

MEETING NO. **4242**
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
OF THE CITY OF DETROIT
HELD **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019**

10:00 A.M.

RETIREMENT SYSTEMS CONFERENCE ROOM
ALLY CENTER, 500 WOODWARD AVENUE; SUITE 3000
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Wendell Anthony	Trustee
Scott Benson	Ex-Officio Trustee/City Council Member
Jermaine Brown	Trustee
Tasha L. Cowan	Trustee
Kimberly Hall-Wagner	Trustee
John Naglick	Ex-Officio Trustee/Deputy CFO
June Nickleberry	Trustee/Chairperson
Crystal Perkins	Trustee
Thomas Sheehan	Trustee/Vice- Chairperson

TRUSTEES EXCUSED

Christa Mclellan	Ex-Officio Trustee/City Treasurer
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TRUSTEES ABSENT

None

ALSO PRESENT

David Cetlinski	Executive Director
Gail A. Oxendine	Assistant Executive Director
Ryan Bigelow	Chief Investment Officer
Michael VanOverbeke	General Counsel
TaKneisha Johnson	Administrative Assistant IV

STAFF EXCUSED

None

CHAIRPERSON

June Nickleberry

The Board's Recording Secretary took a verbal Roll Call at 10:04 a.m. and -Chairperson Nickleberry called the meeting to order.

Present at Roll Call: Rev. Wendall Anthony, Jermaine Brown, Tasha L. Cowan, Kimberly Hall-Wagner, John Naglick and Crystal Perkins, Thomas Sheehan

- ***Trustee Scott Benson entered after roll call***

Re: Legacy Plan Service Retirement(s)

Motion By: Trustee Sheehan - Supported By: Trustee Hall-Wagner

RESOLVED, that the application(s) for retirement from the **COMPONENT II (LEGACY) PLAN** as outlined below be hereby APPROVED:

NAME, TITLE, DEPARTMENT	Michael Casey – Traffic Sign Mechanic – Public Works
SERVICE CREDIT	23-11
EFFECTIVE DATE	09-06-19

NAME, TITLE, DEPARTMENT	Eugene Ellis – Field Service Tech – Water & Sewerage
SERVICE CREDIT	26-11
EFFECTIVE DATE	08-06-19

NAME, TITLE, DEPARTMENT	Johnnie B. Johnson – Vehicle Operator – Dept of Public Works
SERVICE CREDIT	16-05
EFFECTIVE DATE	08-20-19

NAME, TITLE, DEPARTMENT	Donnavon Oneal – Building Inspector – Buildings & Safety
SERVICE CREDIT	026-02
EFFECTIVE DATE	07-31-19

NAME, TITLE, DEPARTMENT	Roxanne Paige – Human Resources Spec – Human Resources
SERVICE CREDIT	12-07
EFFECTIVE DATE	09-15-19

NAME, TITLE, DEPARTMENT	Joanne Robinson – Legal Secretary - Law
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SERVICE CREDIT 23-00
EFFECTIVE DATE 09-05-19

Service Retirement (s) - continued

NAME, TITLE, DEPARTMENT Patricia Walker – Librarian III - Library
SERVICE CREDIT 08-01
EFFECTIVE DATE 08-20-19

NAME, TITLE, DEPARTMENT Fred Westbrook, Jr. – TEO - Transportation
SERVICE CREDIT 29-05
EFFECTIVE DATE 08-21-19

NAME, TITLE, DEPARTMENT Sheldon Wheeler – Coach Serv Attendant -
Transportation
SERVICE CREDIT 28-11
EFFECTIVE DATE 08-09-19

Yeas: Anthony, Benson, Brown, Cowan, Hall-Wagner, Naglick, Perkins, Sheehan and
Chairperson Nickleberry– 9

Nays: None

Re: Early Retirement (s)

Motion By: Trustee Sheehan - Supported By: Trustee Hall-Wagner

RESOLVED, that the application(s) for **EARLY RETIREMENT** as outlined below be
hereby APPROVED:

