

**CITY OF PONTIAC MICHIGAN  
GENERAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at Bowens Senior Citizens Center, 52 Bagley St, Pontiac, MI 483431. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Sheldon Albritton, Chair  
Darin Carrington, Secretary *arr 9:12 am*  
Robert Giddings, Vice-Chair  
Lisa King  
James Miriani  
Walter Moore (electronically) – Lantana, Denton County, Texas  
Billie Swazer  
Deirdre Waterman, Mayor *arr 9:14 am*  
James Walker  
John White (electronically) – Troy, Oakland County, Michigan

**TRUSTEES ABSENT**

Patrice Waterman, City Council – excused

**OTHERS**

Louise Gates, Gabriel, Smith & Co. (electronically)  
Kevin Granger, PHOCAS Financial (electronically)  
Ryan Quinn, WCM Investment Management (electronically)  
William Schaff, PHOCAS Financial (electronically)  
Phil Brown, City Videographer  
Linda Watson, Retiree  
Cynthia Billings-Dunn, Asher Kelly  
Samantha Kopacz, Miller, Canfield (electronically)  
Steven Roth, Dahab Associates  
Mizuki Kanno, Executive Assistant  
Deborah Munson, Executive Director

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Linda Watson welcomed Trustee Lisa King to the Board. She also inquired about the data and the hourly rate of the GERS staff for providing the census data to the new VEBA.

Miss Munson explained that this was not sent as a FOIA request. She said that the System's database does not track non-pension eligible spouses so the data had to be compiled manually. She was directed to complete the project in such a manner that there would be no cost to the System. The hourly rates which were originally used were the FOIA rates for staff. Ms. Arndt agreed to be compensated at a lower hourly rate to compile the data.

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Ms. Watson stated that the credit union building is for sale and asked if the Relocation Committee would consider recommending that GERS purchase the building and lease it back to the credit union so they would stay in Pontiac.

Chairman Albritton responded that the committee did look at this location and decided that purchasing the building and leasing it out was not an option due to the cost and size.

**MANAGER PRESENTATIONS**

*PHOCAS Financial: Kevin Granger; William Schaff*

Mr. Granger introduced himself and Mr. Schaff to the Board and they discussed their firm, strategy, and performance.

*WCM Investment Management: Ryan Quinn*

Mr. Quinn introduced himself to the Board and he discussed his firm, strategy, and performance.

**AGENDA CHANGES**

Miss Munson requested that New Business Agenda item A be moved to the beginning of the meeting; to amend the Consent Agenda to add Mr. Thomas' first name, Jerome: to amend the Consultant section to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Invesco Amendment pending attorney approval; to amend Unfinished Business to have the Board receive and file the supplemental actuarial analysis to continue the \$400 supplemental benefit and to amend New Business to add an item to set the salary range for the Finance Officer.

**RESOLUTION 21-081** By Walker, Supported by King  
**Resolved**, That the Board approves the agenda changes.

Yeas: 9 – Nays: 0

**RE: Resolution to Adopt Assumption RE: Investment Return Rate**

Ms. Gates began by stating that the purpose of the termination valuation is to measure the liabilities that will be used to allocate GERS assets to both the new VEBA and the new GERS. She explained that it would be better for the pension plan to use a lower rate of return for the purpose of the March 31, 2021 termination valuation. The result would be that more assets are retained by the pension plan and this would result in a higher level of benefit security for the membership. She continued that there seems to be a secondary issue based on some of the data compiled by Miss Munson using data calculated by the City's actuary that using a 6% rate of return could result in the new VEBA being super funded relative to the pension plan. She summarized by saying that it would be better for the pension plan to use a lower rate of investment return for the purpose of this valuation. She offered to meet with the parties to the settlement agreement to respond the questions and explain her analysis in greater detail.

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Chairman Albritton asked Ms. Gates what rate she would recommend.

Ms. Gates responded that using 3.5%, which is consistent with what Miller Canfield recommended a couple of years ago, would be a reasonable choice, particularly if there are benefit changes that will happen in the future.

Trustee Swazer asked if it would be okay to change the rate back to 6% or 7 % on a later date if 3.5% is used for this valuation.

