

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES
CITY OF LANSING
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

Regular Meeting
Council Conference Room
a.m.
10th Floor, City Hall
Lansing, MI

July 18, 2019
Thursday, 8:30

The Board met in regular session and was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

Present: Bahr, Kraus, D. Parker, M. Parker, Schor, Washington - 6

Absent: Dedic, Kehler, Sanchez-Gazella

Others: Karen E. Williams, Finance Department; Attorney Ken Lane (representing the Law Department).

It was moved by Trustee Kraus and supported by Trustee M. Parker to approve the Official Minutes of the Employees' Retirement System Regular Meeting of June 20, 2019.

Adopted by the following vote: 6 – 0

It was moved by Trustee Mark Parker and supported by Trustee Washington to approve the Official Minutes of the Employees' Retirement System Regular Meeting and the Police and Fire Retirement System Joint Special Meeting of June 25, 2019.

Adopted by the following vote: 6 – 0.

There were no public comments.

Secretary's Report:

4 new member(s), 0 reinstatement(s), 0 refund(s), 0 transfers, 1 retired. Total active membership: 457. Total deferred: 77. 3 death(s), Doris J. Dildy, died 6/11/2019, age 87, spouse of NonBargaining retiree; Reatha L. Trentham, (retired 5/22/1981 – District Court NonBargaining), died 6/30/2019, age 100, no beneficiary; Wanita Whitford, died 6/21/2019, age 85, spouse of NonBargaining retiree. Refunds made since the last regular meeting mounted to \$5,190.50. Retirement allowances paid for the month of June 2019, amounted to \$1,965,838.90. Total retirement checks printed for the ERS System: 931. Total Retirement checks printed for both systems: 1683. Eligible domestic relations orders received: 0. Domestic relations orders pending: 0. Eligible domestic relations orders certified: 0.

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It was moved by Trustee Mark Parker and supported by Trustee Kraus to approve the request for regular age and service retirement:

Billie O'Berry (Law – T214), 30 years, 5 months of service credits, age 64, effective 8/1/2019 (From Deferred)

Sandra Terranova (District Court Teamster), 18 years, 1 month of service credits, age 59, effective 8/15/2019

Adopted by the following vote: 6 -0.

There were no requests for duty disability.

There were no request for non duty disability.

It was moved by Trustee Mark Parker and supported by Trustee Washington to approve the following request for refund of accumulated contribution:

Jessica Roeglin, District Court, not vested, \$3,020.77

Adopted by the following vote: 6 -0

Ms. Williams reported that Trustee Kehler and Trustee Sanchez-Gazella notified the retirement office that they could not be at the meeting. Trustee Dennis Parker reported that Trustee Dedic contact him and asked to be excused from the meeting.

It was moved by Trustee Washington and supported by Trustee Mark Parker to excuse Trustee Dedic from the July Employees' Retirement System Board.

Adopted by the following vote: 6 – 0.

Karen Williams reported that the MAPERS Fall Conference will be held September 21 –September 24, 2019 in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Attorney Ken Lane reported that he continues to work on the Employees Retirement System Board Ordinance and should have it available to review at a later meeting this year.

Attorney Lane reported that he distributed the Frequently Asked Questions document and requested that trustees review the document for updates and changes.

Attorney Lane updated the Employees' Retirement System Board regarding the Oakland County contract employee issue with the Internal Revenue Service. Attorney Lane reviewed the City of Lansing Retirement Board policy regarding contract employees and did not recommend any changes.

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Under the Retirement Boards' Policy, the City Attorney reviews contract employees annually. If there are any issues, the City Attorney notifies the department so that the issue can be corrected.

Karen Williams updated the Board that Mr. Al Mooney has requested a return of his accumulated contributions. He was advised that he could purchase service credits under the reciprocal retirement act. Mr. Mooney worked and retired from the City of Grand Rapids, which is not a reciprocal unit. Mr. Mooney did not purchase enough service credits to vest in the system.

The Retirement Office provided correspondence and documents to Attorney Lane for review of the request. Attorney Lane opined that there is a provision in the Retirement Ordinance that if you do not withdraw the monies within five years, the money reverts to the system. Attorney Lane mentioned that the only time the Board made an exception was when the employee had documentation that she could use the reciprocal retirement act.

Trustee Kraus stated that it was not clear why Mr. Mooney had waited this long to request his contributions.

The ERS Board discussed the request for the return of Mr. Mooney's accumulated contributions and agreed that the Retirement Ordinance does not allow the monies to be refunded after the five -year period. The Board requested that Attorney Lane notify Mr. Mooney of the Board's decision.

Karen Williams reported that the TRowe Price has forwarded a fee reduction amendment for the Board approval. The amendment was reviewed by legal counsel.

It was moved by Trustee Mark Parker and supported by Trustee Kraus to approve the TRowe Price Fee Reduction Amendment.

Adopted by the following vote: 6 – 0.

Karen Williams reported that the Joint Retirement Boards met June 25, 2019 to interview Emerging Markets managers. The retirement boards selected ABS as its new investment manager. ABS will replace Wells Capital investment and Wasatch. Asset Consulting Group has contacted Wells Capital and Wasatch regarding termination. The contracts have been reviewed by legal counsel and can be signed.

The Employees Retirement System Board Legal Advisor Request for Information was approved at the last meeting with a response date of August 1, 2019.

The Employees Retirement System Board discussed amending the Trustee Board composition and requested that the item remain on pending for further review.

Karen Williams reviewed the Monthly Investment Report and the Securities Lending report for the period ending June 30, 2019.

It was moved by Trustee Mark Parker and supported by Trustee Bahr to adjourn the Employees Retirement System Board June meeting.

Adopted by the following vote: 6 – 0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Minutes approved on _____

Angela Bennett, Secretary
Employees' Retirement System

Dennis R. Parker, Chairperson
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