

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

December 15, 2017

Members Present

O. Cotera	-	Appointed by the City Commission
N. Enriquez	-	Elected by the Fire Fighters
M. Fernandez	-	Appointed by the City Commission
T. Gabriel	-	Appointed by the City Commission
S. MacDonald	-	Elected by the Police Officers
T. Roell	-	Appointed by the City Commission
R. Suarez	-	Elected by the Fire Fighters
A. Valdivia	-	Elected by the Police Officers

Also Present

R. Klausner	-	Legal Advisor
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Members Absent

T. Gabriel	-	Appointed by the City Commission
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Chairman O. Cotera called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. with a quorum being present.

INPUT FROM RETIRED/ACTIVE MEMBERS

DISABILITY APPLICATION

H. Damier – Police

The Board reviewed the disability application package which included the Board's Medical Advisor's report. Dr. Lupu's report read in pertinent part as follows:

“ ... applicant is in a vegetative state. A vegetative state is absence of responsiveness and awareness due to overwhelming dysfunction of the cerebral hemisphere with sufficient sparing of the brain stem to preserve autonomic and motor reflexes. The applicant may have complex reflexes, including eye movements, yawning and involuntary movements to painful stimuli and show no awareness of self or environment. The autonomic and motor reflexes is what allow his heart and lungs to function normally. Therefore, his impairment is total. The cause of his cardiac arrest is not clear, a myocardial infarction or a stress cardiomyopathy are the likely diagnosis. As a result, his disability is service-connected by Statute. Due to his devastating brain damage, he applicant is unable to perform any physical or mental activity. Unfortunately, there are no further medical treatments that could be beneficial to the applicant...”

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DISABILITY APPLICATION (continued)

H. Damier – Police

Discussion followed the review. A motion was made by M. Fernandez and seconded by S. MacDonald to grant Handerson Damier's request for disability retirement based on the records and Dr. Lupu's report stating that the disability was total, permanent and service connected. The motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 6, 2017, were reviewed. The minutes were approved by a motion from S. MacDonald, a second from N. Enriquez and a unanimous vote.

The minutes of the Investment Review Meeting of November 2, 2017, were reviewed. A motion was made by A. Valdivia and seconded by R. Suarez to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

RATIFICATION OF PAYMENT

Payments for the period were reviewed. A motion was made by T. Roell and seconded by E. Enriquez to ratify payments presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

2018 COLA Table

COLA Committee Member O. Cotera reported that the Committee had met earlier in the day and after review of the COLA Report presented by the Board's Actuaries, the Committee had voted to approve maintaining the COLA Table at \$1670. The Board unanimously accepted the Committee's report.

2018 SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS

The Board reviewed the proposed schedule. Due to the unavailability of most of the Trustees, the meeting of January was changed to January 24th. Review resumed. A motion as made by T. Roell and seconded by N. Enriquez to tentatively approve the schedule as amended. The motion was approved unanimously.

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ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Financial Urgency Florida Supreme Court Decision

The Board's Legal Counsel updated the Board on the Financial Urgency case. The PERC Hearing Officer will be meeting with the City and the Labor Unions the week of February 26th on the back pay issue which is the portion of the case that is left to be resolved.

Castro Litigation Update

Attorney R. Klausner there is one count pending, which is the claim for breach of contract. All other counts have now been dismissed.

CONFERENCES DURING THE PERIOD

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

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m. by a motion by A. Valdivia a second by M. Fernandez and a unanimous vote.


Ornel Cotera, Chairman

Attest:



Dania Orta, Administrator