Ms. Gates responded that the Retirement Board has adopted a set of assumptions for use in the annual valuations of the plan. She explained that those assumptions include a certain rate of return, mortality table assumptions, etc. She stated that using a lower rate of return for the purpose of the March 2021 valuation is solely for the purpose of this termination valuation and does not affect the decisions that the Retirement Board has made with respect to the assumptions used for the on-going annual valuations - they are two separate decisions.

Ms. Kopacz asked what the numbers in the memo with different percentages are based on.

Ms. Gates responded that the numbers were compiled by Miss Munson and the estimates for the new VEBA were pulled from valuations prepared by the City's actuary. The GERS liabilities are based on the System's December 31, 2020 valuation. She considers these to be rough numbers.

Trustee Carrington explained that the healthcare liability numbers were calculated as a part of the City's required disclosure for OPEB liabilities which the City is required to disclose to the state annually. He explained that - because there is separate Police & Fire VEBA - there was an OPEB report prepared with respect to GASB 75. He said that the City's actuary took the Police & Fire non-VEBA retirees along with the general retirees and came up with a calculation of the liabilities from that, which was about \$69M which is the number the City reported to the State on the on Form 5572.

Ms. Kopacz asked how much the numbers in the memo could change with the various rates of return once the final valuation is done.

Miss Munson responded that the value of GERS liabilities would go up to \$370M using a 3.5% rate of return. The market value of the assets was \$575M as of March 31, 2021, meaning there would be \$94M available to transfer to the VEBA. The assets have since gone up to \$595M so there would be even more available for transfer to the VEBA.

Ms. Gates responded that \$370M is the value of liabilities as of December 31, 2020 and that the liabilities as of March 31, 2021 would be different.

Trustee Carrington asked Ms. Gates if the calculation of accrued liabilities is what will change, not so much the asset value.

*Trustee Deirdre Waterman left the meeting.*

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Ms. Gates responded that the accrued liability will likely change but also the value of assets will change. She explained that the calculation done by the actuary will establish the assets that go to the pension plan based on 130% of the liability, which is known. The value of the assets on the date of the transfer are not yet known.

Trustee Carrington confirmed with Ms. Gates his understanding that this Board has adopted a 6% rate of return but this rate was adopted for a specific purpose which is different from the March 31, 2021 valuation to determine the distribution of the assets. He also stated that it is important to know that, under the settlement agreement, the City and CPREA were required to agree with a rate, and they agreed with 6%, however this 6% adopted rate was for a different purpose than what is currently on the table as it relates to the March 31, 2021 report.

Chairman Albritton stated that the Board needs to decide whether to adopt the 3.5 % rate. He stated that the Board has to do what is best for this System and that it makes more sense to maintain more funding in the System to meet the obligations for the retirees. He also stated that the Board needs to decide based on the actuary and the consultant's recommendation to adopt 3.5% rate.

Trustee Walker asked whether there is any negative effect in adopting a 3.5% rate.

Chairman Albritton responded that there is no negative effect.

Trustee Walker stated that it would be irresponsible to have the healthcare plan more funded than the pension plan.

Ms. Billings-Dunn stated that the Board's responsibility is to set the assumption which is their right under Public Act 314. She explained that the settlement agreement, however, gives the City and CPREA the opportunity to approve the assumptions or to go back in front of Judge Cohn for a final ruling with respect to the assumption that would be used to determine the liabilities of the plan. She stated that this Board has a recommendation from its actuary that it should be using a lower rate than what they had originally anticipated and that it is the Board's decision to determine the assumptions. This will be taken to the judge if the City and CPREA do not agree. She read an excerpt from the settlement agreement:

"Prior to the transfer of assets to the new GERS Plan, the City and CPREA shall be given the pension plan assumptions and shall have an opportunity to approve those assumptions. If the City and/or CPREA do not approve those assumptions, the Parties shall immediately submit the dispute to Judge Cohn for resolution."

Chairman Albritton stated that based on the actuary's recommendation, the Board needs to vote on the 3.5%.

