

GENERAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS
MICHIGAN

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 – 8:00 a.m.
233 East Fulton Street

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Michael Hawkins. Other members present: Vice Chairman David Tryc, Mr. Martin Timkovich, Mr. William Butts, Mr. Phillip Mitchell, and Ms. Donijo DeJonge. Absent: Mr. Nathaniel Moody.

Also present: Ms. Peggy Korzen, Executive Director of the Retirement System and Mr. Thomas Michaud, Legal Advisor to the Board.

Vice Chairman Tryc made the motion to excuse the absence of Mr. Moody. The motion was seconded by Mr. Butts and carried.

There were no public comments regarding agenda items.

Moved by Vice Chairman Tryc and seconded by Mr. Butts, the following administrative items were approved by the Board of Trustees:

- Minutes of the regular meeting of August 17, 2022.
- Purchase of credited service by the following General Retirement System member. All calculations have been prepared by this office and verified by the actuary.

Theodore W. Jensen III \$19,390.56 24 months

- Retirements: four age & service and one deferred.

Age and Service Retirements:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Credited Svc.</u>	<u>Ret. Date</u>	<u>Avg. Salary</u>	<u>Pension</u>
Beal, Ruddie L.	19 yrs. 7 mo.	09/16/2022	\$60,941.33	\$2,246.51
Julien, Monica D.	30 yrs. 0 mo.	10/14/2022	\$56,414.67	\$3,354.79
Shepard, Dan S.	29 yrs. 9 mo.	10/12/2022	\$56,414.67	\$3,120.93
Simila, Danny L.	23 yrs. 7 mo.	10/04/2022	\$90,150.00	\$3,588.12

Deferred Retirement:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Credited Svc.</u>	<u>Ret. Date</u>	<u>Avg. Salary</u>	<u>Pension</u>
Ritsema, Pamela K.	12 yrs. 1 mo.	09/01/2022	\$66,269.33	\$1,625.92

- Payment of administrative expenses of \$2,906.26 for the period 08/01/22 – 08/31/22.
- **Investment Manager Fees:** Listed below is a routine invoice for the quarter ending 06/30/22. All calculations, fees applied, and stated amounts under management have been verified by the Retirement Systems Office staff as correct:

\$37,441.63 – Western Asset Management (Fixed Income)

- **Custody Fees:** The attached invoice from Northern Trust divides the quarter ending 09/30/22 fee as follows:

Benefit Payments	\$7,094.74
Custody	<u>\$8,125.00</u>
Total	\$15,219.74

The motion carried.

Ms. Korzen next presented a report of Cash Account transfers for the period 10/01/22 – 12/31/22. The Retirement Systems Office staff projected a need for \$6,000,000 to be transferred to the cash account as follows: \$2,000,000 on October 3rd, \$2,000,000 on November 1st and \$2,000,000 on December 1st. Ms. Korzen recommended, and Wilshire Associates agreed, making the transfers as follows:

October 3 rd	Harvest Fund Advisors	\$2,000,000
November 1 st	To be determined	\$2,000,000
December 1 st	To be determined	<u>\$2,000,000</u>
Total		\$6,000,000

The report was received and filed by the Chairman. (Cash Account Report found on page)

Ms. Korzen presented the Public Act 314 Asset Analysis showing a market value of \$453,687,541 on July 31, 2022. The report was received and filed by the Chairman. (Analysis found on page)

Trustees reviewed an Eligible Domestic Relations Order (EDRO) for Mr. Chad M. Snyder. Ms. Korzen stated that an EDRO has been filed to assign a portion of Mr. Snyder’s retirement benefits to an alternate payee, Miranda Snyder, in accordance with the Eligible Domestic Relations Order Act. The EDRO has been reviewed by legal counsel and the actuary and complies with the General Retirement System plan provisions. The EDRO will become part of Mr. Snyder’s file and will be paid according to its provisions. The order was received and filed by the Chairman.

Ms. Korzen presented the Annual Accounting for the period 07/01/21 – 06/30/22 to Trustees. Mr. Timkovich and Mr. Mitchell volunteered to review the annual accounting. Ms. Korzen noted she will post the accounting on the secure board site for review and the Trustees will report their findings to the Board at a future meeting.

Ms. Korzen next addressed the 13th Check calculations by noting that the five-year average book value rate of return was 7.13% for the General Retirement System. Per City Code, in order for a 13th Check to be issued, the five-year average market value rate of return must exceed 8.0%. Therefore, there are not sufficient reserves to issue a 13th Check on January 31, 2023. Mr. Butts made the motion to accept the report on the January 2023 13th Check. The motion was seconded by Ms. DeJonge and carried.

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

Ms. Korzen noted that the actuarial audit has been slightly delayed, but it is in process and the results will be presented at the November 16th board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 a.m.

The next General Retirement System Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 9:15 a.m., 233 E. Fulton, Suite 216, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Peggy Korzen
Executive Director
General Retirement System