NAME, TITLE, DEPARTMENT Diane Campbell – Emergency Services
Deployment Operator
SERVICE CREDIT 22-04
EFFECTIVE DATE 08-02-19

Yeas: Anthony, Benson, Brown, Cowan, Hall-Wagner, Naglick, Perkins, Sheehan and
Chairperson Nickleberry– 9

Nays: None

Re: Vested Retirement(s)

Motion By: Trustee Sheehan - Supported By: Trustee Hall-Wagner

RESOLVED, that the application(s) for **VESTED RETIREMENT** as outlined below be hereby APPROVED:

NAME, TITLE, DEPARTMENT	Robert Thomas – Maint Technician
SERVICE CREDIT	18-06
EFFECTIVE DATE	09-01-19

Yeas: Anthony, Benson, Brown, Cowan, Hall-Wagner, Naglick, Perkins, Sheehan and Chairperson Nickleberry– 9

Nays: None

Re: Hybrid Plan Service Retirement(s)

Motion By: Trustee Sheehan - Supported By: Trustee Hall-Wagner

RESOLVED, that the application(s) for retirement from the **COMPONENT I (HYBRID) PLAN** as outlined below be hereby APPROVED:

NAME, TITLE, DEPARTMENT	Michael Casey – Traffic Sign Mechanic
SERVICE CREDIT	05-02
EFFECTIVE DATE	09-06-19

NAME, TITLE, DEPARTMENT	Roxanne Paige – HR Specialist – Human Resources
SERVICE CREDIT	05-03
EFFECTIVE DATE	09-15-19

NAME, TITLE, DEPARTMENT	Patricia Walker
SERVICE CREDIT	05-02
EFFECTIVE DATE	08-20-19

Yeas: Anthony, Benson, Brown, Cowan, Hall-Wagner, Naglick, Perkins, Sheehan and Chairperson Nickleberry– 9

Nays: None

Re: Converted Disability - Duty Service Retirement(s)

NAME, TITLE, DEPARTMENT Reginald Murphy – Water Sys Helper –
Water & Sewerage

SERVICE CREDIT 23-06
EFFECTIVE DATE 04-18-2015

Yeas: Anthony, Benson, Brown, Cowan, Hall-Wagner, Naglick, Perkins, Sheehan and
Chairperson Nickleberry– 9

Nays: None

RECEIPTS: The Board received the following receipts for Acknowledgment:

Cash Receipts		Cash Account:		HYBLIQRES		
Company:	RSCD-General	Start Date:			8/26/2019	
End Date:		9/16/2019				
Doc. Date	Module	Tran. Type	Doc. Nbr.	Description	R/C	Receipt
8/30/2019	CA	Cash Entry	001843	Pre tax mandatory pension contributions 8-30-19	R/C	312,600.51
8/30/2019	CA	Cash Entry	001844	Post tax annuity contributions 8-30-19	R/C	177,750.34
9/6/2019	CA	Cash Entry	001856	Post tax annuity contributions 9-6-19	R/C	58,103.35
9/12/2019	CA	Cash Entry		Pre tax mandatory pension contributions 9-6-19		69,712.89
618,167.09						
Cash Receipts		Cash Account:		LIQ RESERV		
Company:	RSCD-General	Start Date:			8/26/2019	
End Date:		9/16/2019				
Doc. Date	Module	Tran. Type	Doc. Nbr.	Description	R/C	Receipt
8/29/2019	CA	Cash Entry	001845	Loan Deduction Program 8-23-19 (\$24,671.31)	R/C	24,671.31
9/5/2019	CA	Cash Entry	001848	Loan Deduction Program 8-30-19 (\$40,875.91)	R/C	40,875.91
9/10/2019	CA	Cash Entry	001855	Loan Deduction Program 9-6-19 (\$20,962.25)	R/C	20,962.25
86,509.47						
Total Receipts						704,676.56

Re: Fees and Expenses

Resolution Moved By: Trustee Cowan - Supported By: Trustee Hall-Wagner

WHEREAS, the Board has been presented with the List of Disbursements for Board Approval which is referenced below requesting payment for Fees and Expenses, and