Trustee Moore asked Ms. Billings-Dunn how she believes the court might look at this action has been taken after the valuation has been completed. He asked for Ms. Billings-Dunn's professional legal opinion.

Ms. Billings-Dunn stated that her opinion is that the judge is going to give deference to the actuary for the Retirement System and their recommendation.

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Samantha Kopacz said she doesn't disagree with anything that Ms. Billings-Dunn has said. Her question is can the Board make the recommendation basically saying the actuary has recommended 3.5% and the Board would like to also make that recommendation for use of the final valuation and have that sent to the City and CPREA for approval. She thinks a meeting with Ms. Gates would be helpful in making sure all the parties are in full understanding of where these numbers are coming from and what it looks like for the new VEBA. She stated that it is important to make sure that the interest of the VEBA and the retirees are met and this Board has the position to ensure that the pensioners are protected as much as possible. She also stated that a quick meeting with the City and CPREA would be very helpful in making sure that all parties have a full understanding.

Trustee Moore stated that this is what was discussed at the finance committee meeting yesterday and he thought that there was a consensus that came out of that meeting yesterday.

Chairman Albritton suggested to move forward with the vote on the actuary's recommendation of a 3.5% rate of return and to have a detailed discussion with the City and CPREA at a later date, if needed.

**RESOLUTION 21-082** By Walker, Supported by Swazer

**Resolved**, That the Board adopts an investment return rate assumption of 3.5% for use in the March 31, 2021 termination valuation.

Yeas: 7 – Nays: 0 – Abs: 2 (Moore; King)

Trustee Carrington asked if this vote was a change of what was resolved previously or if this is the first time adopting the rate.

Miss Munson stated that the Board adopted an assumption set at the February meeting which was effective with the December 31, 2020 annual valuation. The Board has not previously adopted an assumption set for the purposes of the March 31, 2021 termination valuation

Ms. Kopacz asked Ms. Billings-Dunn about the potential to transfer to the City the \$8M to pay for the opt-outs prior to the valuation being completed.

Ms. Billings-Dunn responded that – under IRS guidance - the Plan is not terminated until all the assets have been distributed. She also stated that her concern is that if there is any hold up and all the assets are not distributed by March 31, 2022, the Plan is not going to be considered terminated by IRS rules. If in the interim we distributed \$8M in assets from the pension fund to the City, that could be a qualification issue. She recommended not to transfer any assets until the final valuation is complete. She explained that once a transfer date has been determined, the \$8M can be transferred to the City. She would not recommend that the Board transfer \$8M to the Plan Sponsor until the Plan is terminated.

Ms. Billings-Dunn stated that if the City and CPREA disagree with the 3.5% and this goes back to the judge, the concern is that no one knows how long that can take. This is why her recommendation is not to move the \$8M until everything is set and ready to move.

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Mr. Roth summarized that he and Ms. Billings-Dunn both agree that once the final valuation is done and we know where everything is going, assets will start transferring including the \$8M as well as the remaining excess assets to the new VEBA

Trustee Carrington stated that there are two timing issues, one is the opt-outs and the second is the timing of the assets getting over to the new VEBA so they can get the healthcare benefits lined up for the retirees.

Chairman Albritton stated that the GERS Board has adopted and approved the 3.5% rate recommended by the actuary and now the ball is with the City and CPREA. If they choose to go with GERS Board's recommendation of 3.5%, this process will move along quicker. If they have issues with it, then this matter must go back before the judge. He reiterated that adopting a 3.5% rate of return does not take anything away from the healthcare and the most important thing is for the System to remain financially sound in order to meet the obligations to the retirees for their pensions. He believes this is a win-win; the retirees will get healthcare and the System will be financially sound.

Trustee Swazer stated that her understanding as a CPREA member is that people who get the opt-out money will not get their money before the retirees get the healthcare. She asked if the GERS is going to move the \$8M and the rest of the VEBA money all at the same time.

Mr. Roth responded that - from a perspective of a transition - it would be easier to transfer in pieces for tracking purposes. He explained that the \$8M will be liquidated into cash and transferred out, which can be done relatively quickly. The transfer of the remaining excess assets to the VEBA will take a little more time because the custodians – Northern Trust and Comerica – along with the investment managers must be on the same page to ensure all of the documentation is in place.

