

POLICE & FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS  
MICHIGAN

MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
DECEMBER 5, 2018 – 8:01 a.m.  
233 East Fulton

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Michael Hawkins. Other members present: Vice Chairman Craig VanderWall, Mr. Philip Balkema, Mr. Phillip Mitchell, and Ms. Donijo DeJonge. Absent: Mr. Thomas VanderPloeg and Mr. Nathaniel Moody.

Also present: Ms. Peggy Korzen, Executive Director of the Retirement System, Mr. Thomas Michaud (via telephone), Legal Advisor to the Board, Mr. Marc Miller, Mrs. Kimberly Miller, and Mr. Andrew Bingel.

Mr. Balkema made the motion to excuse the absences of Mr. VanderPloeg and Mr. Moody. The motion was seconded by Ms. DeJonge and carried.

There were no public comments regarding agenda items.

This special meeting was called to discuss the duty disability retirement request by Police Officer Marc J. Miller that was tabled at the November 21, 2018 Board meeting. Mr. Balkema made the motion to go into closed session to discuss Mr. Miller's duty disability retirement request, information that is exempt from the Freedom of Information Act and is also medically privileged, and to include Mr. Marc Miller, Mrs. Kimberly Miller, Mr. Bingel, Ms. Korzen, Mr. Michaud, and Ms. Balkema. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman VanderWall and carried. Roll call vote: yeas: 5, nays: 0. Following Trustee discussion, based upon the issues and reports reviewed in closed session, Mr. Balkema made the motion to have Mr. Michaud draft a letter to Dr. Ager and ask him to address the concerns and discrepancies brought up by Mr. Miller and to address the concerns brought up in Ms. Lynn Simons' report. Dr. Ager's response (if he responds) is to be received by Trustees within 10 days so that this issue can be discussed further at the December 19, 2018 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman VanderWall and carried.

There were no comments on items not on the agenda.

Mr. Bingel commented that although he has not been involved in Mr. Miller's case from the beginning, he stated that he thought this process has been very frustrating. {Mr. Mitchell left the meeting at 9:59 a.m.} He indicated that he will be taking an active part in the next round of negotiations regarding the ordinance that relates to disability retirement. He also stated he may try to accompany Police members to future I.M.E. appointments if necessary to help support the members.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

The next Police & Fire Retirement System Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, December 19, 2018, at 8:10 a.m., 233 East Fulton, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Peggy Korzen  
Executive Director  
Police & Fire Retirement System