WHEREAS, the Board has been requested to approve payment of said Fees and Expenses;
THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that subject to staff audit and approval of all Legal Fees by the Board's General Counsel, the Board **APPROVE** payment of the following Fees and Expenses:

Disbursement Report

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Date: 9/16/2019 7:20 AM

Account	Payment Method	Currency		
HUNT - VEN	ACH	US		
Vendor Name	Invoice Number	Invoice Description	Amount To Pay	
500 WEBWARD LLC	1004981	Electrical Billing: 7/31/19-8/29/19, #16055044	688.42	
500 WEBWARD LLC	1004982	Electrical Billing: 7/31/19-8/29/19, #16055070	939.61	
ADP, INC	540871524	Check Printing Services	571.30	
CDW GOVERNMENT	TQB8509	Computer Equipment	640.99	
CDW GOVERNMENT	TQN7955	Computer Equipment	48.32	
Cogent Communications, Inc.	090119	Internet Service	1,023.00	
CREATIVE BREAKTHROUGHS INC	INV2305	Software Maintenance	12,400.00	
CREATIVE BREAKTHROUGHS INC	INV2357	Parking Expense - Omar Faraji	12.50	
GABRIEL, ROEDER, SMITH & CO	449083	Actuarial Services for August 2019	16,917.00	
PLANTE & MORAN	1721671	Financial Statement Audit for 8/30/19	28,600.00	
PROCENTIA, INC	2328	Procentia Implementation	53,969.37	
THE TOWNSEND GROUP	US201-0000372	Professional Services - August 2019	9,562.50	
UHY Advisors MI, Inc.	1309893	Professional IT Services for August 2019	48,300.00	
UHY Advisors MI, Inc.	1310061	Professional IT Services for August 2019	9,900.00	
VANOVERBEKE MICHAUD & TIMMONY	0619	General Counsel Matters for June 2019	26,116.00	
VANOVERBEKE MICHAUD & TIMMONY	0719	General Counsel Matters for July 2019	26,121.00	
Cash Account/Payment Method Total:		16 Documents	235,810.01	
HUNT - VEN	CHECK	US		
Vendor Name	Invoice Number	Invoice Description	Amount To Pay	
ALLEGRA	66424011	Office Supplies	354.50	
CINTAS CORPORATION-300	4029474814	Floor Mats	130.65	
DIRECTV	38627094857	Service Charges 8/23/19-9/22/19	39.12	
FEDEX	6-720-46187	FedEx Mailing	26.07	
FEDEX	6-727-72484	FedEx Mailing	26.07	
First CHOICE Coffee Services	638722	Equipment Rental	30.00	
IRON MOUNTAIN	167975	Data Domain Service	1,286.33	
IRON MOUNTAIN	201963682	Storage CDs	888.82	

Yeas: Anthony, Benson, Brown, Cowan, Hall-Wagner, Naglick, Perkins, Sheehan and Chairperson Nickleberry— 9

Nays: None

Re: Refunds of Accumulated Contributions (Annuity Savings Fund)

Resolution Moved By: Trustee Cowan - Supported By: Trustee Perkins

RESOLVED, that the contributions to the Annuity Savings Fund by members of the General Retirement System, as set forth:

List No. 7430 - \$155,281.90

List No. 7431 - \$431,033.49

Including interest, be **REFUNDED**, pending audit by the Retirement Systems' Accounting Staff.

Yeas: Anthony, Benson, Brown, Cowan, Hall-Wagner, Naglick, Perkins, Sheehan and Chairperson Nickleberry– 9

Nays: None

Re: Employee Loan Program September 11, 2019

Resolution Moved By: Trustee Sheehan - Supported By: Cowan

RESOLVED, that the disbursements for the Employee Loan Program by members of the General Retirement System, as set forth in the amount of: **\$57,722.00** including interest, be hereby **APPROVED**.