Ms. Kopacz noted that section 11 of the settlement agreement does not specifically state that the opt-out payments cannot come before the VEBA begins to provide benefits.

Mr. Roth responded that there are equity managers and fixed income managers and they will not be asked to sell any securities because it does not make sense to pay extra transaction costs to repurchase them. Each manager will be asked to freeze trading and their portfolios will be split. Therefore, it might be easier to ask some to liquidate the \$8M prior to the transfer of the other assets to alleviate some potential confusion.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on July 28, 2021.

B. Ratification of Retiree Payroll & Staff Payroll

Retiree Pay Date August 25, 2021	<b>\$1,945,141.38</b>
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Staff Pay Dates August 12 & 26, 2021	<b>\$16,087.87</b>
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C. Communications

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- FOIA Request from FundMap: July 26, 2021
- FOIA Request from Cziryak: August 6, 2021
- Correspondence from Invesco RE: Client Service Manager

D. Financial Reports

- Accounts Payable: August 2021
- Dahab Associates Preliminary Report & Asset Level: July 2021
- Attucks Manager-of-Managers Summary: July 2021
- Statement of Changes: July 2021
- Mesirow Fund VI Distribution: July 28, 2021 \$90,000

E. Private Equity Capital Calls & Distributions

F. Retirement Benefits

1. New Retirements

RETNO	NAME	Effective Date	Amount
2922	Hunter, Robert	09/01/2021	
2923	Kenney, Maria	08/01/2021	

**Bold type entry indicates Reciprocal service credit.**

2. Terminated Retirements

RETNO	NAME	Date of Death	Benefit Amount
1590	Corr, Rosemary	08/06/2021	
1624	Harner, Joyce	07/21/2021	
1611	Thomas, Jerome	08/17/2021	

3. J&S Continued Retirements

RETNO	Retiree's Name	Survivor's Name	Date of Death	Amount
879	Baker, Samuel	Baker, Mary Lou	07/26/2021	

4. Re-calculated Retirements

RETNO	Member's Name	Reason for Change	Effective Date	New Amount
2914	Allen, Susan	Pop-Up	08/01/2021	
2923	Kenney, Maria	Final	08/01/2021	

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*Pop-Up Benefit: When beneficiary dies before retirant, monthly benefit "pops-up" to what would have been the monthly Regular benefit amount (plus applicable COLA).*

5. Disability Medical Re-Exams/Benefit Continuation

RETNO	Member's Name	Reason
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6. Refunds of Employee Contributions

RETNO	Member's Name	Reason	Amount
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**RESOLUTION 21-083** By Swazer, Supported by Walker

**Resolved**, That the Board approves and ratifies actions described in the Consent Agenda for August 25, 2021 as amended.

Yeas: 9 – Nays: 0

**CONSULTANTS**

Performance Report: Q2 2021

Mr. Roth presented the Q2 2021 Performance Report. The fund returned 4.4% year-to-date net of fees. He reported that the portfolio was valued at \$594.5M as of August 23, 2021.

American Realty Private Placement Memorandum Update

Mr. Roth gave a brief update on this matter.

**RE: Invesco Real Estate Amendment No.3**

Miss Munson explained that this item is due back to the manager no later than September 9, 2021, which is prior to the next Board meeting. She is requesting that the Board authorize the Chairman's signature, pending legal review.

Ms. Billings-Dunn stated that, even though it has not been put into written format yet, she did review this document and she does not see any issues with this amendment.

**RESOLUTION 21-084** By Swazer, Supported by Walker

**Resolved**, That the Board authorizes the Chairman's signature on the Invesco Real State Amendment No. 3 pending attorney review.

Yeas: 9 – Nays: 0

**REPORTS**

**Relocation Committee**



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Miss Munson reported that the Relocation Committee met and received an in-person presentation from two gentlemen from Ottawa Towers. She explained that with the revised price per square foot for the current location, the price for Ottawa Towers is more competitive now. The committee received a report but nothing was resolved or determined.

