

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

December 14, 2023

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
D. Kahn	-	Appointed by the City Manager (virtual)
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 (virtual)
D. Winegardner	-	Actuary
L. Watts	-	Actuary

Chairman O. Cotera called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. with a full Board being present.

DISABILITY APPLICATIONS

a. G. Dennis - Police - Step 3

G. Dennis was present on his own behalf. The Board reviewed the disability package containing the Board's Medical Advisor's report which read in pertinent parts as follows:

"... In your medical opinion is there a permanent disability? Yes, he has chronic congestive heart failure. In your opinion is such a permanent disability total in that said disability prevents applicant from performing all the duties related to his job classification. No, patient is able to do the sedentary aspects of his job. Is such permanent disability the natural and proximate result of an accident? No, the disability is due to a pre-existing condition ....."

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DISABILITY APPLICATIONS (continued)

a. G. Dennis – Police – Step 3 (continued)

After a review of the records and discussion, a motion was made by R. Suarez and seconded by T. Gabriel to deny the request for disability retirement based on the findings and conclusion of the Board's Medical Advisor that the disability although permanent, it is not total and it is not service connected. Discussion resumed. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. T. Francoeur – Police – Step 3

T. Francoeur was present on his own behalf. The Board reviewed the disability package containing the Board's Medical Advisor's report which read in pertinent parts as follows:

“... In your medical opinion, is there a permanent disability. Yes, the applicant is getting worse after 2 ½ years of the accident. This a permanent condition. .... In your opinion, is such permanent disability total in that said disability prevents applicant from performing all the duties related to his job classification. No, the applicant can perform limited sedentary aspects . ... Is such permanent disability the natural and proximate result of an accident? Yes, this is the result of the on-duty accident on 5/14/2021. .... ”

After a review of the records and discussion, a motion was made by S. MacDonald and seconded by T. Roell to grant the request for disability retirement based on the findings and conclusion of the Board's Medical Advisor that although limited sedentary aspects of the job could possibly be performed the disability is total, it is permanent, and it is service connected. Discussion resumed. The motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting September 15, 2023 were reviewed. The minutes were approved by a motion from R. Suarez, a second from T. Roell and a unanimous vote.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES (continued)

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Investment Review meeting of November 17, 2023 and approved the minutes by a motion by T. Roell a second by N. Enriquez and a unanimous vote.

PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD

The Administrator reported that all payments had been made in accordance. A motion by T. Gabriel a second by A. Valdivia and a unanimous vote ratified the payments.

RETIREMENTS FOR THE PERIOD

The list of retirements for the period was reviewed. M. Fernandez moved and was seconded by N. Enriquez to ratify the retirements presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

COLA Fund Review - 2024

The COLA Committee Chairman, O. Cotera reported that the Committee had met earlier and reviewed the COLA report with the Actuaries. The Committee approved the Actuaries recommendation to maintain the COLA Table at \$1820 in order to build reserves.

2024 MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board reviewed the proposed schedule of meeting for calendar year 2024. A motion was made by N. Enriquez and seconded by A. Valdivia to adopt the scheduled. The motion was approved unanimously.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

- The Attorney informed the Board of a possible securities litigation with TransUnion. Attorney requested Board approval to move forward with a records request. T. Gabriel moved and was seconded by R. Suarez allow the request. The motion was approved unanimously. Discussion resumed. A motion was made by N. Enriquez and seconded by T. Roell for the Board Chair to sign the engagement letter for the records request once reviewed. The motion was approved unanimously.

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CONFERENCES DURING THE PERIOD

A motion was made by N. Enriquez and seconded by R. Suarez to approve the attendance of any and all Trustees to any and all conferences for the period.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m. by a motion by N. Enriquez a second by R. Suarez and a unanimous vote.



Ornel Cotera, Chairman

Attest:



Dania Orta, Administrator