report and Tim Ng's recommendations to make no changes to the cash flow policy. The motion was seconded by Jody Cowart. All present are in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion & action item: Tim Ng presented the board with a recently revised Investment Policy. The changes in the policy updated the current actuarial rate for the Fund and noted the Boards vote to replace Penn Capital with Great Lakes for the smid cap mandate as recommended by the investment consultant. A motion to accept the revised Investment Policy was made by Sherry Jackson. The motion was seconded by Walter Riedel. All present are in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Sherry Jackson to approve the 4th quarter benefits for October, November and December, 2015. The motion was seconded by Walter Riedel. All present are in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Jody Cowart to approve payment to The Orange Leader for advertising charges for request for proposals for both the audit and the actuarial services. The ads have already run and proposals are due by the end of October. The motion was seconded by Walter Riedel. All present are in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion & action item: A Plan document amendment was presented by Kim Wilkerson for the boards review and approval. The amendment reflects the recent election by the active members to increase the member contribution rate by .5% for a total member contribution rate of 11.5%. The wording of the amendment will allow for future increases in the member contribution rate. Walter reiterated that the City contribution rate needs to be tied to the actuarial numbers. A motion was made by Sherry Jackson to accept the Plan document amendment. The motion was seconded by Jody Cowart. All present are in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Sherry Jackson to table the review of the current investment policy until all the board members can be present. The motion was seconded by Jody Cowart. All present are in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion & action item: Renewal of the TEXPERS 2016 membership fees. Board members agreed that TEXPERS provides good information and training for the Fund. The discounts on the conferences, workshops and seminars alone make it worth the while. A motion was made by Sherry Jackson to approve payment of the TEXPERS 2016 membership fees. The motion was seconded by Jody Cowart. All present are in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion & possible action item: TEXPERS Basic Trustee Training is being offered at the NSIIP Pension Summit on November 16th at the Dallas Marriott Las Colinas, Irving, Texas. This Basic Trustee/Staff class meets the initial training requirements of the Pension Review Board Minimum Education and Training requirements (METS). A motion was made by Jody Cowart to approve payment of fees for two persons to attend. The motion was seconded by Sherry Jackson. All present are in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

There were no new announcements.

A motion was made by Jody Cowart to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Walter Riedel. All present are in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed unanimously.