



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY – MARCH 15, 2022 – 1:30 P.M.**

Support Staff: Dana Blydenburgh, GE Pension Plan Supervisor and Recording Secretary; Ron Wigginton, Assistant City Attorney and Board Attorney; Lee Huffstutler, Chief Accountant; Rosie Rivera, Accounting Operations Manager; April Oliver, Accountant II; Katrina Hughes, Accountant I; Pamela Powell, Account Tech I; Tamie Zelaya, Account Tech I; and Angie Sotolongo, Office Support Specialist III.

Consultants to Board: Elizabeth Sanborn and Jason Pulos - Asset Consulting Group (ACG).

Guests: Stephen Simon, ATU President; Tracy Hargraves, Insurance Consultant; Drew Ballard and Joe Griffin, Foster & Foster, Inc.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Hill led the pledge of allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Hill, Chairman, presiding, brought the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Stephen Hill, Chairman; Steve Kenny, Vice-Chairman; Javier Moreno, Trustee; Steve Stagg, Trustee; Dennis Rogero, Trustee (virtual).

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS- Ten (10) Minutes Total – Three (3) Minutes per Speaker

None presented.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hill requested the Board approve the meeting minutes from February 15, 2022.

MOTION: Steve Kenny made motion to approve the February 15, 2022 Minutes. Steve Stagg seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**



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VII. INVESTMENT CONSULTANT REPORT

ACG provided an update on capital markets and the monthly performance report for the period ending 2/28/22.

As of February 28, 2022, the total fund value stood at approximately \$821 million. Year-to-date through February 28, 2022, the fund is down 5.75% gross of fees, compared to the Policy Index returns of -5.45% for the same period. Over the five-year period ending February 28, 2022, the Fund is up 9.48% gross of fees annualized compared to the policy index of 8.88% for the same period. On a ten-year basis, the portfolios are up 8.80% versus 8.39% for the Policy Index.

In addition, ACG provided an update regarding Russian exposure in the portfolio. As of December 31, 2021, Russia accounted for approximately 3% of the MSCI Emerging Market Index and 1% of the MSCI ACWI Index ex U.S. Following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, equity investments in Russian companies experienced intense selling pressure from around the world. The Russian government's reaction, including the suspension of trading in Russian markets and the ban on foreign sales of Russian securities, have resulted in the loss of liquidity for most Russian securities. The value of Russian securities held, have been significantly marked down to reflect current market conditions and this may include adjustments to zero. Tampa GE Pension exposure stands at 0.19%.

Liquidity needs for the month of March will be met by the City contribution this month.

V. LEGAL REPORT

Ron Wigginton presented a securities litigation claim associated with American Realty Capital Properties, Inc. Mr. Wigginton advised the estimated losses that are eligible for recovery are valued at \$96,000.

MOTION: Steve Kenny made motion to approve and file the securities litigation claim. Steve Stagg seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Wigginton reported that listing names for all purposes relating to the consent agenda – retirements, disability claims, etc. are within legal guidelines.



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IX. CONSENT AGENDA – RECEIVE & FILE ALL DOCUMENTS

Joe Griffin and Drew Ballard of Foster & Foster presented an investment rate of return study focusing on the consideration of lowering the investment rate of return from 7.50% to 7.25% (net of investment expenses).

Mr. Griffin explained that decreasing the investment rate of return assumption to 7.25% will increase the actuarial accrued liability as of October 1, 2021 by approximately \$23 million and increase the required contribution for fiscal year 2023 by approximately \$2.5 million (or 1.4% of projected payroll).

MOTION: Steve Kenny made motion to reduce the assumed rate of return from 7.5% to 7.25% effective this fiscal year. Dennis Rogero seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Robert Coats, City of Tampa, Risk & Insurance Analyst, and Tracy Hargraves, Insurance Consultant, provided an explanation of fiduciary liability insurance coverage. Mr. Coats provided data relating to coverage on other plans of similar size.

MOTION: Steve Kenny made motion to approve the \$5 million fiduciary liability insurance coverage quote. Javier Moreno seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Blydenburgh advised that the Consent Agenda has been reviewed and the items listed are true, correct, and have been found to be accurate.

Retirement Benefits & Estate Payments:

Longevity Retirements, Deferred Retirement, DROP Application, Survivor Allowances, Estate Payments, Disability Allowance, DROP Exits. Monthly and Quarterly Invoices.

MOTION: Motion was made by Steve Kenny to approve the Consent Agenda and to Receive & File all Documents. Motion was seconded by Steve Stagg. MOTION CARRIED.


Staff will investigate cyber policies in place and report back to the Board.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Hill adjourned the meeting at 2:47 p.m. and advised the Board that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at Julien B. Lane Community Room.



BOARD CHAIRMAN – Stephen Hill



GE PENSION PLAN SUPERVISOR & RECORDING
SECRETARY – Dana Blydenburgh