

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

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 15, 2023 – 8:00 a.m.
233 E. Fulton, Suite 216

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Michael Hawkins. Other members present: Vice Chairman Justin Ewald, Mr. Philip Balkema, Mr. Phillip Mitchell, Mr. Nathaniel Moody, and Mr. William Fabiano. Absent: Ms. Donijo DeJonge.

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

Mr. Fabiano made the motion to excuse the absence of Ms. DeJonge. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Ewald and carried.

There were no public comments regarding agenda items.

Moved by Mr. Balkema and seconded by Mr. Moody the following administrative items were approved by the Board of Trustees:

- Minutes of the regular meeting of February 15, 2023.
- The following Resolution No. 862.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Police and Fire Retirement System has received a request for one Age & Service retirement from the following member of the plan:

Age & Service Retirement:

David D. Gillem, will retire March 28, 2023 from the Police Department as a Police Sergeant,

Credited Service: Twenty-eight years

Pension: \$7,406.63.

RESOLVED, that the retirement be approved. Mr. Balkema thanked Mr. Gillem for his service.

- Payment of administrative expenses of \$1,127.39 for the period 02/01/23 – 02/28/23.
- **Custody Fees:** The attached invoice from Northern Trust divides the quarter ending 03/31/23 fee as follows:

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| Benefit Payments | \$4,552.01 |
| Custody | <u>\$8,125.00</u> |
| Total | \$12,677.01 |

The motion carried.

Ms. Korzen next presented a report of Cash Account transfers for the period 04/01/23 – 06/30/23. The Retirement Systems Office staff projected a need for \$3,150,000 to be transferred to the cash account as follows: \$1,050,000 on April 3rd, \$1,050,000 on May 1st and \$1,050,000 on June 1st. Ms. Korzen recommended, and Wilshire agreed, making the transfers as follows:

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| April 3 rd | Wellington Mgmt. (Commodities) | \$450,000 |
| | Harvest Fund Advisors | \$250,000 |
| | Private Equity Distributions | \$350,000 |
| May 1 st | To be determined | \$1,050,000 |
| June 1 st | To be determined | <u>\$1,050,000</u> |
| Total | | \$3,150,000 |

The report was received and filed by the Chairman.

Ms. Korzen presented the Public Act 314 Asset Analysis showing a market value of \$479,717,823 on January 31, 2023. The report was received and filed by the Chairman.

Trustees reviewed an Eligible Domestic Relations Order (EDRO) for Mr. Thomas W. Heikkila, Jr. Ms. Korzen stated that an EDRO has been filed to assign a portion of Mr. Heikkila’s retirement benefits to an alternate payee, Jessica Heikkila, in accordance with the Eligible Domestic Relations Order Act. The EDRO has been reviewed by Gabriel, Roeder, Smith and Company and complies with the Police & Fire Retirement System plan provisions. The EDRO will become part of Mr. Heikkila’s file and will be paid according to its provisions. The order was received and filed by the Chairman.

Ms. Korzen commented that there are nine potential disability retiree re-exams for 2023. Chairman Hawkins suggested going into closed session to discuss the issues surrounding the potential re-examinations. Mr. Balkema made the motion to go into closed session to discuss the potential disability retiree re-exam individuals in order to discuss information that is exempt from the Freedom of Information Act and is also medically privileged, and to include Ms. Korzen, Mr. Michaud, and Ms. Balkema. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fabiano and carried. Roll call vote: yeas: 6, nays: 0. Trustees concluded their closed session and re-entered open session. Following Trustee discussion, Vice Chairman Ewald made the motion to re-examine Mr. Christopher Moleski, Mr. Gene Tobin, and Mr. James Watson, defer decision on Mr. Benjamin Hawkins, Mr. Marc Miller, Mr. Lyle Frederickson, and Mr. Mark Klassen until 2024 due to suggestions by previous medical providers, and to waive the re-examination for Mr. Daniel Davis and Mr. Jason Lowrie based upon their age and medical information respectively. The motion was seconded by Mr. Balkema and carried.

Ms. Korzen presented the Annual Accounting for the fiscal year ending 12/31/22 to Trustees. She commented that due to the Trustees’ decision to have the Annual Accountings for both Retirement Systems reviewed at the same time, a review committee will be formed after the Annual Accounting for the General Retirement System is complete. The Annual Accounting was received and filed by the Chairman.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 a.m.

The next Police & Fire Retirement System Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., 233 East Fulton, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Peggy Korzen
 Executive Director
 Police & Fire Retirement System