**Personnel & Administration Committee/Finance Committee**

Monthly Disability Annual Procedures Report

Miss Munson reported that both committees reviewed the report.

Annual Employee Evaluation

Miss Munson reported that both committees reviewed the annual employee evaluation for Ms. Kanno and are recommending for approval Item C under New Business.

Employee Life Insurance

Miss Munson reported that both committees received a report regarding the eligibility requirements for the current employee life insurance policy. She explained that the System's current policy with Reliance Standard covers both long-term disability and life insurance. The policy requires 100% participation and does not allow the exclusion of any employees.

2022 Expense Budget Draft

Miss Munson reported that both committees discussed the 2022 Expense Budget. She stated that there were some suggestions and revisions and that the Budget will be sent to the Trustees for review and will be asked to respond with suggestions and revisions. She stated that the Budget will be put before the Board for adoption at the September 2021 meeting.

Payroll Processing Services Provider Search

Miss Munson reported that the Personnel committee reviewed the memo regarding this item and the potential to look for another payroll company to process the System's payrolls. She reported that the committee determined to table this matter until the Finance Officer is hired and - possibly - after GERS transition.

PTO and GERS Evaluation Policy Revisions

Miss Munson reported that the Personnel committee had asked her to put together a revised PTO policy as well as make some minor revisions to the GERS Employee Evaluations policy.

Finance Officer Position

Miss Munson reported that both committees reviewed the information which was emailed to the Trustees yesterday. There are two candidates who are both CPAs and very qualified. Both committees are recommending that the Board approve to increase the starting salary higher in order to increase the possibility of hiring one of these candidates.

**Trustees**

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Chairman Albritton welcomed the new Trustee, Lisa King.

**GERS Transition Update Reports**

**VEBA Board Request for Census Data**

Miss Munson reported that the VEBA Board came back and requested that the census report include the sex of the member as well as of the beneficiary. She said that Mrs. Arndt is making good progress on the report and she expects that it will be completed by the end of this week, which is in line with the VEBA's requested deadline.

**Chairman**

Chairman Albritton thanked everyone for setting up this meeting this morning. He stated that it is necessary to work together to improve the technical issues so that it runs better next month.

Trustee Swazer asked whether there is a law which prohibits remote meetings.

Ms. Billings-Dunn stated that virtual meetings are not allowed to be held without a state of emergency. Neither Oakland County nor the City of Pontiac have states of emergency. She stated that the proposed bill to allow remote meetings has been referred to the committee, but no action has been taken on it. She explained that - at this time - Trustees can only participate remotely if they have underlying health conditions. Service providers can attend remotely.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

**Meeting Venue**

Miss Munson asked whether staff should book the Bowens Center for the rest of the year or whether Trustees have other preferences.

Trustee Moore asked why the Board is not meeting at the Retirement Office.

Miss Munson responded that the conference room at the Retirement Office does not have enough room to safely socially distance the Trustees.

**Annual Fee and Political Contribution Disclosure Notice**

Miss Munson reported that the notices were sent to the service providers on August 3, 2021.

**Active-Member Trustee Election Results**

Miss Munson reported that the election results were mailed on August 24, 2021. She congratulated Trustee King.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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**RE: Resolution to Schedule Annual Meeting Date**

Miss Munson stated that the representative at St. Joseph Hospital - where the Annual Meeting is normally held – said there is a hold on bookings until the end of September. She explained that the second choice is the Bowens Center and that Marriot would be considered next. She requested that the Board approve the dates of either November 16 or 18, 2021 depending on venue availability.

Trustee Moore stated that he prefers November 16, 2021 due to a scheduling conflict on November 18, 2021.

**RESOLUTION 21-085** By Swazer, Supported by Carrington

**Resolved**, That the Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 16 or Thursday, November 18, 2021, subject to venue availability.

Yeas: 9 – Nays: 0

**RE: Resolution to Approve March 31, 2021 Audited Financial Statements**

**RESOLUTION 21-086** By Swazer, Supported by Walker

**Resolved**, That the Board approves to receive and file the March 31, 2021 Audited Financial Statements as presented by Plante Moran.

