

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

September 17, 2021

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

Also Present

R. Klausner	-	Legal Advisor (Virtually)
H. Merlak	-	Actuary (Virtually)
D. Winegardner	-	Actuary (Virtually)
G. Bikkesbakker	-	Investment Consultant (Virtually)

Members Absent

A. Valdivia	-	Elected by the Police Officers
Vacant	-	Appointed by the City Manager

Chairman O. Cotera called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. with a quorum being present.

REQUEST FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT

O. Aguilera - Police : Step 3

O. Aguilera was virtually present. The Board reviewed the disability application package containing the report from the Board's Medical Advisor, Dr. C. Lupu. The report read in pertinent as follows:

" ... The presence of calcified plaque in his coronary arteries which was first diagnosed with the calcium score, along with blockages found on the catheterization and the bypass surgery make his impairment permanentJudging from the title, I would think it would be a mostly sedentary activity. There are no limitations for sedentary activity for a cardiac patient, if anything increased physical activity is recommended His impairment is caused by heart diseasebased on the available documentation, the applicant has an impairment that is service-connected, permanent and non-total."

Discussion followed the review. A motion was made by T. Gabriel and seconded by N. Enriquez to grant O. Aguilera a service-connected disability retirement. The motion was approved unanimously.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 23, 2021, were reviewed. The minutes were approved by a motion from R. Suarez, a second from N. Enriquez and a unanimous vote.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Investment Review meeting of August 12, 2021. T. Gabriel moved and was seconded by R. Suarez to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

RATIFICATION OF RETIREMENTS FOR THE PERIOD

The Board reviewed the list of retirements for the period. T. Gabriel moved and was seconded by R. Suarez to approve the retirements. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

RATIFICATION OF PAYMENT

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

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Legal Counsel reported as follows:

Ordinance Language: worked with Administrator on language to update the City Code to include final language for benefits granted in the Financial Urgency Settlement. The draft will be provided to the City Attorney to be brought before the City Commission for adoption.

COVID Legislature: Bill presented includes a work-related presumption only for individuals that have been fully vaccinated.

Benefit Forfeiture – L. Bohnenblust: The Police Relief and Pension Fund is scheduled to hold a forfeiture hearing on October 12th. Legal Counsel advised the Board to wait for the outcome of that hearing before moving forward with the FIPO hearing. The Board agreed with the recommendation.

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CONFERENCES DURING THE PERIOD

A motion was made by R. Suarez and seconded by N. Enriquez to approve attendance of any Trustee to conferences offered 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 T. Roell a second by T. Gabriel and a unanimous vote.



Ornel Cotera, Chairman

Attest:



Dania Orta, Administrator