Yeas: Anthony, Benson, Brown, Cowan, Hall-Wagner, Naglick, Perkins, Sheehan and Chairperson Nickleberry– 9

Nays: None

Re: Employee Loan Program September 018, 2019

Resolution Moved By: Trustee Sheehan - Supported By: Trustee Cowan

RESOLVED, that the disbursements for the Employee Loan Program by members of the General Retirement System, as set forth in the amount of: **\$31,428.00** including interest, be hereby **APPROVED**.

Yeas: Anthony, Benson, Brown, Cowan, Hall-Wagner, Naglick, Perkins, Sheehan and Chairperson Nickleberry– 9

Nays: None

Re: Minutes/Journal No. 4240 – (08/21/19)

Resolution Moved By: Trustee Sheehan - Supported By: Trustee Hall-Wagner

RESOLVED, that the Minutes/Journal of Proceedings of the General Retirement System of the City of Detroit, of Meeting **No. 4240**, held on **August 21, 2019**, be hereby **APPROVED** as recorded and submitted.

Yeas: Anthony, Benson, Brown, Cowan, Hall-Wagner, Naglick, Perkins, Sheehan and Chairperson Nickleberry– 9

Nays: None

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Assistant Executive Director, **Gail A. Oxendine**, had no formal report but discussed the following with the Board of Trustees:

- Disability Re-examination for member Gail Shafer. Disability Review Board recommends concurrence with the Medical Director's recommendation to continue Gail Shaffer on disability with no further examinations required.

RESOLVED, that member Gail Shafer shall be continued on disability with no further examinations required.

Yeas: Anthony, Benson, Brown, Cowan, Hall-Wagner, Naglick, Perkins, Sheehan and Chairperson Nickleberry– 9

Nays: None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, **David Cetlinski**, had no formal report.

CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Chief Investment Officer, Ryan Bigelow discussed the following matters with the Board:

- CIO Report
- NEPC Investment Performance and Asset Allocation Review
- 4.1% fund return for the 2019 FY
- Peer rankings with respect to fund returns

PRESENTATION BY GABRIEL, ROEDER SMITH – FUNDING POLICY

Representatives from Gabriel Roeder presented the updated Funding Policy report and discussed the following matters with the Board:

- Various actuarial projections and cash flow models for the Board’s consideration
- General agreement of the Board to have a larger stakeholder conversation with Investment Committees, the City and Police and Fire Board, prior to making a funding policy decision
- Trustee Naglick agreed to review the funding numbers of the proposed models for both Police & Fire and General and report back to the Board.

RETIREMENT PROTECTION FUND

Trustee Naglick provided the Board with an update on the Retirement Protection Fund:

- Investment Advisory Committee for the fund consists of seven members
- Committee employed AndCo as the Investment Consultant
- Funding policy statement created and approved by the City
- Investment allocations have been recommended and are awaiting approval by the City

GENERAL COUNSEL’S REPORT

General Counsel Michael VanOverbeke discussed the following matters with the Board of Trustees:

Anthony Adams v. Deborah Ross Adams
Oakland County Circuit Court Case No. 10SC009-SD-DO

Resolution Moved By: Trustee Sheehan - Supported By: Trustee Hall-Wagner

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is in receipt of a Eligible Domestic Relations Order (“EDRO”) dated December 9, 2011, wherein Deborah Ross Adams, the Alternate Payee, is awarded certain rights to the retirement allowance of Anthony Adams, the Participant, and

WHEREAS, the Retirement System consists of both a defined benefit plan and a defined contribution (a/k/a the Annuity Savings Fund) plan, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the EDRO, the Alternate Payee is entitled only to a portion of the Participant’s defined benefit plan payable from the Retirement System, and

WHEREAS, the payments from the plan to the Alternate Payee shall begin when the Participant commences benefits from the Retirement System, or upon the Alternate Payee's election, but no time before the Participant's earliest normal retirement eligibility, and

WHEREAS, the Board's policy is to require that the cost of the actuary's calculations are to be borne by the parties to the domestic relations proceedings and the parties' EDRO provides that the parties are to equally share responsibility for any and all additional costs for actuarial services, and

WHEREAS, said matter had been discussed with legal counsel who has opined that the applicable terms of said court order are consistent with the provisions of the Retirement System and applicable law including Public Act 46 of 1991 (MCLA 38.1701) as amended, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board acknowledges receipt of said court order, will pay pension benefits consistent with said order upon application by either the Participant or the Alternate Payee, and further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be immediately attached as the top sheet of the pension file and other appropriate records be kept for the Retirement System relative to this matter, and further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Anthony Adams, the Participant; Deborah Ross Adams, the Alternate Payee; and the Board's Actuary.

Yeas: Anthony, Benson, Brown, Cowan, Hall-Wagner, Naglick, Perkins, Sheehan and Chairperson Nickleberry— 9

Nays: None

Joseph Lebert Burson v. Tina Louise Burson
Macomb County Circuit Court Case No. 18-0241-DM

Resolution Moved By: Trustee Sheehan - Supported By: Trustee Hall-Wagner

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is in receipt of a Eligible Domestic Relations Order ("EDRO") dated June 11, 2019, wherein Tina Louise Burson, the Alternate Payee, is awarded certain rights to the retirement allowance of Joseph Lebert Burson, the Participant, and

WHEREAS, the Retirement System consists of both a defined benefit plan and a defined contribution (a/k/a the Annuity Savings Fund) plan, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the EDRO, the Alternate Payee is entitled to a portion of both the Participant's defined benefit plan and defined contribution plan benefits payable from the Retirement System which has accrued in both the Legacy Plan and the Hybrid plan, and

WHEREAS, the payments from the plan to the Alternate Payee shall begin when the Participant commences benefits from the Retirement System, and

WHEREAS, the Board's policy is to require that the cost of the actuary's calculations are to be borne by the parties to the domestic relations proceedings and the parties' EDRO provides that the parties are to proportionally share responsibility for any and all additional costs for actuarial services, and

WHEREAS, said matter had been discussed with legal counsel who has opined that the applicable terms of said court order are consistent with the provisions of the Retirement System and applicable law including Public Act 46 of 1991 (MCLA 38.1701) as amended, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board acknowledges receipt of said court order, will pay pension benefits consistent with said order upon application by the Participant, and further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be immediately attached as the top sheet of the pension file and other appropriate records be kept for the Retirement System relative to this matter, and further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Joseph Lebert Burson, the Participant; Mark J. Makoski, Esq., attorney for the Participant; Tina Louise Burson, the Alternate Payee; James C. Alle, Esq., attorney for the Alternate Payee, and the Board's Actuary.

Yeas: Anthony, Benson, Brown, Cowan, Hall-Wagner, Naglick, Perkins, Sheehan and Chairperson Nickleberry— 9

Nays: None

Jamal O. Fairchild-El v. Betty J. Fairchild-EL
Wayne County Circuit Court Case No. 17-107205-DO

Resolution Moved By: Trustee Sheehan - Supported By: Trustee Hall-Wagner

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is in receipt of a Domestic Relations Order for the General Retirement System of the City of Detroit (the "Order") dated May 22, 2019, wherein Betty J. Fairchild-EL, the Alternate Payee, is awarded certain rights to the benefits of Jamal O. Fairchild-EL, the Participant, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Order, the Alternate Payee is entitled to a portion of the Participant's defined benefit portion of his retirement allowance payable from the Retirement System, and

WHEREAS, said matter had been discussed with legal counsel who has opined that the applicable terms of said court order are consistent with the provisions of the Retirement System and applicable law, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board acknowledges receipt of said court order, and the Board will pay pension benefits consistent with the as soon as administratively feasible, and further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be immediately attached as the top sheet of the pension file and other appropriate records be kept for the Retirement System relative to this matter, and further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Jamal O. Fairchild-EI, the Participant; Amy B. Byer, Esq., attorney for the Participant; and Betty J. Fairchild-EI, the Alternate Payee.

Yeas: Anthony, Benson, Brown, Cowan, Hall-Wagner, Naglick, Perkins, Sheehan and Chairperson Nickleberry— 9

Nays: None

Carrie Marie Sims v. James Curtis Sims
Wayne County Circuit Court Case No. 17-114377-DO

Resolution Moved By: Trustee Sheehan - Supported By: Trustee Hall-Wagner

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is in receipt of a Eligible Domestic Relations Order ("EDRO") dated April 29, 2019, wherein Carrie Marie Sims, the Alternate Payee, is awarded certain rights to the retirement allowance of James Curtis Sims, the Participant, and

WHEREAS, the Retirement System consists of both a defined benefit plan and a defined contribution (a/k/a the Annuity Savings Fund) plan, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the EDRO, the Alternate Payee is entitled only to a portion of the Participant's defined benefit plan payable from the Retirement System, and

WHEREAS, the payments from the plan to the Alternate Payee shall begin when the Participant commences benefits from the Retirement System, and

WHEREAS, the Board's policy is to require that the cost of the actuary's calculations are to be borne by the parties to the domestic relations proceedings and the parties' EDRO provides that the parties are to equally share responsibility for any and all additional costs for actuarial services, and

WHEREAS, said matter had been discussed with legal counsel who has opined that the applicable terms of said court order are consistent with the provisions of the Retirement System and applicable law including Public Act 46 of 1991 (MCLA 38.1701) as amended, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board acknowledges receipt of said court order, will pay pension benefits consistent with said order upon application by the Participant, and further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be immediately attached as the top sheet of the pension file and other appropriate records be kept for the Retirement System relative to this matter, and further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to James Curtis Sims, the Participant; Carrie Marie Sims, the Alternate Payee; Andrea D. Cartwright, Esq., attorney for the Alternate Payee, and the Board's Actuary.

Yeas: Anthony, Benson, Brown, Cowan, Hall-Wagner, Naglick, Perkins, Sheehan and Chairperson Nickleberry— 9

Nays: None

Re: Gateway Marketplace

A Notice of Default and Demand for Payment was issued to legal counsel representing the Gateway Mall and Individual Partners.

Re: Entering into Closed Session

Resolution Moved By: Trustee Hall-Wagner – Supported By: Trustee Sheehan

WHEREAS, the Retirement System is subject to the limitation of the Open Meetings Act ("OMA") being MCL 15.261et seq. and has adopted a resolution on October 24, 2012 relative thereto; **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, that the Board enter into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation matters with the Board's General Counsel regarding pending litigation with respect to the following: Gateway Marketplace and Beverly Nicholson-Gracia.

A Roll Call Vote was taken as follows:

Yeas: Anthony, Benson, Cowan, Hall-Wagner, Naglick, Perkins, Sheehan and Chairperson Nickleberry– 8

Note: Trustee Brown exited prior to this roll call vote.

Nays: None

The Board entered into Closed Session at approximately 12:15 am.

Re: Open Session

Motion By: Trustee Hall-Wagner – Supported By: Trustee Sheehan

RESOLVED, that the Board come out of Closed Session.

The Board returned to **Open Session** at approximately 1:00 pm.

Re: Beverly A. Nicholson Gracia, et al v. GRSD, et al.: Kimberly Hall-Wagner moved to approve the settlement agreement as reviewed and discussed in closed session with respect to Beverly A. Nicholson-Gracia, et al v. GRSD et al. Tasha Cowan supported. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

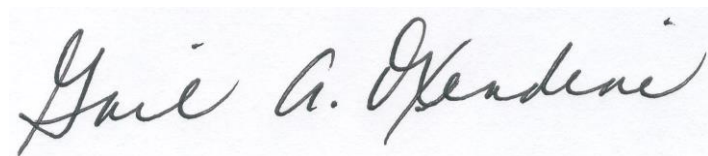
None

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Sheehan moved to adjourn meeting #4242; Trustee Hall-Wagner supported.

There being no further business before the Board, **Chairperson Nickleberry** adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:10 p.m. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 2nd, 2019**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Retirement System's Conference Room; 500 Woodward Avenue Suite 3000; Detroit, Michigan 48226.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



GAIL A. OXENDINE, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR