



MINUTES
Meeting No. 49
Meeting of the General Retirement System Investment Committee
August 17, 2020

A meeting of the Investment Committee of the General Retirement System of the City of Detroit was held on **Monday, August 17, 2020**, at the Retirement System's office at Ally Detroit Center, 500 Woodward Avenue, Suite 3000, Detroit, Michigan. Kenneth Whipple, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL:

Attendance was taken by the Committee's Recording Secretary with the following Committee Members present: Anthony Estell, Kenneth Whipple (Chairperson), Doris Ewing (Secretary), June Nickleberry, Thomas Sheehan, David Sowerby and Dion Stevens.

Staff Present: David Cetlinski (Executive Director), Ryan Bigelow (Chief Investment Officer) and Michael VanOverbeke (General Counsel).

Committee Members Excused: None

Staff Excused: Gail A. Oxendine (Assistant Executive Director)

Visitors Present: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion #23-46-01: Thomas Sheehan moved to approve the following Minutes:

- **Meeting No. 46, held on Monday, April 13, 2020**
- **Meeting No. 47 held on Tuesday, May 12, 2020**
- **Special Meeting held on Thursday, May 28, 2020 – Doris Ewing Abstain**
- **Meeting No. 48 held on Monday, June 8, 2020**

as prepared by the Committees' Recording Secretary. David Sowerby supported. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation/Discussion:

City of Detroit Pension Funding Policy

Representatives David Massaron and Tonya Stoudemire from the City of Detroit discussed the following with the Committee:

- Plan of Adjustment Terms
- Understated Pension Liabilities
- Fiscal Year 2021 RPF Approved Budget
- Fiscal Year 2024 “Pension Cliff”
- Pension Plans failing to meet Returns
- Process for Detroit’s Funding Policy
- Funding Policy Objectives and Goals
- Funding Policy Amortizations
- Funding Policy Recommendations

Presentation materials were provided

Corbin Capital

Representative Craig Bergstrom and Jessica Hornung from the System’s Investment Consulting Firm, Corbin Capital, discussed the following with the Committee:

- 2020 Credit Market Recap
- Performance Review by Strategy
- Rescue Financing Trade Detail Case Study
- 2020 Equity Alpha

Presentation materials were provided

New England Pension Consultants (NEPC)

Representatives Kevin Leonard, Kristin Finney-Cooke and Kim Kaczor from the System’s Investment Consulting firm, NEPC, discussed the following with the Committee:

- Liquidity Analysis
- Fixed Income Assumptions
- Liquidity Profile
- Illiquid Allocation
- Change in Liquidity Profile
- Change in Market Value

- Updated Asset Class Return Assumptions
- GRS Fixed Income Portfolio

Presentation materials were provided

Chief Investment Officer's Report

Chief Investment Officer, Ryan Bigelow, had no formal report, but gave an update on the following

- GASB Methodology

Re: GASB Methodology

Motion #23-46-02: Doris Ewing moved to approve the GASB Methodology as recommended by Chief Investment Officer Ryan Bigelow. June Nickleberry supported. The motion passed unanimously.

Legal Report

General Counsel, Michael VanOverbeke, in addition to his formal report, discussed the following with the Committee:

- Semi Annual Compliance Report
- Hawaii Property

Motion #23-46-03: Thomas Sheehan moved to acknowledge receipt of 11th Semi Annual Compliance Report with a recommendation by General Counsel and authorize execution by the Committee's Chairperson. June Nickleberry supported. The motion passed unanimously

General Counsel gave an update on the Hawaii Property. There was an offer made, counteroffer submitted, but the counteroffer was rejected.

Future Agenda Items/Discussion

- None

Investment Committee Comments

- None

Public/Member Comments

- None

Old Business/New Business

- None

Kenneth Whipple moved to adjourn meeting #49.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Investment Committee, **Chairperson Whipple** adjourned the meeting at 3:29 p.m. The Investment Committee's next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, October 26, 2020**, at 12:00 p.m. in the Retirement Systems' Conference Room, 500 Woodward Avenue, Suite 3000, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RYAN BIGELOW
CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER

Recording Secretary: Marcella Brewer