

**MEETING NO. 2031**

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the GOVERNING BOARD  
of the CITY of DETROIT EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN**

**HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018  
RETIREMENT SYSTEMS' CONFERENCE ROOM  
ALLY DETROIT CENTER, 500 WOODWARD AVENUE, SUITE 3000  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226  
1:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Tasha L. Cowan	Trustee
Lori Cetlinski	Trustee/Vice-Chair
Kimberly Hall-Wagner	Trustee
June Nickleberry	Trustee/Chairperson
Thomas Sheehan	Trustee

EXCUSED

Brenda Jones	Ex-Officio Trustee/City Council President
Christa Mclellan	Ex-Officio Trustee/City Treasurer
John Naglick	Ex-Officio Trustee/Finance Director

ABSENT

None

ALSO PRESENT

David Cetlinski	Executive Director
Gail Oxendine	Assistant Executive Director
Michael VanOverbeke	General Counsel
TaKneisha Johnson	Administrative Assistant III

STAFF EXCUSED

None

CHAIR

***ARMELLA J. NICKLEBERRY***

A Roll Call was taken by the Board's Administrative Assistant and Chairperson Nickleberry called the Meeting of the Governing Board of the City of Detroit Employee Benefit Plan to order at 1:05 p.m.

Roll Call: Tasha L. Cowan, Lori Cetlinski, Kimberly Hall-Wagner, Thomas Sheehan and Chairperson Nickleberry.

**Re: Minutes/Journal No. 2029**

Motion By: Trustee Sheehan – Supported By: Trustee Cetlinski

**RESOLVED**, that the Minutes/Journal of Proceedings, Meeting No. 2029 of the meeting of the Governing Board of Trustees of the Employee Benefit Plan of the City of Detroit, held Wednesday, January 17, 2018, be hereby **APPROVED** as recorded and submitted.

Yeas: Cetlinski, Cowan, Hall-Wagner, Sheehan and Chairperson Nickleberry – 5

Nays: None

**Re: Death Claims – List No. 560**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the proof of death has been submitted for the deceased members on List No. 560, and further

**RESOLVED**, that payment of Death Claims in the amount of \$34,410.00 is hereby **APPROVED**.

Yeas: Cetlinski, Cowan, Hall-Wagner, Sheehan and Chairperson Nickleberry – 5

Nays: None



**GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT**

General Counsel, Michael VanOverbeke, had no formal report or items for discussion.

**DISCUSSION:**

**City of Detroit General Retiree Healthcare Trust**

**RE: Request for Financial Assistance from the Rate Stabilization Fund to Defray the Cost for Retiree Healthcare Benefits**

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

**WHEREAS**, the City of Detroit Employees' Benefit Plan and its Governing Board were established pursuant to Title 9, Chapter VIII of the Charter of the City of Detroit for the purpose of providing hospital, surgical and death benefits to the employees of the City, and

**WHEREAS**, Title 9, Chapter VIII, Section 3 of the Charter vests in the Governing Board "the general administration, management and responsibility for the proper operation of the plan and for making effective the provisions" of the Employees' Benefit Plan, and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board is in receipt of a request from the City of Detroit General Retiree Healthcare Trust (the "General RHC Trust") dated February 13, 2018 requesting a transfer of the balance remaining in the Rate Stabilization Reserve to the General RHC Trust to assist with payment of retiree health care liabilities, and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board established the Rate Stabilization Reserves Fund in 2004 from the proceeds of the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Reserves litigation against the City, and

**WHEREAS**, the general purpose of the Reserves Fund was to provide rate stabilization assistance to active employees and retirees through the payment of a portion of the reserves for health care premium increases, and

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**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board previously approved the transfer of the amount of \$250,000 from the Rate Stabilization Reserve to the new General Retiree Healthcare VEBA (the “new VEBA”) for active employees retiring on or after December 31, 2014 which amount has yet to be transferred, and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board has discussed this matter, is cognizant of the financial condition of the General RHC Trust and is desirous of ensuring that the City’s retirees continue to receive those retiree health care benefits to which they are entitled, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Governing Board hereby acknowledges receipt of the General RHC Trust’s request, and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Governing Board hereby approves the request for a transfer of the remaining balance of the Rate Stabilization Reserve funds to the City of Detroit General Retiree Healthcare Trust, less the amount of \$250,000 to be transferred to the new VEBA, and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be provided to the General Retiree Healthcare Trust.

Yeas: Cetlinski, Cowan, Hall-Wagner, Sheehan and Chairperson Nickleberry – 5

Nays: None

**New/Old Business**

- None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Governing Board, **Chairperson Nickleberry** adjourned the meeting at 01:17 p.m. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 18, 2018** at 09:30 a.m. in the Retirement Systems' Conference Room, Ally Detroit Center, 500 Woodward, Suite 3000; Detroit, Michigan 48226.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail A. Oxendine". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

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GAIL A. OXENDINE  
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR