



**MINUTES**  
**Meeting No. 22**  
**Meeting of the General Retirement System Investment Committee**  
**JANUARY 30, 2017**

A meeting of the Investment Committee of the General Retirement System of the City of Detroit was held on Monday, January 30, 2017, at the Retirement System's office at Ally Detroit Center, 500 Woodward Suite 3000; Detroit, Michigan. David Sowerby, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. A quorum was present.

***ROLL CALL:***

Attendance was taken by the Recording Secretary with the following Committee Members present: David Sowerby (*Chair*), Kerrie L. Vanden Bosch (*Vice Chair*), Doris Ewing (*Secretary*), June Nickleberry, (*via tele-conference*) Kenneth Whipple and Thomas Sheehan.

Others Present: Cynthia A. Thomas (*Executive Director*), Ryan Bigelow (*Chief Investment Officer*), Michael Krushena (*Assistant Chief Investment Officer*), Michael VanOverbeke, (*General Counsel – VanOverbeke, Michaud and Timmony, P.C.*) and LaMonica Arrington-Cabeau (*Manager II*).

Absent: Robert Rietz (*Committee Member*)

Visitors Present: Will Muggia and Justin Moscardelli, Westfield Capital. John Pepperman and Marlene Beach, UHY.

***APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

**Motion #17-22-01:** Thomas Sheehan moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Kenneth Whipple seconded. Motion passed.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

**Motion #17-22-02:** Thomas Sheehan moved to approve the Minutes of Meeting No. 020, held on Monday, December 15, 2016 and Meeting No. 021, held on Wednesday, December 21, 2016. Kenneth Whipple seconded. Motion passed.

**RECESS**

*The Committee recessed at 12:11 p.m. and reconvened at 12:22 p.m.*

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Westfield Capital

Representatives of Westfield Capital, Justin Moscardelli and Will Muggia appeared before the Committee to discuss Small/Mid Cap Growth Equity. New England Pension Consultants representatives Kristin Finney-Cooke, Amanda Karlsson, Kim Kazor and Steve Gargano joined the discussion via tele-conference.

Presentation materials were provided.

*~Concludes Presentation~*

New England Pension Consultants

Representatives Kristin Finney-Cooke, Kim Kazor and Steve Gargano joined the discussion with Westfield Capital via tele-conference. After Westfield Capital concluded, NEPC discussed the following with the Committee:

- Market Update and Observations
- NEPC 2017 Asset Class Assumptions
- Investment Outlook- Current Opportunities
- Credit Opportunities Overview

Presentation materials were provided.

*~Concludes Presentation~*

***DISCUSSION:***

Re: Management Response to the Audit Control Letter

Executive Director Cynthia A. Thomas led discussion regarding the Audit Control Letter and Audit findings. She was joined by Chief Investment Officer Ryan Bigelow as well as Marlene Beach and John Pepperman of UHY. Items for discussion included:

- Information Technology; repeat findings and upgrades are currently ongoing.
- Frozen Benefit Calculation (what is owed as of fiscal year end June 30, 2014).
- Valuation of Investments
- Bank Reconciliations

**Motion #17-22-03:** Thomas Sheehan moved to acknowledge receipt and concurrence of the Audit Control Letter as presented to the Investment Committee at the meeting held today: January 30, 2017. Kerrie Vanden Bosch seconded. Motion passed.

***DISCUSSION:***

Re: Preliminary Financial Statement

Chief Investment Officer Ryan Bigelow led discussion regarding the Preliminary Financial Statement. He was joined by Marlene Beach and John Pepperman of UHY.

## **LEGAL REPORT**

General Counsel, Michael VanOverbeke, provided the following informational items for discussion:

- Updated Administrative Calendar
- Summary Annual Report
- Advisor and Consultant review policy
- Securities Litigation Policy

**Motion #17-22-04:** Thomas Sheehan moved to approve the Summary Annual Report as presented at today's meeting: January 30, 2017. Kenneth Whipple seconded. Motion passed.

**Motion #17-22-05:** Kerrie Vanden Bosch moved to adopt the Advisor and Consultant review policy as presented at today's meeting: January 30, 2017. Kenneth Whipple seconded. Motion passed.

**Motion #17-22-06:** Kerrie Vanden Bosch moved to adopt the Formal RFP Policy as presented at today's meeting: January 30, 2017. Kenneth Whipple seconded. Motion passed.

**Motion #17-22-07:** Kenneth Whipple moved to receive and file the Securities Litigation Policy as presented at today's meeting: January 30, 2017. Thomas Sheehan seconded. Motion passed.

**Re: Semi-annual Compliance Report – ("4<sup>th</sup>")**

The Committee was provided a copy of the above correspondence, for the period of July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

**Motion #17-22-08:** Kenneth Whipple moved to acknowledge receipt of the draft Semi-annual Compliance Report and authorize execution by the Committee's Chairperson. Thomas Sheehan seconded. Motion passed.

***DISCUSSION:***

**Re: MMA Capital/ MFH Financial Trust**

Chief Investment Officer Ryan Bigelow and Assistant Chief Investment Officer Michael Krushena led discussion regarding the memorandum from MMA Capital Management.

**Motion #17-22-09:** Doris Ewing moved to acknowledge receipt of the memorandum dated January 24, 2017 from Michael L. Falcone, CEO of MMA Capital Management, and direct that the Investment Committee staff be allowed to negotiate with Mr. Falcone or suitable representatives consistent with the directive provided at the Investment Committee meeting held on January 30, 2017; subject to final approval and sign-off of both the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson and General Counsel of the committee. Thomas Sheehan seconded. Motion passed.

***FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/DISCUSSION***

- None

***PUBLIC/MEMBER COMMENTS***

- None

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the IC, **Chairman Sowerby** adjourned the meeting at 3:18 p.m. The IC's next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, March 6 , 2017**, at 12:00 noon in the Retirement Systems' Conference Room, 500 Woodward Avenue Suite 3000; Detroit, Michigan 48226.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Bigelow", written over a horizontal line.

RYAN BIGELOW  
CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER

Administrative Assistant II: TaKneisha Johnson