



Minutes

Retirement Board Meeting - Day One

Board Room, 1900 Polaris Parkway, Suite 201, Columbus, Ohio 43240

Thursday, August 19, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

Present: Captain Matthew Them, *Chair*; Major (ret.) Darryl Anderson, *Vice-Chair*; Major (ret.) JP Allen; Colonel Richard Fambro; Sergeant (ret.) Michael Kasler; Trooper Derek Malone; Trooper Brice Nihiser; Scott Richter; Joseph Thomas; Trooper Cynthia Wilt

Absent: none

Quorum? Yes

Others Present: Carl Roark, *Executive Director*; Michael Press, *General Counsel*; Brian Fike, *Finance Director*; Holly Carr, *Executive Assistant*; Doris Blosser & Renee Young, *Benefits Specialists*; Adam Blake & Grant Guyuron, *Clearstead*; Brad Heinrichs, *Foster & Foster*; Bethany Rhodes, *ORSC*; Samuel Peppers, *Assistant Attorney General*; Cyril Espanol, *Pageant Media*; Frank Albanese; Karthik Prabhakar; C. Palanca; Ginno Mendoza

Proceedings:

Call to Order

- At 9:00 a.m., Chair Them called the meeting to order, and the roll was called.
- Chair Them led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Motion: To approve the minutes of the July 21, 2020 meeting, (motion by Anderson; second by Kasler; motion carried unanimously.)**

Oath of Office

- Samuel Peppers, *Assistant Attorney General*, administered the Oath of Office to re-elected trustees Sergeant (ret.) Michael Kasler and Trooper Brice Nihiser, and newly elected Trooper Derek Malone.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

- **Motion: To select Matthew Them as Chair of the Retirement Board, (motion by Anderson; second by Fambro; Them abstained – all others yea; motion carried.)**

- **Motion: To select Darryl Anderson as Vice-Chair of the Retirement Board, (motion by Them; second by Thomas; Anderson abstained – all others yea; motion carried.)**

Actuarial Topics

- Brad Heinrichs from Foster & Foster Actuaries and Consultants reviewed the final results of the December 31, 2020 actuarial valuation. Results presented in the report were based upon the board decision to maintain a member contribution rate of 14.0% and a COLA rate of 3.0% for calendar year 2022. Employer contribution into the health care fund was assumed at 0.0%.
- Discussion ensued and Foster & Foster fielded questions from the board.
- At the direction of the board, staff will work in conjunction with Foster & Foster to begin the process to create amend or refine the funding policy.

Investment Discussion

- Press gave an update on the due diligence team that met and agreed to make commitments to Alpine and HarbourVest VI.
- Press reported another due diligence group would be meeting the following week with Partners Group for a possible commitment.
- Blake presented the 2021 Oversight Dashboard
- Blake gave a portfolio update. He stated the portfolio was up approximately 10.1% through July.
- Invesco Emerging Markets and Driehaus International Small Cap were added to the manager review list.
- Discussion ensued and Clearstead fielded questions from the board.
- Blake presented a handout that stated as of August 17, 2021, the portfolio was up approximately 10.1% YTD.
- Guyuron presented a fee review through June 2021 and stated it was provided only for reference and no actions need taken.
- Recommendation to commit an additional \$10M to Harrison Street - real estate.

Baillie Gifford, Speaker

- Clare Mazur and Sarah Clark gave a presentation on long term global growth philosophy.
- Chair Them declared a break at 10:45 a.m.
- The meeting was reconvened at 11:40 a.m.

Former Trustee Recognition

- Chair Them recognized Kenneth Boyer, Captain (ret.) Cory Davies, and Sergeant (ret.) Jeremy Mendenhall and thanked them for their service.

Health, Wellness, & Disability Committee

- **Motion: To go into executive session to discuss medical records required to be kept confidential pursuant to Division (G)(5) of Section 121.22 of the Revised Code at 11:55 a.m. with Roark, Press, Fike, Carr, Blosser, Young, and Peppers as guests, (motion by Anderson; second by Wilt; motion carried unanimously.)**
- At 12:04 p.m., Chair Them declared the executive session was concluded.
- **Motion: To approve an in-the-line-of-duty disability application for Applicant #1 (XXXXXX), contingent on compliance with a treatment plan recommended by the medical advisor, (motion by Anderson; second by Allen; motion carried unanimously.)**
- **Motion: To waive Applicant #1 (XXXXXX) from the Independent Medical Evaluation disability review requirement, (motion by Anderson; second by Allen; motion carried unanimously.)**
- **Motion: To approve the list of permanently waived disability recipients from the annual medical review and IME requirements as recommended by the medical advisor, (motion by Anderson; second by Allen; motion carried unanimously.)**
- Chair Them welcomed new trustee Trooper Derek Malone.
- Malone gave a brief introduction of himself.

Health Care Funding Committee

- Anderson noted the committee has not met since the last regular board meeting and the contract has been finalized for the Medicare exchange services.
- Effective January 1, 2022, Medicare eligible retirees will go to the exchange to purchase health care coverage.
- Staff fielded questions from the board and there was at length discussion.
- Press presented changes to Ohio Administrative Code 5505-7-04 which were a result of the establishment of the health reimbursement plan. Staff further recommended removing the hardship exemption for spouses.
- **Motion: To approve the proposed amendments to Ohio Administrative Code 5505-7-04 as presented, (motion by Anderson; second by Kasler; motion carried unanimously.)**
- Chair Them declared a break at 12:48 p.m.
- The meeting was reconvened at 1:08 p.m.

Administration Committee

- Press presented no change amendments to OAC 5505-3-05, 5505-7-03, and 5505-7-09, which were up for five-year review.
- **Motion: To approve the no change amendments to Ohio Administrative Code 5505-3-05, 5505-7-03, and 5505-7-09 as presented, (motion by Nihiser; second by Wilt; motion carried unanimously.)**

Travel and Education

- Roark presented the following travel cost estimates:
 - Anderson to attend the NCPERS Fall Conference & 2022 Aztec Bird in Scottsdale, AZ, September 25 - 28, 2021, at an estimated cost of \$3,517.79.
 - Wilt to attend the NCPERS Fall Conference in Scottsdale, AZ, September 26 - 28, 2021, at an estimated cost of \$2,005.00.
 - Roark to attend the 2022 Snowbird Reunion in Lake Mary, FL, March 23 - 27, 2022, at an estimated cost of \$1,865.00.
- **Motion: To approve board travel as presented, (motion by Them; second by Kasler; motion carried unanimously.)**

General Counsel Update - Attorney Conference

- **Motion: To go into executive session pursuant to Division (G)(3) of Section 121.22 of the Revised Code to confer with attorneys concerning a dispute involving HPRS that is the subject of pending court action at 1:15 p.m. with Roark, Press, Fike, Carr, and Peppers as guests, (motion by Them; second by Malone; motion carried unanimously.)**
- At 1:19 p.m., Chair Them declared the executive session was concluded.

Administrative Report

- Roark presented the summary report of active and retired members, and the retirement beneficiary report.
- **Motion: To approve retirement applications and survivor pensions as submitted by staff, (motion by Them; second by Fambro; motion carried unanimously.)**

Adjournment

- At 1:46 p.m., Them declared the meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting

- The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for October 21, 2021, at 1900 Polaris Parkway, Suite 201, Columbus, OH 43240.

Minutes submitted by Holly Carr, Executive Assistant

Signature on File

October 21, 2021

Approved by Matthew Them

Date

To review any referenced documents, please contact Holly Carr, 614.430.3555 (direct), hcarr@ohprs.org.