# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF MIAMI FIRE FIGHTERS' AND POLICE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT TRUST

June 20, 2018

Mem	bers	Present
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O. Cotera

M. Fernandez

T. Gabriel

Appointed by the City Commission

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N. Enriquez - Elected by the Fire Fighters
S. MacDonald - Elected by the Police Officers

T. Roell - Appointed by the City Commission (arrived at 8:40)

R. Suarez - Elected by the Fire Fighters
A. Valdivia - Elected by the Police Officers

#### Also Present

R. Klausner - Legal Advisor

K. Jones
C. Rose
F. Casamayor
City Law Department
City Budget Department
City Manager's Office

#### Members Absent

Vacant - Appointed by the City Manager

Chairman O. Cotera called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. with a quorum being present.

#### **AUDIT RFP**

Marcum: M. Futterman and C. Podor represented Marcum. The representatives review their proposal with the Board. A question and answer period followed the presentation.

A motion was made by T. Gabriel and seconded by R. Suarez to divert from the Agenda order. The motion the approved unanimously.

### ACTUARIAL VALUATION

H. Merlak was present representing Nyhart, the Board's actuarial firm. He presented the second draft of the Actuarial Valuation Report for FY18-19. Discussion ensued. C. Rose was present representing the City. Mr. Rose was asked if the City had any questions or issues with the report. Mr. Rose stated that the City had no issues and accepted the report with the change to a 7.34% interest rate of assumption. A motion was made by T. Gabriel and seconded by T. Roell to approve the Report. The motion was approved unanimously.

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## ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Injunction/Motion to Abate: The Attorney reported that the 3<sup>rd</sup> DCA had reverted the lower Court's December decision that and granted the City's Motion for Injunction. The Board's Attorney advised the Board to delay action until an Order was received. The Attorney suggested scheduling a Close Meeting for further discussion. A motion was made by T. Gabriel and seconded by S. MacDonald to table the discussion and action on the issue to the later meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Discussion resumed. A motion was made by T. Roell and seconded by T. Gabriel to direct the Attorney to prepare a letter to be distributed to all the members affected by this issue putting them on notice on possible benefit changes. The motion was approved unanimously.

Financial Urgency: The Attorney reported that backpay hearings had taken place and all evidence had been presented to the PERC Hearing Officer.

Castro et al: The attorney reported that they are down to one count, breach of contract. The court will be interviewing four plaintiffs, two selected by the Plaintiffs and two selected by FIPO Legal Counsel.

A motion was made by M. Fernandez and seconded by T. Roell to return to the normal Agenda order. The motion was approved unanimously.

## AUDIT RFP continued)

MBAF: R. Covert and L. Rodriguez represented Morrison, Brown, et al. They reviewed their proposal for the Board. A question and answer period followed the presentation..

BDO: V. Carrodeguas, R. Salum and Y. Rivera represented BDO. They reviewed proposal for the Board. A question and answer period followed the presentation. The Board express their discontent and concern with the manner in which the last audit was conducted.

Discussion ensued. A motion was made by T. Gabriel and seconded by S. MacDonald to retain BDO for a one-year period. In the motion, Vice-Chair M. Fernandez was asked to contact BDO to further discuss the issues of concern and request for a reduction in the proposed fees. The motion was approved unanimously.

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### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 3, 2018, were reviewed. The minutes were approved by a motion from T. Gabriel, a second from A. Valdivia and a unanimous vote.

The minutes of the Investment Review Meeting of May 3, 2018 were reviewed. A motion was made by T. Gabriel and seconded by R. Suarez to approve the minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

## RATIFICATION OF PAYMENT

Payments for the period were reviewed. A motion was made by M. Fernandez and seconded by S. MacDonald to ratify payments presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Investment Issues: The Investment Consultant reported via telephone. The Consultant reviewed a memo prepared to provide an overall review of the Trust's Asset Allocation with recommended changes one of them being the termination of Aberdeen absolute return portfolio position. The Consultant stated that the recommended changes would, at least temporarily, establish a somewhat larger allocation to passively managed asset and would initiate an emerging market equity position for the Trust. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by T. Roell and seconded by T. Gabriel to terminate Aberdeen. The motion was approved unanimously. Discussion resumed. T. Gabriel moved and was seconded by M. Fernandez to increase the allocation to the real estate class by 12%. The motion was approved unanimously.

## CONFERENCES DURING THE PERIOD

T. Gabriel made a motion and it was seconded by A. Valdivia to approve the attendance of any member interested in attending any conferences for the period. The motion was approved unanimously.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. by a motion by T. Gabriel a second by A. Valdivia and a unanimous vote.

Ornel Cotera, Chairman

Attest:

Dania Orta, Administrator