Yeas: 9 – Nays: 0

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RE: Supplemental Actuarial Analysis to Continue the \$400**

Miss Munson reported that the amount to continue the \$400 temporary supplemental benefit through December 2021 is \$1,661,824.

**RESOLUTION 21-087** By Moore, Supported by Walker

**Resolved**, That the Board approves to receive and file the Extension of Monthly Stipend Payment report provided by Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company.

Yeas: 9 – Nays: 0

**RE: Resolution to Certify Active-Member Trustee Election Results**

**RESOLUTION 21-088** By Swazer, Supported by Walker

**Whereas**, a vacancy occurred on the City of Pontiac General Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees effective May 26, 2021; and

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**Whereas**, all active employee members of the Retirement System have been given the opportunity to file Candidate Statements for the vacant Trustee term; and

**Whereas**, two candidates timely filed and were nominated for the Active-Member Trustee position for an election held on August 23, 2021; and

**Whereas**, by its own adopted rules and regulations, the Board of Trustees is required to canvass and certify the results of all Trustee elections; and

**Whereas**, Trustee Billie Swazer has furnished a statement canvassing the returns of August 23, 2021 at which Lisa King was elected to the position of Active-Member Trustee;

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees hereby certifies that the candidate listed below, having received the highest number of votes, was elected Active-Member Trustee for the term beginning August 23, 2021 and ending March 31, 2023:

Certified Elected Trustee

Lisa King

**Finally**, that the election of August 23, 2021 to the General Employees' Retirement System Active-Member Trustee position was conducted in accordance with election rules and regulations adopted by the Board.

Yeas: 9 – Nays: 0

**RE: Resolution to Approve Increase for Executive Assistant**

Miss Munson reported that the finance committee concurred in the Personnel & Administration committee's recommendation.

**RESOLUTION 21-089** By Walker, Supported by Miriani

**Resolved**, That the Board approves the Personnel & Administration committee's recommendation for a 3% salary increase and a 3% 457 Plan employer match for the Executive Assistant effective September 20, 2021.

Yeas: 9 – Nays: 0

**RE: Resolution to Ratify Chairman's Approval of Special Project Assistance**

**RESOLUTION 21-090** By Moore, Supported by Walker

**Resolved**, That the Board ratifies the Chairman's approval to hire Jane Arndt to compile the census data requested by the VEBA Board. **(SEE VEBA BOARD REQUEST FOR CENSUS DATA UNDER REPORTS)**

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Yeas: 9 – Nays: 0

**RE: Resolution to Authorize Chairman's Approval of Temporary Assistance**

Miss Munson explained that when the agenda was sent out, there was no plan for the Finance Officer. She requested the Board to authorize the Chairman to be able to approve temporary assistance if needed until the Finance Officer position is filled.

**RESOLUTION 21-091** By Moore, Supported by Walker

**Resolved**, That the Board authorizes the Chairman to approve temporary office assistance on an as-needed basis.

Yeas: 8 – Nays: 1 (Swazer)

**RE: Resolution to Increase Starting Salary for the Finance Officer**

Miss Munson reported that there are two very qualified candidates and the committee would like to pursue the first candidate. She stated that she is meeting with this candidate this afternoon to discuss in more detail the specifics of the position.

Ms. Billings-Dunn suggested that the Board adopt the resolution as recommended by the finance committee without the actual amount of starting salary requested.

There was additional discussion.

Chairman Albritton requested that Miss Munson report back to the Trustees after meeting with the candidate.

**RESOLUTION 21-092** By Swazer, Supported by Carrington

**Resolved**, That the Board approves the increase of starting salary for the Finance Officer candidate as recommended by the finance committee.

Yeas: 9 – Nays: 0

*Trustee Deirdre Waterman returned to the meeting.*

**LEGAL REPORT**

American Strategic Value Realty Fund, LP Updated Private Placement Memorandum

Ms. Billings-Dunn reported that the changes do not affect the System's subscription or Side Letter with American Realty and no action is required.

Northern Trust Collective Fund Custody Agreement

Ms. Billings-Dunn reported that she reviewed the agreement for the purposes of transferring the assets from the old GERS to the new GERS. She stated that she revised it to match what was previously negotiated with them with one exception. She explained that Northern Trust inserted a clause allowing

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them to charge fees for money pushed into a sweep account because they are unable to deploy it into the index fund. She confirmed that the money would only be there overnight or a couple of days until they can deploy it into the index fund. She confirmed with Northern Trust that there have not been fees in the past and this is a very nominal issue, however she wanted to bring it to the Trustees' attention because it is slightly different than the original agreement negotiated.

The Following Investment Management Documents Have Been Completed for the Transition to the City of Pontiac Reestablished General Employees' Retirement System

- First Eagle
- Xponance
- Kennedy Capital (finalizing agreement with their legal counsel)
- Victory Capital
- WCM
- Principal
- Robinson
- Attucks
- American Realty
- UBS
- Loomis
- Invesco
- Wellington
- TerraCap IV
- TerraCap V
- Northern Trust
- Intercontinental (US Real Estate Investment Fund)

The following are under review:

- Mesirow
- GrayCo/Consequence

Once we receive the required transfer documentation from the following managers, we will complete them as soon as possible.

- Sawgrass

Erica Robertson Restitution

Open Meetings Act / House Bill 4934

Ms. Billings-Dunn explained that this bill is still in the house and was referred to the committee and has not moved.

Robbins Geller June 2021 Portfolio Monitoring Report

This is for the Trustees' information.

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Motley Rice 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2021 Portfolio Monitoring Report

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*The Board reserves the right to enter closed session to review matters in accordance with Michigan Public Act 267 of 1976 (Open Meetings Act).*

**RE: Resolution to Go into Closed Session**

**RESOLUTION 21-093** By Swazer, Supported by Walker

**Resolved**, That the Board approves to go into Closed Session to discuss Ardelyx and Onyx matters.

**ROLL CALL:**

Albritton – Yes	Moore – Yes
Carrington – Yes	Swazer – Yes
Giddings – Yes	Walker – Yes
King – Yes	D. Waterman – Yes
Miriani – Yes	

The Board went into closed session at 12:22 p.m.

The Board returned from closed session at 12:27 p.m.

**RE: Resolution for Ardelyx Matter**

**RESOLUTION 21-094** By Swazer, Supported by Moore

**Resolved**, That the Board approves authorizes the Chairman to sign the retainer and certification to allow Robbins Geller to move for lead plaintiff on behalf of the System.

Yeas: 9 – Nays: 0

**RE: Resolution to Approve Closed Session Minutes: July 28, 2021**

**RESOLUTION 21-095** By Walker, Supported by Swazer

**Resolved**, That the Board approves the closed session minutes of July 28, 2021.

Yeas: 9 – Nays: 0

**SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

**Regular Meeting: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 9:00 a.m.**

Trustee Swazer suggested to have the next meeting at the Retirement Office.

Trustee Walker prefers the Bowens Center if technical issues can be resolved.

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Chairman Albritton suggested to plan on having the meeting at the Bowens Center going forward and requested that Miss Munson coordinate with the City and Mayor's office.

Trustee Deirdre Waterman reported that the City Council approved the extension of \$400 temporary supplemental benefit until December 31, 2021 or until the healthcare is restored. She also reported that the Council adopted an amended termination ordinance related to the \$8M opt-out funds which are to be transferred to the City. She also reported that – based on some analysis - there is enough surplus in the GERS to continue the supplemental benefits and permanently increase the monthly pension payment for the retirees. She stated that she is making this proposal to the Council. She explained that actuarial reports will be required to determine and establish the amount. Finally, she noted that there is a Town Hall meeting being held via Zoom on September 8, 2021 and that everyone is invited.

**RESOLUTION 21-096** By D. Waterman, Supported by Walker

**Resolved**, That the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Pontiac General Employees' Retirement System be adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Yeas: 9 – Nays: 0

I certify that the forgoing are the true and correct minutes of the meeting of the General Employees' Retirement System held on August 25, 2021.

*As recorded by Mizuki Kanno, reviewed and edited by Legal Counsel and the Executive Director*